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Agenda of April 11, 2022

Honorable Town Board
Town of Amherst
5583 Main Street
Williamsville, NY 14221

Subject: To Authorize a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan for Community Development to establish the Northwest Amherst Community Center.

Honorable Board Members:

Amherst Community Development is proposing a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan for Amherst's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to establish the new Northwest Amherst Community Center as part of the Town's CDBG-COVID funding.

The amendment seeks to reallocate \$380,0000 of existing underutilized budget lines to a new budget line titled "Northwest Amherst Community Center" in order to create a community center to better serve the Creekwoods Neighborhood with social and other supportive programming. The reallocation will cover the full first year's rent as outlined under the Town of Amherst's lease with Zaepfel for the building located at 220 Northpointe Parkway, Amherst NY 14228.

A 30-day public comment period was initiated on this Substantial Amendment on March 9th, 2022, which will close on April 11, 2022. If public comments are received, the Community Development Director will present those comments to the Town Board upon consideration of the resolution.

A proposed resolution for adopting the Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan is attached for your consideration. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

Daniel C. Howard, AICP
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DRAFT RESOLUTION
(Town Board Meeting of April 11, 2022)

Purpose: to authorize a Substantial Amendment to the *FY 2020 Annual Action Plan for Community Development* to establish the Northwest Amherst Community Center

WHEREAS, the Town has adopted the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan on behalf of the Towns of Amherst, Cheektowaga and Tonawanda (ACT) HOME Consortium which programs the expenditure of funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Funding; and

WHEREAS, the Town is seeking to amend the FY 2020 Action Plan to reallocate \$380,000 in Supplemental CDBG-COVID funds awarded by the CARES Act according to the following program/budget lines; and

Decrease/Remove:

Senior Foundation Community Center	\$	300,000
Medical Director Position	\$	24,000
Small Business Assistance – Amherst Chamber	\$	20,000
CDBG Community Vaccine Logistics	\$	30,000
YWCA of WNY, Inc.	\$	6,000

Create/Increase:

Northwest Amherst Community Center	\$	380,000
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WHEREAS, this amendment provides funds for the establishment of the Northwest Amherst Community Center, which meets the use criteria of the Supplemental CDBG-COVID funds awarded by the CARES Act to “prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID” by providing critical community space to serve the Creekwoods Neighborhood with social and other supportive programming; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Amherst Town Board hereby authorizes the above Substantial Amendment to the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Adoption of the proposed resolution involves no local monetary consideration and will have no impact on the Town Budget or tax rate.