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TITLE:

Additional Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Funds

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of Aldermen to authorize the Town Manager to accept additional Federal Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant funds for the elevation of properties on Lorraine Street.

DEPARTMENT: Planning, Public Works, Finance

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INFORMATION: In 2016, the Town was awarded a grant for the elevation of residences at 400 Lorraine Street and 403 Lorraine Street. The amount awarded by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management was $239,960. The updated project cost estimate based on incurred and anticipated costs, including a construction bid received on February 7, 2019, exceeds the grant award by $80,772. In February, Town staff requested additional grant funds and an extension of time for the grant period of performance. Based on a telephone conversation with Town staff, NC Department of Public Safety staff has indicated that the time extension has been approved; a review of the request for additional funding is still in progress. As a general rule, verbal authorization of grant conditions is not considered to be an official commitment of the funds. The letter of award from the grantor actually commits the funding. However, given the nature of this project and the established working relationship with the NCDPS staff, we are confident that the official award letter will be forthcoming. In order to keep this project moving, it is critical that staff be able to continue moving these projects forward during the summer months. We are, therefore, asking that the Board adopt the attached grant project ordinance to increase the total grant amount to $320,732.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: Since the projects receive 100 percent federal/state support, no fiscal impact is anticipated. There will be a staff impact for Planning and Public Works staff for time spent on contracting, project administration and reporting.

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RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen authorize the Town Manager to conditionally accept the additional grant funding and extension of time for project completion, including execution of necessary agreements and/or documents with NCDPS. A grant project ordinance that recognizes and appropriates the revenue associated with these grants is provided for the Board's adoption (Attachment A).