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Hon. Elizabeth J. Kazinskas, Council President
And City Councilors
Gardner City Hall, Rm 121
95 Pleasant St
Gardner, MA 01440

RE: Resolution to accept the FY2022-2023 Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Mini-Entitlement Program

Dear Madam President and Councilors,

Attached, please find the Mini-Entitlement Plan that has been submitted to my office by the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Steering Committee.

These programs are voted upon annually by the CDBG Steering Committee and are required to be ratified by the City Council.

Unlike in years past, where the City has received funding from the CDBG program for a single fiscal year, the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) have notified the City that they are granting this round as funding for two fiscal years (FY22 and FY23) together. As such, rather than the usual \$800,000 we receive per year, the City was awarded just over \$1.6 million.

However, while the program this year is being awarded for a two (2) year program with double the funding, the city is still restricted to only be able to use these funds for a maximum of three (3) development projects, social service grants, and administrative costs associated with the City's Community Development and Planning Department. Due to these restrictions, the Administration and the CDBG Steering Committee have selected projects of a much larger scale compared to what the City has done in the past- including the demolition of the Greenwood Memorial Indoor Pool and the former Rome Furniture building on the corner of Main Street and Willow Street.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Nicholson
Mayor, City of Gardner