

RESOLUTION NUMBER 7735

WHEREAS, the City of Beatrice, Nebraska, is an eligible unit of a general local government authorized to file an application under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beatrice was awarded a Four Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$435,000.00) Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development ("NDED") for a Downtown Revitalization Project ("23-DTR-002"); and

WHEREAS, on or about December 18, 2023, the City executed a Grant Agreement with NDED; and

WHEREAS, said Grant Agreement established a completion date of May 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beatrice desires to request an extension of said Grant Agreement to change the completion date to May 14, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEATRICE, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary between the City and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to request and effectuate an extension of said Grant Agreement to May 14, 2027.

SECTION 2. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of March, 2026.

Attest:


Erin Saathoff, MMC, City Clerk


Robert Morgan, Mayor

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February 10, 2026

Nebraska Department of Economic Development
Community Development Division
Gina Doose
P.O. Box 94666
Lincoln, NE 68509

RE: CDBG Agreement Amendment Request – Beatrice (23DTR002)

Dear Ms. Doose:

The City of Beatrice respectfully requests a one-year extension of the Beatrice Downtown Revitalization Project contract, extending the current end date from May 14, 2026 to May 14, 2027.

This extension request was formally approved by the Beatrice City Council on February 17, 2026. The certified meeting minutes documenting this action are attached for your review.

The extension is necessary due to several factors that affected the project timeline. Early in the grant period, property owners struggled to obtain contractor bids, which delayed the start of most renovation projects. Additionally, by the time the City received the executed grant contract and was authorized to proceed, the 2024 building season had largely passed. The 2025 building season was wetter than normal, further limiting construction progress.

Participation has increased significantly in recent months. To date, 1 business has been awarded funds; 3 businesses have completed renovations, and 4 additional businesses are scheduling renovation work. The proposed extension will allow property owners to fully utilize the 2026 building season to complete their projects.

To ensure timely progress moving forward, the City has maintained regular communication with the participating businesses to complete grant documentation quickly and efficiently.

This extension does not require additional local matching funds beyond those already committed. The City certifies that all required matching funds for the project remain fully secured and available.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and remain committed to the successful completion of the Beatrice Downtown Revitalization project. Please let us know if any additional information or documentation is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Morgan", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Robert Morgan, Mayor
City of Beatrice

Attachments:
City Council Meeting Minutes Approving Amendment