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**RESOLUTION 20-383**

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**Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement with Housing Initiatives of Princeton (HIP) in Connection with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Princeton has applied for and received a commitment for funds from the United States Government under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (HCD Act), Public Law 93-383; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality anticipates that a grant agreement with the United States Government will be executed in December 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality seeks to engage the services of a qualified vendor for purposes of assisting the Municipality utilize a portion of such funds to provide rental assistance payments to landlords on behalf of tenants in need who meet the standards for qualification for receipt of same; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Initiatives of Princeton Charitable Trust, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, submitted a proposal to render these services on the Municipality's behalf for the sum of \$19,175.00; and

**WHEREAS**, although it is anticipated that HIP's services will not exceed the applicable bid threshold, they will exceed the Pay to Play threshold; and

**WHEREAS**, Princeton has a need to acquire these services without a "fair and open process" as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the "Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law" and in connection therewith, HIP has completed and filed with Princeton the required Campaign Contributions Affidavit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and affidavit pursuant section 2-87 of the Princeton Code (collectively, the "Pay-to-Play Forms"); and

**WHEREAS**, the funds to be paid to HIP for its services as well as the funds for providing rental assistance will be from the aforesaid grant and therefore, this resolution shall become effective upon the Municipality's formal execution of the grant agreement with the United States Government; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(f)2., the Chief Financial Officer shall certify the appropriation of sufficient funds from said grant funds prior to the expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, because the value of the services to be rendered will not exceed the applicable bid threshold, this agreement is exempt from bidding under the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1a.

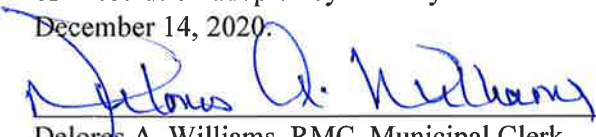
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Municipality of Princeton, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the Housing Initiatives of Princeton Charitable Trust, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to administer the rental assistance funds on the Municipality's behalf for the sum of \$19,175.00, consistent with this Resolution and the above "Whereas" clauses. Said agreement shall not be effective until and unless the Municipality and the United States Government execute the grant agreement providing for said grant funds.
2. The agreement shall be in effect from its execution by the parties and until August 31, 2021, which term may be extended as may be necessary to complete the services authorized under the agreement.
3. A copy of this Resolution, the Pay-to-Play Forms and the agreement shall be

placed on file in the Office of the Clerk.

Councilperson	Absent	Present	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Disqualified
Mr. Cohen		X			X			
Ms. Fraga		X	X		X			
Ms. Niedergang		X			X			
Ms. Pirone Lambros		X		X	X			
Ms. Sacks		X			X			
Mr. Williamson		X			X			
Mayor Lempert		X						

I, Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk of Princeton, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of Princeton at a regular meeting held on December 14, 2020.

  
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 Delores A. Williams, RMC, Municipal Clerk

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Princeton Rental Assistance Agreement for 12 14 20 agenda FINAL CLEAN (DOCX)
- Attachment C Affirmative Action NJ (DOCX)