



**MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
COMMUNITY PROJECT FUND**

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall on the 4th day of April 2023, at 6:00 p.m. local time.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Hendrickson, Sundland, Wilson, Wisinski

ABSENT: None

The following Resolution was offered by Trustee Wilson and supported by Trustee Wisinski.

WHEREAS, continued efforts to support the redevelopment of the downtown are a priority for Meridian Township; and

WHEREAS, the residents and business owners of Meridian Township in 2006 requested focused efforts of the Township and Township Board to restore the commercial district of the Downtown Development Authority to a viable commercial core, specifically focusing on redevelopment of the intersection of Hamilton and Okemos road; and

WHEREAS, the Community Projects Fund is a federally appropriated grant funding source offered through the executive leadership of Representative Elissa Slotkin. These grants are selected through a congressionally directed application process annually since 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Director submitted on behalf of Meridian Township Downtown Development Authority a request for support through the Community Project Fund full application on March 9th with a one page description of the Village of Okemos project; and

WHEREAS, Meridian Township was notified Wednesday March 14th at 9:01 pm that the project request has been accepted to proceed to the full application submission process with the Community Projects Fund and on March 21 the Economic Development Director Amber Clark submitted the full Community Project Fund request for the Village of Okemos Mixed Use redevelopment project; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board formally adopts the project name as: VILLAGE OF OKEMOS WORKFORCE HOUSING AND MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, the 206 unit redevelopment at Hamilton and Okemos road; and

WHEREAS, a driving component to the development project is the increase in quality housing units that will support incomes of 80%-120% Area Median Income (AMI) for 98 residential units starting in years 0-5 and 49 residential units years 6-10. These rental rates will support much needed housing initiative for a decade or more in downtown Meridian Township; and

