MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislators, Directors, Staff and Media

FROM: Diana M. Christodaro, Clerk of the Legislature

DATE: October 21, 2016

RE: Matter of Importance – File No. 16-0313

16-0313 – Authorize a Non-Recourse Grant Agreement with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation for Funding the Heritage Gardens Workforce and Supportive Housing Project and Authorize a Contract with Heritage Christian Services, Inc. for Development of the Project – As A Matter of Importance – County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo

This referral was not made to committee at the preceding meeting of the Legislature on October 11, 2016, but has been determined by President Anthony J. Daniele to be of sufficient importance to warrant referral between Legislative meetings, pursuant to Section 545-24 (C) of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature.

Attachment
To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorize a Non-Recourse Grant Agreement with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation for Funding the Heritage Gardens Workforce and Supportive Housing Project and Authorize a Contract with Heritage Christian Services, Inc. for Development of the Project

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body enter into a non-recourse grant agreement with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, in the amount of $2,956,529, for funding the Heritage Gardens Workforce and Supportive Housing Project (Heritage Gardens Apartments), for the period of December 12, 2016 through July 31, 2017, and authorization to contract with Heritage Christian Services, Inc. to allow the Local Initiatives Support Corporation funds, in the amount of $2,956,529, to be used for development of the project. The actual Local Initiatives Support Corporation funds will be wired directly from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation to the project.

This project, to be named Heritage Gardens Apartments, will consist of a 3-story residential building, to be constructed on the Pieters Family Life Center at 950 Commons Way, in the Town of Henrietta, NY. Heritage Gardens will have 83 units (71-one bedroom and 12-two bedroom) for individuals and families. All of the units will be rented to residents below 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI) (20 units for incomes below 50% AMI, 62 units between 51-60% AMI). One unit will be a non-revenue producing unit, set aside for on-site staff. This is the first time the county has received this grant.

The project, Heritage Gardens Apartments, was approved for $300,000 of Home Investments Partnership Program funding in the 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to enter into a non-recourse grant agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, in the amount of $2,956,529, for funding the Heritage Gardens Workforce and Supportive Housing Project (Heritage Gardens Apartments), for the period of December 12, 2016 through July 31, 2017.
2. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with Heritage Christian Services, Inc., 950 Commons Way, Rochester, New York 14623, to allow the Local Initiatives Support Corporation funds, in the amount of $2,956,529, to be used for development of the Heritage Gardens Workforce and Supportive Housing Project (Heritage Gardens Apartments). The actual Local Initiatives Support Corporation funds will be wired directly from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation to the project.

Environmental assessments were completed for this action and it was determined that there would be no significant effect on the environment.

This grant is 100% funded by Local Initiatives Support Corporation. No net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

Heritage Christian Services, Inc. is a not-for-profit agency, and the records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that it does not owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Cheryl Dinolfo
Monroe County Executive

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