



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.
DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC WORKS

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Deputy Commissioner

September 17, 2024

Honorable City Council Members
The City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, New York
(*Through the Office of the Mayor*)

Re: FEMA-4615-DR-NY – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Project #4615-0004
CMVNY South Third & South Columbus Avenues Flood Mitigation

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

The Department of Public Works respectfully requests that the Mount Vernon City Council enact legislation authorizing Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard to commit the requisite ten-percent (10%) non-federal matching share of \$95,000 as required by the FEMA – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the South Third & South Columbus Avenues Flood Mitigation, which was awarded to the City of Mount Vernon by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency – FEMA Region 2 on October 10, 2023 (Award Letter Attached).

The FEMA – HMGP Grant for the above-mentioned locations is for an amount not to exceed \$950,000 in federal funds for the approved Scope of Work (SOW) for this Advance Assistance (AA) project including the engagement of an engineering firm to complete an engineering report to recommend technical solutions to mitigate the flooding because of the Canal rising post-High Tide events. The Department of Public Works will then implement those specific interventions (cures) immediately thereafter. The project will result in a future FEMA mitigation application and the City will consider environmental and historical resources within the engineering study.

Although not specified at the time of application, NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), confirmed that the source of the \$95,000 match for this federally funded grant will be covered by New York State's \$150M funding commitment to the city, which EFC administers.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.



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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to be "DLB", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Damani L. Bush
Commissioner of Public Works
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Cc: William McDonnell, FEMA Mitigation Division Director
Rayana Gonzales, Governor's Authorized Representative
Engineering Bureau
Contract File