

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN JOBSOHIO, A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LORAIN AND LORAIN PORT AUTHORITY AND A CONTRACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, PENDING MINOR NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGES AND LEGAL COUNSEL APPROVAL.

WHEREAS, the Lorain Port Authority in conjunction with the City of Lorain applied for funding through the Inclusive Project Planning program offered by JobsOhio; and

WHEREAS, JobsOhio's mission is to drive job creation and new capital investment in Ohio through business attraction, retention, and expansion efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Lorain Port Authority and the City of Lorain both recognize the need to complete a market and financial feasibility analyses to better position the City for development of three publicly owned priority sites; and

WHEREAS, the Lorain Port Authority and the City of Lorain have been notified of an award of funds to complete a market and financial feasibility analyses; and

WHEREAS, in order to accept the grant, the Lorain Port Authority must enter into the grant agreement with JobsOhio for the acceptance of funds; and

WHEREAS, an MOU between the Lorain Port Authority and the City of Lorain will establish the working relationship between the two parties; and

WHEREAS, the Lorain Port Authority will be the contracting agency with 4ward Planning Inc, the company chosen for the professional services by JobsOhio for this grant award for the Site Area Redevelopment Analysis and Strategic Plan Proposal; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Lorain Port Authority to proceed with this grant, the Grant Agreement, MOU and the Contract with 4ward Planning Inc will all need to be executed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Lorain Port Authority:

SECTION I. That the Executive Director or his designee is hereby authorized to enter into a Grant Agreement by and between the Lorain Port Authority and JobsOhio for the Project.

SECTION II. That the Executive Director or his designee is hereby authorized to enter into an MOU by and between the City of Lorain and the Lorain Port Authority for the Project as outlined below.

SECTION III. The Project consists of a complete market and financial feasibility analyses in support of attracting private redevelopment activity to the city of Lorain. The analyses will be focused on three publicly owned priority sites-Pellet Terminal (36.3 acres); Black River Park South (14.5 acres); Boat Launch (42.1 acres). The proposed six-phase, six-month effort, will culminate with an actionable, redevelopment strategy for us to execute. The final product will be a document that is flexible, in terms of capitalizing on changing macro-economic circumstances and capable of creating value through sustainable based business investment and living-wage employment within the areas of focus, while minimizing environmental and fiscal impacts. In other words, a sustainable economic development strategy.

SECTION IV. That the Executive Director or his designee is hereby authorized to enter into a contract by and between the Lorain Port Authority and 4ward Planning Inc, the chosen agency for this project by JobsOhio for the scope of work outlined in Exhibit A of the Grant Agreement as per the Grant requirements.

SECTION V. The amount for contractual services totals \$41,800, with the grant award from JobsOhio totaling 50% or \$20,900. The City of Lorain grant match will total \$10,900 and the Lorain Port Authority is responsible for a grant match amount not to exceed \$10,000 for services. The Lorain Port Authority will be the contracting agency with 4ward Planning Inc, with both JobsOhio and the City of Lorain reimbursing the Lorain Port Authority for their grant match, as outlined in the MOU.

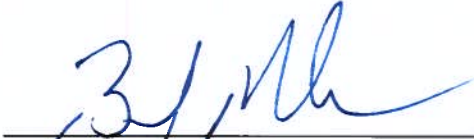
SECTION VI. It is found and determined that all formal proceedings and actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal Requirements, including Section 121.22, of the Ohio Revised Code.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 1

Abstain: 1

Adopted: 07/13/2021



Bradly Mullins, Chairman



~~Tom Brown, Executive Director~~
Tiffany McClelland, Assistant Director