

**Business of the Village Board  
Village of Saranac Lake**

SUBJECT: Authorize Letter of Support

DATE: 6-26-2023

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Trustee Shapiro

BILL # 83-2023

DATE SUBMITTED: 6-21-2023

EXHIBITS: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Village Attorney

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Village Administration

EXPENDITURE  
REQUIRED

AMOUNT  
BUDGETED

APPROPRIATION  
REQUIRED:

Resolution authorizing a letter of support for a CDBG Application by the Town of Harrietstown and the Housing Authority- Assessment of Physical Needs and Plumbing Plans for the Harrietstown Housing Authority.

MOVED BY: Shapiro SECONDED BY: Brunette

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

MAYOR WILLIAMS

yes

TRUSTEE BRUNETTE

yes

TRUSTEE CATILLAZ

yes

TRUSTEE SCOLLIN

yes

TRUSTEE SHAPIRO

yes

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE TOWN OF HARRIETSTOWN  
AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT A CDBG APPLICATION FOR ASSESSMENT OF  
PHYSICAL NEEDS AND PLUMBING PLANS FOR LAKE FLOWER APARTMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Lake Flower Apartments are operated by the Harrietstown Housing Authority, and,

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority's provides housing assistance to 248 low-income households in the Village of Saranac Lake and the Town of Harrietstown and maintaining the quality and safety of the housing facilities is necessary, and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Harrietstown is submitting a Community Development Block Grant Application for funding to assist in assessing and planning upgrades to the Housing Authority's Housing Facilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Saranac Lake Board of Trustees authorizes a letter of support for the submission of a CDBG application by the Town of Harrietstown.

Jordanna Mallach, Supervisor  
Town of Harrietstown  
39 Main Street  
Saranac Lake, NY 12983

**Re: CDBG Application – Community Planning  
Subrecipient – Harrietstown Housing Authority**

Dear Supervisor Mallach:

The Village Board of the Village of Saranac Lake is pleased to offer its support to the Town's 2023 CDBG Application – Assessment of Physical Needs and Plumbing Plans for the Harrietstown Housing Authority.

We are all aware of the housing shortage in our communities and the many efforts underway to address it. The Housing Authority's provision of assistance to 248 low-income households in the Village and Town is significant and the necessity of maintaining quality and safe affordable housing into the foreseeable future is paramount.

The Lake Flower Apartments, built in 1972, and the Algonquin Apartments, built in 1978, have aging systems. The modernization of the Lake Flower Apartments' elevators in 2017, the restoration of the building's façade in 2020, and the many smaller projects that occur every year are important in the ongoing effort to maintain this housing. At the Algonquin Apartments, the 2020 replacement of roofs and 2022 replacement of rear yard fencing are also a part of this valuable effort.

The three components of this grant request: physical needs assessment; detailed plumbing assessment; and plans/specifications for needed plumbing upgrades – the second and third only for the Lake Flower Apartments – are critical to the responsible planning and realization of the Housing Authority's long-term viability.

At the Lake Flower Apartments, both the domestic water and waste water systems need upgrades. The domestic water lines are experiencing leaks of varying significance with increasing regularity. Waste water lines are corroding and require attention, if not replacement. These CDBG funds will assist with a detailed assessment of plumbing in the nine-story building that houses both residential units and offices and the development of specifications/plans for the work, anticipated in 2024/2025.

We support your request and ask New York State to give it the most serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Village Board  
Village of Saranac Lake