

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MN

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2022 - 019

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN MINNESOTA INITIATIVE FOUNDATION (SMIF) APPLICATION FOR THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DEED) MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION GRANT.

WHEREAS, Governor Walz and the Minnesota Legislature have approved \$41 million in a second round of funding to provide grants to local communities to recover from the impacts of COVID-19 arising since March 2020; and

WHEREAS, funding of grants for the Main Street Revitalization Grant program would help address economic development and redevelopment needs; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) is a nonprofit foundation eligible to apply for funding and has served the 20 counties of south central and southeastern Minnesota since 1986; and

WHEREAS, SMIF envisions that southern Minnesota will be a prosperous and growing region with vibrant communities, innovative and successful economies, and engaged and valued citizens; and

WHEREAS, SMIF has the knowledge and expertise to administer a grant program in southern Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Northfield has been negatively affected by COVID-19 pandemic impacts on travel, tourism, retail and accommodation; and

WHEREAS, Northfield has experienced a major closure and natural disaster due to the devastating fire of the historic Archer House in November 2020; and

WHEREAS, DEED funding would help the businesses and property owners recover and spur additional reinvestment in Northfield.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THAT: the officials of the City of Northfield hereby support SMIF's application for the Department of Employment and Economic Development's Main Street Revitalization Grant for the revitalization of downtown Northfield.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 1st day of March 2022

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

VOTE: ____ POWNELL ____ GRABAU ____ NAKASIAN ____ NESS
 ____ PETERSON WHITE ____ RESISTER ____ ZUCCOLOTTO