

Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments

RESOLUTION No. 2019-02

APPROVING THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW REPORT AND AUTHORIZING
GRANTS FOR THE CITY OF WATERVLIET

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Local Finance Law section 160.05(3), the Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments (the "Board"), upon the request of a fiscally eligible municipality, by resolution of the governing body of such municipality with the concurrence of the chief executive of such municipality, may undertake a comprehensive review of the operations, finances, management practices, economic base and any other factors that in its sole discretion it deems relevant to be able to make findings and recommendations on reforming and restructuring the operations of the fiscally eligible municipality (the "Comprehensive Review"); and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2018, the Board approved Resolution No. 2018-09 agreeing to undertake a Comprehensive Review of the City of Watervliet (the "City") in accordance with New York State Local Finance Law section 160.05(3); and

WHEREAS, the Board subsequently undertook a Comprehensive Review of the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Finance Law section 54(10)(t)(ii), the Board may award funding under the Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program to fiscally eligible municipalities for financial restructuring and related purposes, as determined by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the report on the Comprehensive Review of the City (the "Comprehensive Review Report"), attached hereto as Attachment A, includes a recommendation that the City continue its efforts to buy its lighting infrastructure from the utility and upfit the lights to higher efficiency-LED; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Review Report provides that, if the City agrees to abide by and implement the recommendation described in the immediately preceding recital, the Board may, in its sole discretion, award a grant of up to \$340,000; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Review Report also includes a recommendation that the City pursue relicensing its hydroelectric dam and upgrading the electric service to accommodate increased capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Review Report provides that, if the City agrees to abide by and implement the recommendation described in the immediately preceding recital, the Board may, in its sole discretion, award a grant of up to \$350,000; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Review Report also includes a recommendation that the City implement a modern Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, to be hosted by Albany County; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Review Report provides that, if the City agrees to abide by and implement the recommendation described in the immediately preceding recital, the Board may, in its sole discretion, award a grant of up to \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Review Report also includes a recommendation that the City consider self-insuring for workers' compensation if the City is prepared to assume potential risks associated with self-insuring; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Review Report provides that, if the City agrees to abide by and implement the recommendation described in the immediately preceding recital, the Board may, in its sole discretion, award a grant of up to \$375,000; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Review Report also includes a recommendation that the City negotiate with its retirees and active employees to eliminate the requirement that the City reimburse all copayment and Medicare Part B costs; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Review Report provides that, if the City agrees to abide by and implement the recommendation described in the immediately preceding recital, the Board may, in its sole discretion, award grants of up to \$350,000 and \$375,000;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the Comprehensive Review Report, attached hereto as Attachment A, and all of the findings and recommendations therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes a grant of up to \$340,000 to continue its efforts to buy its lighting infrastructure from the utility and upfit the lights to higher efficiency-LED, which grant shall be subject to the terms of a contract entered into between the New York State Department of State and the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes a grant of up to \$350,000 for the City to pursue relicensing its hydroelectric dam and upgrading the electric service to accommodate increased capacity, which grant shall be subject to the terms of a contract entered into between the New York State Department of State and the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes a grant of up to \$300,000 for the City to implement a modern Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, to be hosted by Albany County, which shall be subject to the terms of a contract entered into between the New York State Department of State and the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes a grant of up to \$375,000 if the City self-insures for workers' compensation, if the City is prepared to assume potential risks associated with self-insuring, which shall be subject to the terms of a contract entered into between the New York State Department of State and the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes grants of up to \$350,000 and \$375,000 if the City negotiates with its retirees and active employees to eliminate the

requirement that the City reimburse all copayment and Medicare Part B costs, which shall be subject to the terms of a contract entered into between the New York State Department of State and the City.

This resolution shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until modified, replaced or repealed by resolution of the Board.

No. 2019-02

Dated: 6-26-19

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SA' or similar, located below the date.