

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 204

Approved May 17, 2021

WHEREAS, The U.S. House Appropriations Committee has announced that they will be accepting Community project funding requests for Fiscal year 2022; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Representative David Cicilline (D-1) and U.S. Representative James R. Langevin (D-2) have engaged and encouraged the City of Providence to apply for Community Project Funding that support specific projects, in districts that they represent; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence is predominately low to moderate income as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (62.83%). Within the South Providence neighborhood, more than 60% of neighborhood residents qualify as low to moderate income; and

WHEREAS, The Roger Williams Park Broad Street Gateway project activates underutilized adjacent parcels as a focal point for visitors to create an open green space on Broad Street, improving the neighborhood's connection to one of the city's most iconic public spaces; and

WHEREAS, This project would include the development of a Welcome Center that will serve as a gateway from Broad Street to Roger Williams Park's recreational opportunities and improve green access for visitors and residents nearby Washington Park; and

WHEREAS, The true accessibility of public parks continues to be one of the most powerful indications of inclusivity within a city. This investment opens a gateway that will serve adjacent neighbors to the city's largest, most iconic green space with a prominent entryway to enter Roger Williams Park; and

WHEREAS, The City has, as part of the Community Project Funding application and approval process, fully engaged the community for support and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the citizens of the City of Providence that an application be made for the Community Project Funding to undertake these improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby supports the administrations application to the Economic Development Initiatives' Community Project Fund, to be reviewed by the U.S. House Appropriations Committee's subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, for purposes of receiving funds to support the Roger Williams Gateway and Welcome Center Project.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor

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