

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS, MINNESOTA, APPROVING THE FORM AND SUBSTANCE OF THE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT AGREEMENT, AND APPROVING AUTHORITY STAFF AND OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ENTER THE AUTHORITY INTO A FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH EASY TAX SERVICES, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbia Heights (the “City”) and the Columbia Heights Economic Development Authority (the “Authority”) have collaborated to create a certain Façade Improvement Grant Program (the “Program”); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to guidelines established for the Program, the Authority is to award and administer a series of grants to eligible commercial property owners and/or tenants for the purposes of revitalizing existing storefronts, increasing business vitality and economic performance, and decreasing criminal activity along Central Avenue Northeast and in the City’s Business districts, pursuant to a Façade Improvement Grant Agreement with various property owners and/or tenants; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Program, the City is to coordinate a surveillance camera monitoring program by placing surveillance cameras on some of the storefronts that are part of the Program for the purposes of improving public safety in and around the Central Business District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has thoroughly reviewed copies of the proposed form of the Grant Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that, after appropriate examination and due consideration, the Authority

1. approves the form and substance of the Grant Agreement, and approves the Authority entering into the Agreement with Easy Tax Services, LLC.
2. that the City Manager, as the Executive Director of the Authority, is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed for and on behalf of the Authority to enter into the Grant Agreement.
3. that the City Manager, as the Executive Director of the Authority, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and take such action as they deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose of the foregoing resolution.

**ORDER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026

Offered by:

Seconded by:

Roll Call:

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President

Attest:

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Secretary