

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-26

SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR AN EPA BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP GRANT FOR THE HISTORIC SILVER CITY WATERWORKS BUILDING

WHEREAS, the Town of Silver City is the owner of the 1887 Waterworks building or “Rock House” on Little Walnut Road, and the Town recognizes it as a community asset because of its historic value; and

WHEREAS, the Waterworks building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984 and was named one of New Mexico’s “Most Endangered” cultural properties in 1999; and

WHEREAS, rehabilitation of the Waterworks building would meet Comprehensive Plan goals of increasing opportunities for cultural heritage tourism and education on the history of water in Silver City; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council approved Resolution 2003-32, which stated that the Town would commit to continued public ownership of the Waterworks property, adopt a Reuse and Open Space Plan for the Property, and assist groups working to redevelop the Waterworks building; and

WHEREAS, the Town has been supportive of planning and rehabilitation efforts for the Waterworks in the past, including a 2008 Master Plan developed with a Preserve America grant, various studies and improvements supported by 2011-2012 funding from the Freeport McMoRan Foundation, and repair of the one-story roof in 2012; and

WHEREAS, an EPA Brownfields Site Assessment Pilot Project grant was awarded to the Town in 2000, and Phase I and Phase II assessments were subsequently prepared for the Waterworks property; and

WHEREAS, lead-based paint, asbestos-containing materials and bat guano were found in the historic Waterworks building and abatement is a necessary step in rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the Environmental Protection Agency notified the Town that the Waterworks property is eligible for an EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico, that:

1. The Council of the Town of Silver City endorses and supports an application for an EPA Brownfields cleanup grant and authorizes City Manager Alex Brown to apply for the grant on behalf of the Town of Silver City.

2. The Town is requesting up to \$200,000 in grant funds, and will provide a 20% cost-share as a combination of cash and in-kind contribution of labor from Town staff and volunteers; however, the Town will also apply for a waiver of the cost-share amount.
3. The Town will cooperate with the New Mexico Environment Department and EPA, and with cleanup and oversight contractors, to provide access to the property and assistance with removal of debris as appropriate.
4. The Town will conduct meetings and provide public notification as per the Community Relations Plan for this grant, and will assure protection of human health and the environment during cleanup activities.
5. The Town will maintain grant administrative records at a central repository, including documentation of cleanup activities, public meetings and comments; reports to EPA and other required documents; and will make these available to the public.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 23rd day of October, 2012.

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/s/

James R. Marshall, Mayor

Attest:

/s/

Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk