RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 16

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE PROGRAM YEAR 2014 ACTION PLAN FOR THE USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS PROVIDED THROUGH THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs (City) is an entitlement community and receives an annual allocation of federal block grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG); and

WHEREAS, regulations found at 24 CFR Part 91 governing the City's use of the funds require preparation of a five-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans. The regulations also require that the City prepare and follow a Citizen Participation Plan in the development and approval of these documents; and

WHEREAS, according to the City's adopted Citizen Participation Plan, changes to the Annual Action Plan are considered "Substantial Amendments" when funding increases or decreases by 50% or more than \$100,000 of the amount allocated to an eligible activity of funding within the City's entitlement grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Division administers the CDBG Program and has recommended the City allocate an additional \$1,780,000 in available CDBG funds for the purpose of constructing a 150 bed shelter and a day center to serve people experiencing homelessness at the Springs Rescue Mission campus located at 25 W. Las Vegas Street (Project); and

WHEREAS, the City previously allocated \$720,000 from 2014 Action Plan Public Facilities funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project meets priorities identified in 2014 Action Plan, 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, Initiative to End Homelessness in Colorado Springs and the City of Colorado Springs 2016-2020 Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Project will provide vital facilities and services to people experiencing homelessness in Colorado Springs that largely do not exist in the community currently or are not adequate to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Project is critical to protecting the health, safety and welfare of people experiencing homelessness in Colorado Springs and providing them a path back to housing stability; and

WHEREAS, Community Development staff has met the requirements of the Citizen Participation Plan in preparing the Substantial Amendment to the 2014 Action Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

The City of Colorado Springs City Council approves the Substantial Amendment to the Program Year 2014 Action Plan for the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 12th day of April, 2016.

ATTEST:	Council President	
Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk		