

RESOLUTION NO. 3, 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY (BOW) OF THE CITY OF WABASH, INDIANA, OPTING-IN TO THE HOUSING OPTIMIZERS PRECONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT PRE-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR HOUSING ACTIVATION

WHEREAS, the City of Wabash recognizes the urgent need to expand housing opportunities for residents, particularly through sustainable, community-led development; and

WHEREAS, advancing new housing projects requires significant preconstruction work, including planning, permitting, environmental assessments, and land preparation, which can pose high upfront costs and risks; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Optimizers Preconstruction Grant Program, administered by the Northeast Indiana Strategic Development Commission (NEISDC) and the Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority as fiscal agent, provides sustainable financial support to cover eligible preconstruction activities; and

WHEREAS, participation in the program will enable the City to leverage regional funding, reduce local financial barriers, and catalyze new housing activation within the City; and

WHEREAS, to access this funding, municipalities must adopt an official opt-in resolution and submit it to the NEISDC by December 31, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY AND THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WABASH that

1. Opt-In Authorization: The BOW for The City of Wabash by and through its Mayor, hereby formally opts in to the Housing Optimizers Preconstruction Grant Program, recognizing that this is not an acceptance of funding, but rather a commitment to undertaking the steps required to access the funding available.
2. Preconstruction Activities Commitment: Funds received through the Program shall be used exclusively for approved preconstruction-related expenses, including but not limited to architectural and engineering services, zoning and permitting costs, environmental assessments or remediation, master planning and urban design, surveying, land acquisition deposits, legal and project management services, and other eligible activities as approved by the NEISDC.
3. Compliance and Accountability: The City, under the authority of the Mayor, agrees to comply with all program requirements, including submission of financial and project updates, maintaining active communication with the NEISDC, and ensuring proper use of funds toward new housing activation.
4. Delegated Authority: The Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute all agreements, applications, certifications, and reports necessary to secure and administer Housing Optimizers Preconstruction Grant funds on behalf of the City.
5. Effective Date: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the BOW and its adoption by the Mayor as hereinafter shown.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of October 2025, by the Mayor of the City of Wabash

SIGNED:

Scott A. Long

Further PASSED ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the BOW:

Scott A. Long, Mayor & Member BOW

Todd Titus, Member BOW

James Reynolds, Member BOW

ATTEST:

Melanie Givens Penn, Clerk-Treasurer