

**CITY OF NEWPORT
RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNCIL**

No. 2026- 82

WHEREAS: the Rhode Island Pandemic Recovery Office (PRO) awarded the City of Newport \$7.5 Million as part of its Capital Projects Fund-Community Learning Center Program (CPF-CLC) to support renovations to the Florence Gray Community Center and the residents of both Newport and Middletown; and

WHEREAS: the City entered into a Subrecipient Agreement with Newport Housing Authority (owner of Florence Gray Center) and Boys and Girls Club of Newport County in accordance with 220-RICR-20-00-2, Rules and Regulations for Grant-Making Involving Federal Funds, consistent with requirements of the CPF; and

WHEREAS: the procurement process for the furniture order utilizes cooperative purchasing agreements as permitted under Rhode Island General Laws §37-2-56, which allows governmental entities to utilize contracts awarded by other public agencies when the vendor agrees to extend the same terms and pricing; and

WHEREAS: use of this cooperative contract is consistent with the procurement policies of the City of Newport; and

WHEREAS: the Office Concepts quote of \$283,464.03 was based on the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract for Steelcase (contract 091423-STI); and


WHEREAS: the budget line item to purchase furniture for the CLC is \$300,000 as approved by the RI Pandemic Recovery Office (PRO), to meet the requirements of the PRO-CPF/CLC program, providing dedicated spaces for education, workforce development, and health monitoring at the Florence Gray Center; and

WHEREAS: Council approval is being sought because this amount exceeds the \$250,000.00 threshold for purchasing under this grant, as documented in Resolution 2025-25. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: the City of Newport approves authorization of a not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000.00 for the purchase of furniture for the Florence Gray Community Learning Center (CLC) and approval of a contract with Office Concepts as part of this request in the amount of \$283,464.03; and, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: the City of Newport approves authorization of the remaining \$16,535.97 to be applied for additional furniture in compliance with the grant terms through October 31, 2026, and the Council Chair is authorized to sign said contract on behalf of the City, subject to favorable review by the City Solicitor.

IN COUNCIL
READ AND PASSED


Laura C. Swistak, CMC
City Clerk