

RESOLUTION #05-03

GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION OF COMMITMENT
NON-PROFIT DEVELOPMENT GRANT FINANCIAL PLAN

WHEREAS the City of Gardiner is committed to Gardiner Main Street and the revitalization of its downtown area in general; and

WHEREAS in November 2003 the Gardiner City Council created a Task Force to explore the question of "how to strengthen Johnson Hall's role as cultural institution within the framework of the Main Street Approach, and how to strengthen its role as a community asset." The Task Force adopted a strong vision for the institution, understanding the broad role that Johnson Hall can play in both quality of life and in economic development; and

WHEREAS the City of Gardiner is committed to a unique partnership with Johnson Hall Inc., the Gardiner Board of Trade, and Gardiner Main Street Inc., all bona-fide non-profit organizations committed to community and economic development needs of Gardiner; and

WHEREAS all partner organizations have committed to the project; and

WHEREAS the City of Gardiner was awarded the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development's 2002 *Commissioner's Award* and the 2004 Maine Downtown Center *Outstanding Economic Development Program*; and

WHEREAS the City of Gardiner wishes to obtain a \$250,000 Non-Profit Development Grant from the State of Maine Department of Economic & Community Development to redevelop the Johnson Hall building as an economic engine for Downtown Gardiner; and

WHEREAS the cash match required for the Non-Profit Development Grant is 20%, or \$50,000; and

WHEREAS the application will obtain the maximum score possible by exceeding the minimum match by over 50%, or \$25,100; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gardiner City Council authorizes \$75,100 of cash match for the Non-Profit Development Grant Program.

Additionally, 10% of the Department of Planning & Development's time will be dedicated to administration of the program. It is expected the Downtown Manager for Gardiner Main Street will spend 20% of his/her time, and the Executive Director of the Gardiner Board of Trade will spend 50% of his/her time on the Johnson Hall Restoration Project.

Attest: _____

Jeff Kobrock, City Manager
January 13, 2005