

RESOLUTION NO. 23-020

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 FUNDS FOR USE TOWARD SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, as part of the City of Carson’s response to COVID-19, the worldwide pandemic that has severely hampered economies everywhere and has harmed small businesses due in large part to governmental lockdown orders, on April 21, 2020, the City Council created and implemented a focused business loan assistance program for City of Carson (“City”) businesses, with a special emphasis on the COVID-19 response and accessing funding through federal programs offered through the Small Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), which launched the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to provide \$350 billion in emergency funding for state and local governments. The emergency economic stimulus bill provides fiscal aid to address the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis, and of the \$350 billion economic stimulus bill, City will receive \$17,776,763 in direct one-time funding. On March 21, 2022, the City Council directed City staff to develop a Small Business Grant Program (“Grant Program”) for allocation of a portion of the \$17,776,763 toward such Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2022, by adoption of Resolution No. 22-134, the City Council approved and established the City’s Grant Program authorizing \$1,000,000 from ARPA funds for City’s use toward the Grant Program, in accordance with certain Grant Program Guidelines attached to and incorporated and made part of Resolution No. 22-134; and

WHEREAS, the staff report associated with Resolution No. 22-134 stated that the Grant Program would run until June 30, 2023. However, the U.S. Department of Treasury, Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: Overview of the Final Rule (“Final Rule”), provides that said funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026; accordingly, as permitted by the Final Rule, the City Council intends to have the Grant Program run past June 30, 2023 and its deadlines to be consistent with such Final Rule. Moreover, the Final Rule states that funds must be used for costs incurred on or after March 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Council continues to evaluate different options that may assist small businesses within the City, and now finds and determines that provision of grants given to small businesses through the Grant Program will provide additional economic relief during a time of crisis. Provision of such grants will further the City’s objective of contributing toward continued viability of the businesses, thereby providing continued public benefits to the community in the form of taxes and availability of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, in light of City’s receipt to date of approximately fifty (50) Grant Program applications that could result in grants exceeding the \$1,000,000 authorized by the City Council through Resolution No. 22-134, in order to provide increased opportunities for the City’s Small Business community to mitigate its financial losses resulting from the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis, the City Council now sees fit to increase its authorization for expenditure of ARPA monies toward the Grant Program by an additional \$500,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The recitals above are true and correct.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby approves an additional appropriation of \$500,000 of ARPA funds for City’s use toward the Grant Program in accordance with the Grant Program Guidelines. The following amendment(s) will be made to the City’s FY2022-23 budget.

Account	Project	Increase (Decrease)
299-52-540-999-6503-	Community Engagement	(137,263)
299-80-820-904-7020-	Citywide Slurry Seal	(112,737)
299-80-999-999-8004-	Broadband RFP	(250,000)
299-70-999-999-6503-	Small Business Grant Prgrm.	500,000

SECTION 3. As permitted by the U.S. Department of Treasury, Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: Overview of the Final Rule, all ARPA funds to be used toward the Grant Program must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026. Moreover, the funds must be used for costs incurred on or after March 3, 2021.

SECTION 4. The City Council declares that, should any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or word of this Resolution be rendered or declared invalid by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, the remaining provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this Resolution as hereby adopted shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 17th day of January, 2023.

Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney