

## **RESOLUTION NO. 22-134**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 FUNDED 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**, 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.

**WHEREAS**, in light of the ARPA funding to be received by City and the other reasons stated above, the City Council now sees fit to approve the establishment of the Grant Program authorizing up to \$1,000,000 for City's use toward the Grant Program.

**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 and establishes a Small Business Grant Program authorizing \$1,000,000 for City's use toward the Grant Program, in accordance with the Grant Program Guidelines set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

**SECTION 3.** 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 4.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolutions.

**SECTION 5.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 21st day of June, 2022.

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Lula Davis-Holmes, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dr. Khaleah K. Bradshaw, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Sunny K. Soltani, City Attorney

EXHIBIT “A”  
GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES