

RESOLUTION NO. 20-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, APPROVING A SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, local businesses are an essential component of a vibrant community and will play an integral role in the recovery from Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, disruptions to the business community are serious, as businesses are the backbone of the city's economy and provide the foundation of employment, services for the community and revenue for the city to provide essential public services; and

WHEREAS, assistance is necessary to help businesses recover and restart; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey declared a state of emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the State of Arizona prepare for broader spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Mayor ratified a Proclamation of Emergency relative to the Covid-19 pandemic issued pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-307, A.R.S. § 26-311, and § 2-2-4(D) of the Apache Junction City Code Vol. I; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, President Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security ("CARES") Act, Pub. L. 116-136 (2020); and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, Governor Ducey informed the city that the state would be offering the city a grant from the AZ Cares Fund which reimburses city public safety costs in the amount of \$4,887,430.00 made available through the federal government from the U.S. Department of Treasury's Coronavirus Relief Fund ("CRF") Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance ("CFDA"), Number 21.019, as part of the CARES Act; and

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WHEREAS, on June 30, 2020, the city submitted the grant application for accepting the available funds (grant number ERMT-20-012) which was approved on July 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, these funds were placed in the city's general fund as a contingency line item in the FY 2020-2021 budget; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2020, June 15, 2020 and July 6, 2020, the mayor and city council discussed the potential uses of the funds; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2020, the mayor and city council discussed a grant assistance program that would benefit local businesses and stipulated up to 25% of the \$4,887,430.00 would fund the program; and

WHEREAS, the mayor and city council have unanimously determined that it is in the best interest of the city to assist the city's business community with economic relief during the COVID-19 health emergency and enhance the general economic welfare of the business community and of the residents and others who frequent businesses in the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: City staff shall establish and implement a small business grant program to assist the city's business community with economic relief during the COVID-19 health emergency and to enhance the health, safety and welfare of the residents and others who frequent businesses in the city as more fully set forth in Exhibit A, and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2: City staff is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute any and all documents and approve all actions necessary to establish and implement the direction and intent of this resolution, and for city staff to effectively administer the grant program set forth in Exhibit A.

Section 3: The mayor and city council have determined the implementation of the city's grant program enhances the public welfare and its terms and conditions for its recipients are compatible with the restrictions under the AZ Constitution Article 9, § 7.

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Section 4: It is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, and consistent with the declarations and proclamation of emergency set forth above, an emergency is declared to exist, and this resolution shall become immediately operative and in force from and after the date of posting hereof.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 20__.

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 20__.

JEFF SERDY
Mayor

ATTEST:

JENNIFER PEÑA
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RICHARD J. STERN
City Attorney

EXHIBIT A