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City of Newark

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Legislation Text

WHEREAS, Resolution 7R1-a, adopted by the Municipal Council on November 11, 2019, authorized the Mayor and the Business Administrator to file a Program Year 2019 One-Year Action Plan with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which contained, among other items, a request for \$7,136,919.00 in CDBG funding, \$608,884.00 in ESG funding, and \$5,841,359.00 in HOPWA funding, and further authorized the Mayor and the Business Administrator to enter into and execute grant documents with HUD as may have been necessary to receive said grant funds; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 7R1-a dated November 7, 2019, further authorized the acceptance of said grant funds; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, to assist communities in their efforts to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19), the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) was signed into law and included supplemental formula allocations to HUD's Community Planning and Development programs, with allocations of \$4,310,416.00 in CDBG funds, \$7,621,389.00 in ESG, and \$842,513.00 in HOPWA funds for the City of Newark; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to further the public interest by obtaining these funds as an additional resource to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) to meet the needs of the citizens of Newark; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2020, the Business Administrator signed and submitted to HUD a Substantial Amendment of the City's 2015-2020 HUD Consolidated Plan and 2019 Annual Action Plan, which proposed a CARES Act Amendment, that included supplemental formula allocations to the City of Newark in the amounts of \$4,310,416.00 in CDBG funding, \$7,621,389.00 in ESG funding,

and \$842,513.00 in HOPWA funding, for a total of \$12,774,318.00; and

WHEREAS, by an award letter dated July 28, 2020, HUD approved the City's aforesaid Substantial Amendment (a copy of said award letter is attached hereto and made a part hereof); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Business Administrator wish to accept the additional CARES Act funding and execute a grant agreement amendment for same; and

WHEREAS, no matching municipal funds are required for acceptance of the additional CARES Act funding; and

WHEREAS, no commitment of City resources or staff is required for acceptance of the additional CARES Act funding; and

WHEREAS, \$4,310,416.00 is the entitlement amount for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark desires to establish the block grant program and appropriate the funds to the various sub-grantees (ALL WARDS).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. The following amounts be appropriated for Community Development Block Grant-CARES Act.

<u>PROJECT</u> <u>AMOUNT</u>

CDBG-CV Allocation

Special Economic Development Activities
Salaries and Wages \$-0Other Expenses \$800,000

Microenterprise Assistance

Salaries and Wages \$-0-Other Expenses \$1,800,000

Tenant Based Rental Assistance

Salaries and Wages \$-0-Other Expenses \$1,300,000

Non-Profits

Salaries and Wages \$-0-Other Expenses \$410,416

TOTAL CDBG-CV Act ENTITLEMENT \$4,310,416.00

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STATEMENT

The City of Newark has been awarded \$4,310,416.00 for the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has provided the funding.