RESOLUTION NO. 2020-0347

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

October 27, 2020

City Council COVID-19 Response: City Manager Authority to Amend CARES Act Grant Agreements and Funding Allocations

BACKGROUND


B. On March 5, 2020, the County of Sacramento proclaimed a public health emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19 (pandemic) in the county.

C. On March 13, 2020, the City Council adopted a resolution declaring a local emergency relating to the pandemic.

D. On April 21, 2020, the City received $89.6 million from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

E. The deadline to expend CARES Act funding, including accrued interest, is December 30, 2020.

F. On May 12, 2020, the City Council held a workshop to discuss a Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) framework and funding priorities for expenditure of the $89.6 million. During the workshop Council and stakeholders expressed overall interest in funding programs and projects that, among other things, provide small business assistance, get people back to work, offer opportunities for youth enrichment, address homelessness and housing issues, and support the arts and tourism industries that were directly impacted by this pandemic.

G. On May 26, 2020, City Council committed $28 million in CRF to support immediate local economic relief services and programs for residents and adopted a general framework proposed by the Mayor for funding priorities. On May 26, 2020, City Council also directed the City Manager to continue to identify and prepare CRF Program funding recommendations including reimbursements for increased citywide operational costs associated with the pandemic.
H. Over the last several months, a working group of departments has been working with the City Attorney’s and Auditor’s offices to quickly implement CARES Act funding appropriations in alignment with Council approved priority areas.

I. It is anticipated there will be several Council approved CRF Programs that may not fully expend their funding allocation by the December 30 deadline.

J. In some instances, CARES Act grant agreements need to be amended to make minor changes to programming, eligibility, and budgets. Granting the City Manager authority to amend CARES Act grant agreements consistent with the authority granted under City Code section 3.56.290 and related policies will result in administrative efficiencies in administering the CARES Act grant agreements.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Manager or the City Manager’s designee is authorized to execute amendments to CARES Act grant agreements consistent with the authority granted to the City Manager in section 3.56.290 of the City Code and related policies.

Section 2. The City Manager or the City Manager’s designee is authorized to reallocate unexpended funding (including accrued interest) between Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Programs in the Federal CARES Act Fund (Fund 2704) in alignment with CRF priorities approved by the City Council.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on January 14, 2020, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Ashby, Carr, Guerra, Hansen, Harris, Jennings, Schenirer, Warren and Mayor Steinberg

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attest: Mindy Cuppy

Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk

The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Sacramento City Council.