

Wilmington, Delaware  
November 19, 2020

**#4888**

**Sponsor:**

**Council  
Member  
Dixon**

**WHEREAS**, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) is authorized to extend financial assistance to communities for (i) the elimination or prevention of slums or urban blight, (ii) activities which will benefit low-income and moderate-income persons, and (iii) other urgent community development needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wilmington (the “City”) is a participating jurisdiction for purposes of the Community Development Block Grant Program (“CDBG Program”) and allocates CDBG Program funds each year for a variety of eligible activities; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 16, 2019, City Council adopted Resolution 19-018, which approved the City’s proposed Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2020 (the “Plan”) and authorized the Mayor to submit the Plan to HUD; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act of 2020 (the “CARES Act”) makes available supplemental CDBG Program funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and response to the COVID-19 pandemic (“CDBG-CV Grants”); and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2020, HUD advised the City that it was eligible to receive a first tranche of funds under the CARES Act, which included CDBG Program funding for CDBG-CV Grants; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 28, 2020, City Council adopted Resolution 20-024, which approved the first substantial amendment to the Plan outlining the proposed use of the first tranche of funds received by the City pursuant to the CARES Act and authorized the Mayor to submit such amendment to HUD; and

**WHEREAS**, HUD has advised the City that it is eligible to receive a second tranche of CDBG Program funds to be utilized for CDBG-CV Grants in the amount of \$485,995; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has prepared a substantial amendment to the Plan (the “Substantial Amendment”) in order to outline the proposed use of the second tranche of CDBG Program funding to be utilized for CDBG-CV Grants that will provide subsistence payments, hotel/motel vouchers, health related supportive services, and legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, a draft of the Substantial Amendment was on placed on the City’s website for display from October 25, 2020 to November 4, 2020, as required by HUD.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON THAT:**

1. The Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Action Plan for the second tranche of CDBG Program funding for CDBG-CV Grants, available pursuant to the CARES Act, is hereby approved in all respects.

2. City Council is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of community development activities with federal financial assistance including those relating to (a) the relocation of site occupants, (b) the prohibition of discrimination because of race, color, age, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin, and (c) other assurances as set forth under the certifications.

3. The Mayor of the City of Wilmington is authorized to file an application for financial assistance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the CDBG Program funds available pursuant to the CARES Act.

4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to provide such assurances and/or certifications as required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the

National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1988, as amended, the CARES Act of 2020, and also any supplemental or revised data which HUD may request in connection with the review of the City's application.

5. The Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute on behalf of the City the formal grant contracts, amendments, and other documents relating to this Substantial Amendment to the City's Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2020.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution (i) approves a Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Action Plan to outline the proposed use of additional CDBG Program funding for CDBG-CV Grants that is available pursuant to the CARES Act to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and (ii) authorizes the Mayor to file an application for financial assistance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for such funding.

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