

RESOLUTION NO. 23-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING A CDBG-CV GRANT FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN THE AMOUNT OF NINE HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$906,510.00) PURSUANT TO THE CARES ACT; DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL TO MANAGE THE GRANT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in April 2020, pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (Pub. L. 116-136) (CARES Act), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated additional Community Development Block Grant coronavirus response (CDBG-CV) funds to the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to address issues related to the impacts of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City is qualified and eligible to receive additional CDBG-CV funds to address the City's continuing COVID-19 recovery efforts and convened two (2) public planning meetings on August 13, 2021, and August 27, 2021, respectively, to gather input from residents and stakeholders on the best uses for the additional CDBG-CV funding; and

WHEREAS, the City staff also researched and assessed various leading technologies, to identify digital inclusion solutions that will improve the digital equity needs of the community, while maintaining compliance with grant requirements; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2021, City Commission adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the DEO; and

WHEREAS, the DEO recently announced the availability of additional CDBG-CV grant funds in the amount of Nine Hundred Six Thousand Five Hundred Ten Dollars (\$906,510.00) with a term ending on September 30, 2023, to help the City prepare, prevent, or respond to the health and economic impacts of COVID-19. The activities must be critical to the City's locality and primarily used for the benefit of low and moderate-income residents; and

WHEREAS, upon City's acceptance of the CDBG-CV grant, the City intends to use the funds for a wireless broadband pilot project in selected low-income census tracts and a seven-week Summer Education Enrichment Program. City will procure the necessary services through a competitive bid process to select a qualified vendor; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wish to accept the CDBG-CV grant and delegate authority to the City Manager to execute the CDBG-CV grant agreement and all documents necessary or incidental to manage the grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby accepts the CDBG-CV grant from the DEO in the amount of Nine Hundred Six Thousand Five Hundred Ten Dollars (\$906,510.00) and authorize the City Manager to execute the CDBG-CV grant agreement, and any and all documents necessary or incidental to manage the grant.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager shall comply with all grant requirements in the manner prescribed by the DEO, subject to any change(s) or amendments mutually agreed upon in writing by the DEO and the City.

SECTION 3. That the office of the City Attorney shall review and approve as to form all documents prior to their execution by the City Manager.

SECTION 4. That the Effective Date of this Resolution is the date of final adoption.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

Dean J. Trantalis _____

John C. Herbst _____

Steven Glassman _____

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