



RESOLUTION NO. 40657

1 A RESOLUTION relating to Economic Development; accepting a grant, in the
2 amount of \$1,287,000, from the U.S. Economic Development Administration
3 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act supplemental fund, for
4 the City's existing Revolving Loan Fund to address impacts of COVID-19 on
5 small businesses.

6 WHEREAS on March 27, 2020, the United States Congress passed the
7 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") in response to
8 the outbreak of the novel coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19"), and its resulting
9 impact on the economy and public health across the nation, and

10 WHEREAS in May of 2020, City staff were contacted regarding the
11 Economic Development Administration Supplemental Revolving Loan Fund
12 ("RLF") funds that would be made available to assist existing RLF jurisdictions in
13 addressing COVID-19 impacts to the business community, and

14 WHEREAS the RLF funds must be disbursed within a 24-month period, and
15 jurisdictions will be able to keep loan re-payments as part of their overall RLF fund
16 program for future uses, which will not need to be tied to COVID-19 impacts, and
17 the administration of these funds will be performed by the Tacoma Community
18 Redevelopment Authority, and

19 WHEREAS Community and Economic Development ("CED") staff surveyed
20 applicants from the first round of COVID-19 RLF funds, including those who
21 inquired about the loans or applied for the loans, regardless of whether they
22 received funding or not, and

23 WHEREAS the survey information, along with review of a survey conducted
24 by the Pierce County Economic Development Department, input from the Minority
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1 Business Development Agency office, and regular participation in the Pierce
2 County Economic Development Board weekly online discussions concerning the
3 impacts of COVID-19 on the business community, have all informed CED staff in
4 the preparation of the next round of RLF funding, and
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6 WHEREAS using the non-competitive \$1,287,000 in CARES Act RLF
7 supplemental funds, CED staff will deploy small loans of up to \$25,000 to Tacoma
8 businesses beginning in late-September to early-October, with \$1,170,000 being
9 distributed as micro-loans, and \$117,000 allocated toward administration and
10 management of the program, and
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12 WHEREAS portions of the administrative funds will be used to contract with
13 “Community Navigators” that have a track record of assisting underrepresented
14 businesses in accessing resources during the COVID-19 pandemic, and to build
15 business capacity and provide technical assistance, and
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17 WHEREAS the “Community Navigators” will work with CED staff to increase
18 awareness of the loan funds to underrepresented businesses, assist those
19 businesses in overcoming systemic and other barriers to applying, and direct
20 businesses to technical assistance services to address broader issues in their
21 ability to access capital in order to sustain or grow their business; Now, Therefore,
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to accept a grant, in the amount of \$1,287,000, from the U.S. Economic Development Administration Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act supplemental fund, for the City's existing Revolving Loan Fund to address impacts of COVID-19 on small businesses.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney