



RESOLUTION NO. 40824

1 A RESOLUTION relating to community and economic development; authorizing
2 the execution of a grant agreement and any associated term extensions
3 with the United States Department of Commerce, Minority Business
4 Development Agency, Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental
5 Appropriations Act, and accepting the amount of \$520,347, for deposit into
6 the MBDA Coronavirus Response and Relief Fund, for the purpose of
7 providing comprehensive relief services to minority-owned businesses for
8 the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

9 WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, the City received Federal CARES Act
10 funding from the United States Department of Commerce, Minority Business
11 Development Agency (“MBDA”), and used the funding to launch the MBDA
12 Tacoma CARES Act Assistance Program, providing specialized assistance and
13 training to over 2,400 small and minority-owned businesses, and

14 WHEREAS, in May 2021, the MBDA Business Center in Tacoma, upon
15 invitation of the United States Department of Commerce, Minority Business
16 Development Agency, submitted a second round, non-competitive grant
17 proposal outlining the need to support underrepresented, minority-owned
18 business enterprises and other small businesses in Tacoma and the region for
19 recovery from the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and

20 WHEREAS the proposal was accepted and fully funded, and the City
21 received confirmation of \$520,347 in Federal CARES Act grant funding from the
22 United States Department of Commerce, and

23 WHEREAS, as operators of the MBDA Tacoma Business Center and in
24 collaboration with various state-wide community-based organizations and
25 educational institutions, the City will use this second round of funding to build
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on the programs and collaborations it currently has with strategic regional partners to develop market-driven practices to help address the preparedness, prevention, and responsiveness to the COVID-19 Pandemic for the business operations of underrepresented businesses in Tacoma and the region, and

WHEREAS the grant funds must be expended between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, under the grant process guidelines, the City Council must approve acceptance of grant funding; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to accept grant funding from United States Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, in the amount of \$520,347, for deposit into the MBDA Coronavirus Response and Relief Fund, for the purpose of providing comprehensive relief services to minority-owned businesses for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement and any associated term extensions with the United States Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development



1 Agency, Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, for
2 the administration of the funding accepted pursuant to Section 1.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney

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