



RESOLUTION NO. 40603

1 A RESOLUTION relating to community, economic development, neighborhood and
2 community services; approving amendments to the 2019-2020 Annual
3 Action Plan to reprogram uncommitted current Community Development
4 Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program funds; allocating
5 additional funding received under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic
6 Security Act; amending the Citizen Participation Plan to reduce the amount
7 of time for public comment; and lifting the 15 percent public service cap for
8 2019-2020 CDBG funds.

9 WHEREAS the Annual Action Plan outlines the City's use of Community
10 Development Block Grant ("CDBG"), HOME Investment Partnerships Program
11 ("HOME"), and Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") funds, and

12 WHEREAS periodically, changes to the Annual Action Plan submitted to
13 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") are necessary, and
14 depending on the significance of the changes, the City must implement a
15 "substantial amendment" process, and

16 WHEREAS, HUD notified staff of the City's program year 2019-2020
17 funding awards as follows: (1) CDBG, \$2,506,226; (2) ESG, \$208,750;
18 (3) HOME, \$1,349,770; (4) CDBG Coronavirus, \$1,487,278; and (5) ESG
19 Coronavirus, \$759,366, and

20 WHEREAS, funding allocations have been received concerning the
21 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"), Public Law
22 116-136, which was signed into law on March 27, 2020, in response to the growing
23 effects of the Coronavirus health crisis, and

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WHEREAS it is necessary to take the actions required to reprogram unused prior year funds that were not spent down for a variety of reasons and are available for use on other projects, and

WHEREAS these projects must meet eligibility requirements of the CDBG program and serve low to moderate income individuals as designed by HUD, and

WHEREAS the Community and Economic Development Department reallocated unassigned funds from the past five funding years to the 2019-2020 program year to maximize efforts in affordable housing development, and those funds will remain with one of those projects in a revised amount as funds from the 2019-2020 program year, and

WHEREAS, CARES Act funding will be directed towards Emergency Income Payments (“EIP”), Tenant Based Rental Assistance (“TBRA”), and small business assistance, and

WHEREAS this amendment will support the following actions in program year 2019-2020: (1) reallocation of uncommitted, current, program year 2019-2020 CDBG funds to support Emergency Income Payments to eligible City residents, to be dispersed directly to service providers; (2) allocation of CDBG Coronavirus funds to support EIP and business emergency service assistance to eligible households and small business owners in the City; (3) reallocation of uncommitted, current, program year 2019-2020 HOME funds to support TBRA for eligible City residents, to be dispersed directly to service providers; (4) payment of the 2020 debt service on the Lemay Museum HUD Section 108 loan; (5) amending the current Citizen Participation Plan to reflect the newly approved five-day public



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comment period in response to the CARES Act, as well as conducting virtual City Council meetings during a state of emergency; and (6) lifting the 15 percent public service cap for 2019-2020 CDBG funds; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the proposed amendments to the City's Program Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to reprogram uncommitted current Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program funds; allocate additional funding received under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act; amend the Citizen Participation Plan to reduce the amount of time for public comment; and lift the 15 percent public service cap for 2019-2020 CDBG funds are hereby approved.

Section 2. That the City Council finds that this Resolution is necessary, routine, and consistent with Governor Inslee's emergency proclamation issued March 24, 2020, and recently extended, suspending portions of the Open Public Meetings Act through May 31, 2020.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney