

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-

A RESOLUTION authorizing an agreement with Yakima County Development Association (YCDA) in the amount of Four Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$481,600.00) in Community Development Block Grant funds to provide grants to micro-enterprises affected by COVID-19.

WHEREAS, YCDA is a non-profit service provider that provides, in part, business planning and grant opportunities to small businesses in Yakima County; and

WHEREAS, the Yakima City Council received additional Community Development Block Grant funds in the CARES Act to help address losses associated with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Yakima City Council allocated Four Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Six Hundred dollars (\$481,600.00) in Community Development Block Grant funding to YCDA to provide grant funding to micro-enterprises negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City is a recipient and is responsible for the administration of its annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds made available through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community development Act of 1974, as amended; and

WHEREAS, this activity is part of the City's Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the provision of granting funds to micro-enterprises meets CDBG guidelines and will provide substantial appropriate public and economic benefits to the City, particularly by providing grants to micro-enterprises that were negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Yakima finds that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to use \$481,600.00 of its CDBG money allocated specifically through the CARES Act to address COVID-19 issues, to fund a micro-enterprise grant program, provided by YCDA, now, therefore,

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement with Yakima County Development Association (YCDA), in the amount of Four Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Six Hundred dollars (\$481,600.00) in Community Development Block Grant funds to provide grants to micro-enterprises negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, within the City of Yakima. A copy of the grant agreement is attached hereto.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 7th day of July, 2020.

Patricia Byers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk