

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-

A RESOLUTION amending the Agreement with Yakima County Development Association (YCDA) regarding CARES Act grant funds to provide grants to small businesses and non-profit corporations 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 CARES Act funding to help address losses associated with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act funding may be granted to small businesses that weren't able to operate, or couldn't operate at 100% due to the restrictions imposed on businesses due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the grant program allows small businesses, as defined therein, to request grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the original agreement, approved by the City Council on September 15, 2020, approved a \$1 million fund to award grants to small businesses, as defined in the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City has available an additional \$1.4 million in CARES Act funds that it wishes to add to the agreement, allowing YCDA to distribute more funding to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City also wishes to make some of the additional \$1.4 million available to non-profit corporations under the terms and conditions outlined in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City also wishes to amend the timeframe of the Agreement to extend the time in which grants must be awarded, consistent with the federal government's extension of the time in which cities can utilize grant funding, to November 30, 2020 and amend eligibility criteria for small businesses to allow businesses with up to 25 full or part time employees to apply for grant funds; 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 an additional amount of \$1,400,000.00 of its CARES Act money allocated specifically to address COVID-19 issues, to fund additional small business grants and non-profit corporation grants, administered by YCDA, now, therefore,

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement Between the City of Yakima and Yakima County Development Association to provide for additional funding, to include funding availability for non-

profit corporations, amend the definition of small business for purposes of grant funding, and to extend the time frame to award such grants. A copy of the amendment to the grant agreement is attached hereto and fully incorporated herein.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 6th day of October, 2020.

Patricia Byers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk