

## **RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-**

**A RESOLUTION** authorizing an agreement with Yakima County Development Association (YCDA) in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Six and 76/100ths Dollars (\$266,406.76) in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV1) 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 City was allocated Four Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Six Hundred dollars (\$481,600.00) in Community Development Block Grant funding under CDBG-CV1 and contracted with YCDA in July of 2020, to provide grant funding to micro-enterprises negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, YCDA administered a grant program under the July Agreement which allocated \$215,193.24 in CDBG-CV1 funds to micro-enterprises in the City of Yakima, leaving \$266,406.76 in CDBG-CV1 funds available; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses are still struggling due to extended closures and limitations caused by COVID-19 and the City Council finds that small businesses would benefit from additional grant money to remain in business during the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the remaining CDBG-CV1 grant funding should be allocated to micro-enterprises in the City of Yakima through a second application round administered by YCDA where eligible micro-enterprises which did not apply or were not eligible during the first round, and micro-enterprises that did apply and receive grant funding in the first round but have additional expenses that could be paid through the grant program, be able to apply for funding; 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 the remaining \$266,406.76 of its CDBG-CV1 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 Two Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Four Hundred and Six and 76/100ths dollars (\$266,406.76) in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV1) 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

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Patricia Byers, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk