

CITY OF FAIRFIELD
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-152

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD CREATING AN EMERGENCY SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, APPROPRIATING \$450,000 IN FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE ANY CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM AND EXECUTE ANY AGREEMENTS NEEDED TO EXPEDITIOUSLY DISTRIBUTE GRANT FUNDS TO SMALL BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020 the State of California declared a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 the City Council of the City of Fairfield officially declared a local emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the County of Solano Public Health Department has administered, on behalf of the State of California, numerous business closures and economic restrictions since March 2020 to help slow the rate of virus transmission and respond to the public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, Public Health requirements for business closures and economic restrictions have had disastrous impacts on the local, state, and national economies and have created extreme financial challenges for small businesses, many of whom are not able to operate under Public Health closures; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed, and the President of the United States signed into law on March 27, 2020 the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act in response to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairfield has been awarded \$1.4 million in CARES Act funding for eligible uses, which includes providing financial and economic support to businesses within the City's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Fairfield desires to create a grant program and allocate \$450,000 in City of Fairfield CARES Act funding to provide grants to financially support small businesses struggling to pay bills and stay viable during the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. An emergency support grant program to provide small businesses with grant funds to assist with business costs during the COVID-19 pandemic is authorized and approved.

Section 2. The general program guidelines, attached hereto as Exhibit A, are hereby adopted.

Section 3. Funding in the amount of \$450,000 is approved for the program from the City of Fairfield's CARES Act allocation.

Section 4. The City Manager is authorized to administratively approve any modifications, additions, deletions, or other changes to the program guidelines, as deemed necessary by him, in order to expeditiously create, implement, and administer the emergency support grant program provided that the program budget of \$450,000 is not exceeded.

Section 5. The City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute any and all agreements for the implementation of the grant program, including grant agreements to recipients.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of August, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: PRICE / BERTANI / MOY / TIMM / VACCARO

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK