

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Savannah (City) received a supplemental allocation of \$1,360,248 in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG-CV) (Round 1) and \$1,234,796 (Round 3) totaling \$2,595,044 of CDBG-CV funds as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), Public Law 116-136, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, these special CDBG-CV funds can be used to address the economic impact of COVID-19 and new construction of housing in response to over-crowding and homelessness associated with the coronavirus spread; and

WHEREAS, the Savannah City Council has made it a priority to address the economic impact on residents and small businesses due to job loss and rising property cost due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Savannah City Council has made it a priority to help address the housing needs of persons and families experiencing homelessness, including helping those impacted due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City will use the CDBG-CV funds to address these issues with the following projects:

1. \$1,360,248: City of Savannah Small Business Recovery Program will aid eligible small, disadvantaged businesses impacted by COVID-19 by providing direct assistance and short-term working capital to enable retention of jobs held by low- and moderate-income persons.
2. \$1,234,796: New construction of at least six (6) single-family homes at Savannah Gardens for families experiencing homelessness and impacted by COVID-19.

WHEREAS, the City notified its citizens of the FY2019 Substantial Amendment through the Savannah Morning News, on February 15, 2022. The City of Savannah updated its Citizen Participation Plan as of April 29, 2020, to include HUD Waiver dated March 31, 2020 related to public notice and 5-day comment period applicable to FY2019 and 2020 CDBG funds; and

WHEREAS, the City will amend its FY2019 One Year Action Plan by Substantial Amendment pursuant to HUD requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, hereby authorize **(1)** the CDBG-CV use of funds for the purposes cited above **(2)** authorize, Joseph A. Melder, City Manager to submit the Substantial Amendment to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the City's One-Year Action Plan for 2019 and **(3)** authorize, Joseph A. Melder, City Manager to enter into grant agreements with eligible small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

Adopted this 10th day of March 2022.

Van R. Johnson, II, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council