

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-58

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF A PORTION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS (“CDBG-CV”) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020, TO FUND THE EMERGENCY TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE (“ETBRA”) PROGRAM ACTIVITY, AND APPROVING THE GUIDELINES, AS SPECIFIED IN EXHIBIT “A”; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami (“City”) was awarded Four Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$452,692.00) in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG-CV) funds under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act signed by the President of the United States on March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to allocate these funds in order for the City to support economic and community development efforts in response to the Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City is required by program regulations to develop specific policies and procedures for program activities funded under CDBG programs; and

WHEREAS, in its 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan, the City incorporated rental assistance to prevent homelessness as one of the City’s housing and community development priorities; and

WHEREAS, based on the availability of funding received from the United States Department of Housing and Development (“HUD”), this activity was never funded; and

WHEREAS, with the emergence of the COVID-19 health crisis it is becoming imperative for the City to assist those affected by the pandemic by using a portion of the supplemental allocation to fund this activity; and

WHEREAS, the City has established guidelines for the implementation of its Emergency Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program (“ETBRA”) attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to implement and fund the CDBG ETBRA to assist low- to moderate-income households affected by the rental crisis created by the pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Allocation. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby approve the allocation of a portion of the supplemental Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG-CV”) funds for fiscal year 2019-2020, to the Emergency Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program (“ETBRA”).

Section 2. Approval of the CDBG Emergency Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program and Guidelines. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby approve the Emergency Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (“ETBRA”) program activity and guidelines funded under the supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) as submitted in Exhibit “A”.

Section 3. Authority of Interim City Manager. The City Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute any and all necessary documents, all in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, for said purpose, subject to all federal, state, and local laws that regulate the use of such funds.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 26th day of May, 2020.


PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Estimé-Irvin

Seconded by: Galvin

Vote:

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Scott Galvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)