

RESOLUTION NO. 20-125

Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Re-Appropriating \$115,000 From The Local Business Recovery Program To Provide Matching Funds For The Alameda County CARES Business Grants Program

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to negatively impact Emeryville businesses, and small businesses are particularly impacted due to ongoing public health order restrictions on business activities and customer reluctance to transact in person-to-person environments; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2020, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors authorized the implementation of the Alameda County CARES Grant Program to provide financial assistance to small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County CARES Grant Program will make grants of up to \$5,000 to small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, of the \$5,000,000 allocated by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to the Alameda County CARES Grant Program, \$2,000,000 will be awarded to applicant businesses through a lottery process, and \$3,000,000 will be provided as a match against any City funding provided; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2020 the City Council of the City of Emeryville adopted Resolution No. 20-49 amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget to re-appropriate \$200,000 from the Façade Improvement Grant Program to the Local Business Recovery Program; and

WHEREAS, the Local Business Recovery Program was designed to assist businesses impacted by civil unrest events experienced during the evening of May 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Local Business Recovery Program has distributed 21 grants of \$4,000 each, for a total of \$84,000; and

WHEREAS, staff believes that all businesses eligible and interested in participating in the Local Business Recovery Program have done so, leaving \$116,000 available from the original \$200,000 appropriation; and

WHEREAS, by providing \$115,000 in City matching funds for the Alameda County CARES Grant Program, for a total of \$230,000 in available funding, an additional 46 small businesses in Emeryville could access the funds provided by the Alameda County CARES Grant Program with grants of \$5,000 each; and

WHEREAS, the City's small businesses continue to be damaged by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has a direct impact on the City's revenues and its ability to provide services to the community; and

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WHEREAS, it is in the public's interest to support small local businesses by providing relief to help Emeryville's small businesses survive the pandemic; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that \$115,000 of funds appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget for the Local Business Recovery Program be re-appropriated as matching funds for the Alameda County CARES Grant Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that the City Manager is authorized to execute agreements with Alameda County and make the payments necessary to provide \$115,000 in matching funds for the Alameda County CARES Grant Program.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, December 1, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:	5	Mayor Martinez, Vice Mayor Donahue, and Council Members Bauters, Medina, and Patz
NOES:	0	
ABSTAIN:	0	
ABSENT:	0	

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Dianne Martinez

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Sheri Hartz

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