

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING A \$1.5 MILLION SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM (CHULA VISTA CARES) TO REIMBURSE THE COSTS OF BUSINESS INTERRUPTION CAUSED BY REQUIRED CLOSURES DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, in January 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 virus, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 14, 2020, the San Diego County Health Officer declared a Local Health Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 virus, which was subsequently ratified by the Board of Supervisors on February 19, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, as the number of confirmed cases and deaths related to COVID-19 continued to rise, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the State prepare for a broader spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency as a result of the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, due to the escalating number of COVID-19 virus cases nationwide and within California, the City of Chula Vista Director of Emergency Services issued a Proclamation declaring a Local Emergency, as authorized by Government Code section 8630 and Chula Vista Municipal Code section 2.14.080(a), which was subsequently ratified and adopted by the Chula Vista City Council on March 17, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and the San Diego County Department of Public Health have all issued recommendations and orders, including, but not limited to, social distancing, staying home if sick, canceling or postponing large group events, working from home, and other precautions to protect public health and prevent transmission of this communicable virus; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code sections 101040, 120175, and 120175.5 (b) the Health Officer of the County of San Diego (“Health Officer”) has issued multiple Orders of the Health Officer and Emergency Regulations (the “County Orders”) mandating and prohibiting certain activities, including the following, with certain limited exceptions: the requirement that all persons stay at home; the prohibition of all public and private “gatherings” of more than one person; the closure of all non-essential businesses; the cessation of classes and other school activities; cloth face covering requirements; and social distancing protocols; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2020 the President of the United States signed into law the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act, more commonly known as the CARES Act, which authorizes \$2.1 trillion in federal relief; and

**WHEREAS**, included in the CARES Act is the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) that provided \$150 billion to states and those local municipalities with populations greater than 500,000 based on a specific formula; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Diego received \$334 million in CARES Act CRF monies; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 19, 2020 the County of San Diego approved the allocation of \$4,842,695 in CARES Act CRF monies to the City of Chula Vista; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 23, 2020 the City Council appropriated \$4,842,695 in CARES Act CRF monies to the General Fund. As part of this action, the City Council approved \$1.5 million to Economic Development Recovery Grants for Small Businesses to provide economic relief and assist at-risk businesses in rebounding from the economic impacts of COVID-19.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista, that it approves a \$1.5 million Small Business Grant Program (Chula Vista CARES) to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, as described in the Agenda Statement accompanying this Resolution (File ID: 20-0268), on file with the Office of the City Clerk, with such minor modifications as may be approved by the City Manager and City Attorney.

Presented by

Approved as to form by

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