

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
Wednesday, April 1, 2020**

Tina Sheldon, Recording Secretary
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ROLL CALL

Present 7 – Commissioners Brendmoen, Jalali, Noecker, Prince, Thao, Yang and Chair Tolbert

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Resolution approving the guidelines for the St. Paul Bridge Fund for Families and Small Businesses and allocating \$3.3 million of Housing and Redevelopment Authority resources to fund the Saint Paul Bridge Fund to provide emergency relief to small businesses and families in response to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, Citywide

Kristin Guild, Interim Executive Director, acknowledged the program development work by the City staff team and business partners. Ms. Guild presented the program description, changes made since the program was introduced a week ago, acknowledged funding partners, gave a fundraising status update, provided rationale for the program criteria, the program administration approach, outreach plan, application support and timing, and provided a review of other resources available to businesses, residents and non-profits.

Commissioner Noecker asked for clarification on the allocated business and family funds and whether there is a single point of contact for constituents. Ms. Guild confirmed that Bridge funds are from 2020 budgeted business assistance and Housing Trust Fund dollars and shared the PED business assistance main phone number and business/family Bridge Fund email addresses.

Commissioner Prince asked for clarification if the family funds will be given to the family or the landlord and if housing development work will continue. Kayla Schuchman, PED Housing Director, shared that the funds will be disbursed directly to the families and that housing development work will move forward.

Chair Tolbert introduced an amendment to include language from the Board Report regarding the Business Assistance fund allocation.

Moved by Commissioner Brendmoen, Resolution is Amended
VOTE: Yeas – 7 Nays – 0

Commissioner Noecker introduced an amendment to remove the 20 or fewer employees as an eligibility criteria for small businesses.

Moved by Commissioner Noecker, Resolution is Amended
VOTE: Yeas – 7 Nays – 0

Commissioner Noecker introduced an amendment to change the in-operation eligibility requirement for businesses to at least three-months.

Moved by Commissioner Brendmoen, Resolution is Amended

VOTE: Yeas – 5 Nays – 2 (Jalali & Yang)

Commissioner Thao introduced an amendment to change the in-operation eligibility requirement for businesses to any business that was open prior to Governor Waltz's Executive Order 20-04 on March 17, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Thao, Motion Failed

VOTE: Yeas – 1 Nays – 6 (Noecker, Prince, Brendmoen, Tolbert, Jalali & Yang)

Moved by Chair Tolbert, Resolution Adopted as Amended and set forth in RES 20-597

VOTE: Yeas – 7 Nays – 0

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Chair Tolbert, the HRA Board Meeting is Adjourned

VOTE: Yeas – 7 Nays – 0