

HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2020

REGARDING: RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2020 HRA BUDGET FOR COVID-19 RELIEF PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING THE BRIDGE FUND FOR SMALL BUSINESSES, CITYWIDE

Requested Board Action

Approval of the attached resolution amending the 2020 HRA budget for COVID-19 relief programs, including the Bridge Fund for Small Businesses grant program.

Background

In September of 2020 the City Council approved RES 20-1294, which allocated \$3,500,000 of Federal CARES Act Funds to the City's Department of Planning and Economic Development ("PED") to assist businesses and organizations negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. PED advanced programs to benefit business and cultural organizations and is on track to expend most of the allocated funds by November 15, 2020, which is the spending deadline established by the State for municipal subrecipients of CARES Act funds.

On November 4, 2020, the City Council approved RES PH 20-250 which reallocated \$267,444 of the \$3,500,000 Federal CARES Act Funds to other City departments for immediate spending to meet the November 15, 2020 spending deadline. RES PH 20-250 simultaneously reduced HRA obligations by a total of \$1,017,444 to allow for future grant awards related to COVID-19 impacts. This was accomplished by reducing transfers to the City General Fund from the HRA General Fund and the HRA Loan Enterprise Fund in the adopted 2020 budget

Since the funds were already budgeted as transfers, the action today will amend the budget and allow for spending up to \$1,017,444 on COVID-19 relief programs from the HRA Loan Enterprise Fund.

Please see the Financial Analysis for full budget details.

Budget Action:

The attached Financial Analysis amends the 2020 HRA Budget.

Recommendation:

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Sponsored by: **Chair Chris Tolbert**

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Attachments

- **Financial Analysis**