

CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Economic Development/ Brownfields

Resolution No.: 12-14-22A

Resolution Title:

Resolution Authorizing a Sub-grant to the City of Camden in an Amount of up to \$500,000.00 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the Environmental Cleanup of the City-Owned Judge Robert B. Johnson Park Located at 723 Carl Miller Boulevard (Block 520, Lot 26; Block 522, Lot 9; and Block 523, Lot 13 on the City of Camden Tax Map) in the Liberty Park Neighborhood

Project Summary:

- In 2013, CRA, with a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), established a Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to make loans and sub-grants to fund environmental cleanup of brownfield sites in Camden.
- The EPA RLF program guidelines allow CRA to make sub-grants to non-profits and other units of local government for eligible projects and uses.
- Judge Johnson Park Site is owned by the City of Camden and located at 723 Carl Miller Boulevard and designated on the City of Camden Tax Maps as Block 520, Lot 26; Block 522, Lot 9; and Block 523, Lot 13 (the Park Site).
- CRA, as the administrator of the City's Brownfields Program and authorized by Resolution 10-12-22A, entered into a Shared Services Agreement with the City to secure, manage, and implement on behalf of the City funding agreements for environmental remediation activities at the Park Site.
- Based on recently received unit costs for soil disposal and clean fill replacement, project costs for removal of the contaminated soil material and for capping the site are currently projected to be \$ 3,297,404 with actual costs to be determined upon acceptance of the lowest qualified bidder for the project.
- The EPA RLF sub-grant amount being requested, \$500,000.00, is the maximum amount of funding that can be awarded for a site from the current CRA EPA 2022 RLF Cooperative Agreement.
- CRA has submitted an application to EPA for a cleanup grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. In addition, CRA is in the process of applying for a State Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) grant, which is a non-competitive funding source.
- The EPA sub-grant is a critical piece of funding that will leverage funds under pending grant applications.
- After the remediation is completed, Camden County will fund and manage the design and construction of park improvements and has committed \$1.8 million toward this effort.

Purpose of Resolution:

To authorize a sub-grant to the City of Camden

Award Process:

N/A

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Cost Not To Exceed:

\$500,000.00

Total Project Cost:

Estimated Costs \$3,297,404

Source of Funds

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Shared Services Agreement w/City | 82,636.00 |
| EPA RLF Sub-grant (2022 grant) | 500,000.00 |
| EPA Cleanup Grant (pending award) | 1,000,000.00 |
| HDSRF Cleanup Grant (pending award) | <u>1,714,768.00</u> |
| | \$ 3,297,404.00 |

Uses of Funds:

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|------------------------|------------------|
| Bid Spec Prep | 15,000.00 |
| LSRP RA Design | 20,000.00 |
| LSRP RA | 80,000.00 |
| Owners Rep | 45,000.00 |
| Remediation Contractor | 2,719,514.00 |
| Contingency | 362,890.00 |
| CRA Fee | <u>55,000.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 3,297,404.00 |

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WHEREAS, the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency (“CRA”) is charged with the duty of redevelopment throughout the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, to this end, CRA manages the Camden Brownfields Program on behalf of the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, CRA by Resolution 06-08-22C, applied for and accepted a Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (“RLF”) Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) to continue with CRA’s Revolving Loan Fund Program and entered into EPA Cooperative Agreement 96236900-0 (the “Cooperative Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Agreement provides funding in the form of low- to no-interest loans and sub-grants that may be made available to conduct environmental cleanup of brownfield sites in the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, the EPA RLF program allows for a grant recipient to make sub-grants to non-profits and other units of local government for eligible projects and uses; and

WHEREAS, the City owns the Judge Robert B. Johnson Park located at 723 Carl Miller Boulevard (Block 520, Lot 26; Block 522, Lot 9; and Block 523, Lot 13 on the City of Camden Tax Map) located in the Liberty Park Neighborhood (the “Park Site”); and

WHEREAS, contaminated historic fill requiring remediation was determined to be present at the Park Site; and

WHEREAS, funding is needed to remove and properly dispose of the contaminated soil and construct a protective cap at the site; and

WHEREAS, RLF funding in the form of a sub-grant can be used for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, CRA, as the administrator of the City’s Brownfields Program, will also manage the sub-grant and remediation of the site under a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden authorized by Resolution 10-12-22A, and

WHEREAS, the sub-grant summary and recommendation was reviewed and approved by the CRA Finance Committee.

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NOW. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency, that the Agency is hereby authorized to make a sub-grant to the City of Camden in an amount of up to \$500,000.00 from the US EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the purpose of environmental cleanup and related activities at the City-owned Judge Robert B. Johnson Park Site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interim Executive Director, a duly authorized representative of the Agency, is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement and other documents and take all actions and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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ON MOTION OF: **Gilbert Harden, Sr.**


SECONDED BY: **Jose Javier Ramos**

| COMMISSIONER | AYES | NAYS | ABSTENTIONS |
|-----------------------|------|------|-------------|
| Christopher Collins | | | X |
| Derek Davis | X | | |
| Gilbert Harden, Sr. | X | | |
| Tasha Gainey-Humphrey | | | |
| Ian K. Leonard | X | | |
| Jose Javier Ramos | X | | |
| Maria Sharma | | | X |

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Chairperson

ATTEST:



Olivette Simpson
Interim Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

Mark P. Asselta

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