

CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Economic Development /Brownfields

Resolution No.: 07-12-23B

Resolution Title:

Resolution Authorizing a Sub-grant to the City of Camden in the Amount of \$200,000.00 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the Remediation of the Knox Meadows Phase II Site in North Camden Designated as Block 746, Lots 26 and 46 and a Portion of Lots 17, 18, and 25 of the City of Camden Tax Map

Project Summary:

- In 2013, CRA, with a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), established a Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to make loans and Sub-grants to fund environmental cleanup of Brownfield Sites within the City of Camden.
- The EPA RLF program allows CRA to make Sub-grants to local governmental units and non-profits for eligible environmental projects and uses. In September 2022, CRA was awarded an additional grant from EPA to continue with the RLF brownfield program.
- The former Knox Gelatin Site known as the Meadows at Pyne Point Phase II designated as Block 746, Lots 26 & 46 and a portion of Lots 17, 18, and 25 on the City Tax Map is a city-owned property that is an active case with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Site Remediation Program (SRP).
- The proposed redevelopment of the site after remediation a residential use.
- Prior to the redevelopment of the site, the environmental contamination at the site must be remediated in accordance with NJDEP SRP requirements.
- The total estimated environmental clean-up cost is \$1,536,612.00 CRA, entered into a Shared Services Agreement with the City to manage and implement a \$200,000.00 EPA Cleanup Grant on behalf of the City as authorized by CRA Resolution 12-14-16E.
- CRA recently Submitted applications to the State Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) for a \$1,136,612.00 Remediation Grant to fund a portion of the cleanup and a \$103,825.00 Assessment Grant for the Site.
- This resolution seeks to authorize a \$200,000.00 RLF Sub-grant to the City, which together with the EPA cleanup grant will serve to meet the match-funding requirement for the use of the HSDRF Remediation Grant funding.
- Under a companion resolution, the CRA is seeking authorization to amend the existing Shared Services Agreement with the City to allow for the use, management, and implementation of the EPA Sub-grant and other funding for the Site's brownfield planning, assessment, remediation, and redevelopment.

Purpose of Resolution:

To authorize an EPA RLF Sub-grant

Award Process:

N/A

Cost Not To Exceed:

N/A

Additional Assessment

HDSRF Assessment Grant: \$ 103,825.00

Estimated Remediation Cost: \$1,536,612.00

Sources

US EPA Cleanup Grant \$ 200,000.00

US EPA RLF Sub-grant \$ 200,000.00

HDSRF Grant (Pending) \$ 1,136,612.00

Total Sources \$ 1,536,612.00

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

WHEREAS, as part of CRA’s redevelopment duties, CRA manages the City of Camden Brownfields Program, including brownfield planning activities, applying for and managing grants for brownfield investigation and remediation, and contracting for associated professional services, and remediation activities; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 08-07-13C, CRA applied for and accepted a Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) to establish a Revolving Loan Fund and entered into EPA Cooperative Agreement 9628614-0; and

WHEREAS, CRA by Resolution 06-08-22C, applied for and accepted supplemental RLF Grant funding from EPA and entered into EPA Cooperative Agreement 96236900-0 (together with the above agreement the "Cooperative Agreements"); and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Agreements provide funding in the form of low to no-interest loans and Sub-grants that may be made available to support environmental cleanup of Brownfield Sites in the City of Camden, and

WHEREAS, the EPA Brownfields RLF Program allows for a grant recipient to make Sub-grants to non-profits and other units of local government for eligible environmental projects and purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of the former Knox Gelatin Site known as the Meadows at Pyne Point Phase II designated as Block 746, Lots 26 and 46 and a portion of Lots 17, 18, and 25 of the City Tax Map (the Project Site); and

WHEREAS, the Project Site is an active case with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Site Remediation Program; and

WHEREAS, contaminated historic fill requiring remediation has been determined to be present at the Site making it necessary to fund the excavation of the contaminated soil material for offsite disposal to a proper facility and importation of clean backfill material to construct a protective cap at the Project Site; and

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

WHEREAS, CRA will manage the RLF Sub-grant and remediation of the Site by virtue of an existing Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden as authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Sub-grant Summary and Recommendation has been 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 Interim Executive Director is hereby authorized to make Sub-grant to the City of Camden in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 from the EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the purpose of environmental cleanup activities at the former Knox Gelatin Site designated as Block 746, Lots 26 and 46 and a portion of Lots 17, 18, and 25 of the City Tax Map; and

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

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ON MOTION OF: Tasha Gainey-Humphrey

SECONDED BY: Derek Davis

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

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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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