

**RESOLUTION PRIORITIZING CARES ACT FUND EXPENDITURES TO
MAXIMIZE THE BENEFITS TO THE BUSINESSES
AND RESIDENTS OF COMMERCE CITY**

NO. 2020-84

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Commerce City previously accepted and appropriated funding to the General Fund in the amount of \$4,646,885.00 for the purposes authorized by the CARES Act;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Commerce City, in recognizing the City Manager is charged with allocating CARES Act funds, and expending the same, to address the direct and second-order effects due of the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in a manner consistent with the best interests of its residents;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Commerce City, acting through ordinance, resolution, and motion, has allocated certain CARES Act funds and caused to be created certain programs to determine eligibility and review criteria for the receipt of CARES Act funds, including, for example, the Commerce City Small Business Support/Recovery Grant Program;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Commerce City, has determined it is in the best interests of its residents to maximize the CARES Act funds to obtain the greatest possible relief from the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Commerce City, desires to focus the ongoing CARES Act funds expenditures of certain otherwise unencumbered funds, not exceeding \$1,100,000 to certain high priority areas of focus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council directs the City Manager, in exercising his reasonable discretion, and in a manner consistent with the eligibility requirements of CARES Act expenditures, to focus unencumbered expenditures in the following areas:

- a. The Commerce City Small Business Support/Recovery Grant Program;
- b. The Commerce City COVID-19 Microloan Program;
- c. Assistance for Seniors suffering from the impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency;
- d. Assistance to the restaurant industry suffering from the impacts of various public health orders; and
- e. Services to families harmed by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is authorized to create, where necessary, specific programs, and to take all other administrative actions as may be necessary to establish and implement any such program, including eligibility and application requirements, selection and award processes, grant conditions, and to award grants and execute agreements with regard to

any such program or expenditure deemed necessary due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

SECTION 3. The City Manager is authorized to adjust and modify appropriations directed by City Council addressing the COVID-19 public health crisis, either herein or previously, to maximize the utilization of CARES Act funds so as to avoid the forfeiture or loss of such funds or as may be reasonably necessary within the discretion of the City Manager.

SECTION 4. The City Council determines that such programs and expenditures would be necessary due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, and would serve a public purpose of ensuring the viability of businesses in Commerce City, the preservation of employment of its residents, the care of its senior and families, and the viability of the Commerce City tax base.

RESOLVED AND PASSED THIS 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2020.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Benjamin A. Huseman, Mayor

ATTEST

Dylan A. Gibson, City Clerk