

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-65

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA,
CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND REQUEST FOR
PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE**

BACKGROUND, The California Budget authorized the Department of Finance to allocate \$1,289,065,000 to address the public health and public safety impacts of COVID-19, including homelessness. Cities will receive \$500,000,000 for similar purposes. Federal law specifies that these funds may only be used for unbudgeted costs incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. All funds must be spent (not merely encumbered) by the end of the year. The City of Coachella's allocation is \$582,612.00 based on its population.

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency as a result of the threat of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the State of California;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, the County of Riverside proclaimed a public health emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19 (pandemic) in the county;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the City Council of the City of Coachella adopted a resolution declaring a local emergency relating to the pandemic;

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020, the City of Coachella submitted a certification form to the Department of Finance in order to receive its allocated funds;

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2020, the City Council discussed a Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) framework and established funding priorities. During the discussion, Council expressed overall interest in funding programs and projects that provide rent relief, small business assistance, offer opportunities for youth enrichment, and mental health/emotional well-being. The deadline for expending CRF funds is December 30, 2020. Given this short time frame, the City Council requested that staff develop an implementation RFP process for immediate CRF funding;

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2020, the City of Coachella approved Resolution No. 2020-46, which designated \$230,000 of its \$582,612 Coronavirus Relief Funds to be granted through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The RFP and application for this grant program will be available beginning August 10, 2020 and applicants may submit their responses electronically through August 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coachella is designating an additional designation of \$25,000, for a total of \$75,000, of its \$582,612 Coronavirus Relief Funds to be granted to the Small Business Assistance through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The RFP and application for this grant program will be available beginning October 12, 2020 and applicants may submit their responses electronically through October 29, 2020.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to increase the Coronavirus Relief Fund Program Small Business Assistance by \$50,000 for a total of \$100,000.

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to revised the COVID-19 grant programs and establish revenue and expenditure budgets, appropriate funds consistent with the grant programs, and realign existing funding within the various grant programs as outlined in the funding priorities below:

- 1) Behavioral Health and Emotional Well-Being (\$80,000)
- 2) Small Business Assistance (\$100,000)
- 3) Youth Enrichment Nonprofit Assistance (\$100,000)
- 4) Rental Relief Assistance (\$200,000)

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of October, 2020 by the following vote count:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Steven Hernandez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Zepeda, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carlos Campos, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.
CITY OF COACHELLA)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 2020-65 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Coachella at a special meeting thereof, held on this 14th day of October, 2020 by the following vote of the City Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Andrea Carranza, MMC
Deputy City Clerk