

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: March 14, 2023

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Roque Salinas, Director of Economic Development

THROUGH: Dr. Crystal Caldera, City Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Action on An Ordinance to Amend the Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Article 1.06 Boards, Commissions, and Committees and Add Sec. 1.06.008 Economic and Community Development Advisory Committee and To Amendment Policy for Funding Economic and Community Development Projects (1st Read was Held 03-07-2023) – R. Salinas, Director of Economic Development)

PURPOSE

This ordinance is to consider for the city manager Agreement between the City of Leon Valley and Lift Fund to Administer a 0% Interest Loan Program to Local Businesses

FISCAL IMPACT

The program will require the city to fund \$150,000 out of the Economic and Community Development fund reserves. The current fund balance is \$557,551. If entered into the program, then the fund balance will be reduced to \$407,551. This program will allow the city to buy down interest on loans and provide 0% interest loans to businesses who are in Leon Valley or are relocating to Leon Valley.

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Social Equity – N/A

Economic Development – Economic and Community Development projects encourage collaborative engagement with residents.

Environmental Stewardship – N/A

STRATEGIC GOALS

This partnership is in line with the city's goal of economic development to recruit and retain businesses in the city.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City to enter into buy down interest loan program with Lift fund based on the current fund balance and restriction of ARPA funds for any other program with Lift fund.

City Council Discretion.

ATTEST :

SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
City Secretary