

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to immediately clarify grantor agencies' obligation to maintain sole source justifications and final agency justifications related to the selection of grantees and to produce such documents upon request of the Mayor or a member of the Council.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Government Grant Transparency Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021".

Sec. 2. (a) On September 21, 2020 the Council passed the Government Grant Transparency Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective October 23, 2020, DC Act A23-0420, which expires on January 12, 2021.

(b) On September 21, 2020, the Council passed the Government Grant Transparency Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, enacted on October 23, 2020 (D.C. Act A23-0460; 67 DCR 13230) ("temporary act"), which is undergoing congressional review required by section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and is projected to take effect January 20, 2021, after the emergency legislation has expired.

(c) This emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the effective date of the temporary act.

33 (e) Emergency legislation is needed to ensure that local small and disadvantaged firms
34 are provided with immediate financial assistance amidst the ongoing public health emergency.

35 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
36 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
37 Government Grant Transparency Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single
38 reading.

39 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.