

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Act of 2012 to provide a technical amendment to the Small Business Relief Grant Program.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “The Small Business Relief Grant Program Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. (a) The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (“DMPED”) has \$8 million in Fiscal Year 2023 funding to support the Small Business Relief Grant Program.

(b) As in prior years, DMPED plans to partner with a third-party grant managing entity to manage the Small Business Relief Grant Program.

(c) DMPED’s current grant making authority allows for up to 2% of funding for the Small Business Relief Grant Program to be used to cover administrative costs associated with administering the grant program.

(d) The Small Business Relief Grant Program is open to a wide variety of businesses, including brick and mortar and sole proprietors.

(e) Experience from prior grants indicates that businesses require extensive

32 assistance to be grant ready and a substantial amount of effort is required to review applications,  
33 determine awards, and ensure compliance with grant requirements after award.

34 (f) Dedicating 2% of funds to cover administrative costs is not sufficient to cover  
35 the amount of work required to administer these funds.

36 (g) Emergency action is necessary to ensure that DMPED can select a grant  
37 administrator and launch the Small Business Relief Grant Program in a timely manner this fall.

38 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
39 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Small  
40 Business Relief Grant Program Emergency Amendment Act of 2022 be adopted on an  
41 emergency basis.

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