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5 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION
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9 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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13 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to clarify the Department of
14 Small and Local Business Development’s authority to issue grants to eligible
15 entrepreneurs and for-profit businesses in Ward 8.
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17 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution
18 may be cited as the “Ward 8 Community Investment Fund Clarification Emergency Declaration
19 Resolution of 2024”.
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21 Sec. 2. (a) In the FY2023-2024 Local Budget Ac, The Council authorized the Department
22 of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) to issue a recurring grant to an organization
23 that has received grants in the past, the Ward 8 Community Investment Fund, beginning in
24 FY23.

25 (b) After passage of the law permitting this allocation, DSLBD learned that the
26 named entity, the Ward 8 Community Investment Fund, was not authorized to receive funds
27 because it was not the official name of the District entity. Instead, the established and properly
28 incorporated entity is called the DC Community Development Consortium. Because of this, a
29 technical clarification of the name of the grantee was necessary prior to releasing funds.

30 (c) Without legislation authorizing DSLBD to release the grant to to the DC
31 Community Development Consortium instead of to the Ward 8 Community Investment Council,
32 funds allocated by the Council to support Ward 8 entrepreneurs and small businesses cannot be
33 used as intended.

34 (d) Emergency legislation is necessary to clarify the correct name of the grantee
35 and to provide for the administration of the grant.

36 (e) On October 3, 2023, the Council enacted the Ward 8 Community Investment
37 Fund Clarification Emergency Act of 2023. The Mayor signed the emergency measure and it
38 was enacted with Act number 25-270 on October 26, 2023. The Council passed a temporary
39 version of the same measure, the Ward 8 Community Investment Fund Clarification Temporary
40 Act of 2023, on second reading on November 7, 2023. The Mayor signed the temporary measure
41 on November 21, 2023 and it was enacted with Act number 25-312 on November 21, 2023.

42 (f) The emergency legislation expires on January 24, 2024 and the temporary
43 measure will not be effective until February 7, 2024.

44 (g) Without approval of a congressional review emergency, there will be a two-week gap
45 between the period covered by the emergency and the temporary measures, and there will be a
46 two-week gap in the lawful implementation of the underlying measures. This legislation is
47 necessary to continue the lawful implementation of the of the underlying measures, and ensure
48 access to the grants and grant administration approved by the Council.

49 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
50 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Ward 8
51 Community Investment Fund Congressional Review Emergency Clarification Act be adopted
52 after a single reading.

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