

**CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
**RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

**Executive Office**

**Resolution No: 01-12-22D**

**Resolution Title:**

**Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Marmero Law, LLC to Provide Outside Legal Counsel Services in Connection with the Execution of Agreements Among the City of Camden, The Housing Authority of the City of Camden, Saint Joseph Carpenter Society, and the Camden Community Partnership for the FY 2020 Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant**

**Project Summary:**

- The CRA will require outside legal counsel services to represent the Agency in finalizing grant agreements as the CRA's counsel has a conflict.
- The City of Camden and the Housing Authority of the City of Camden (HACC) as Co-Applicants in partnership with others applied to and received a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for \$35 Million under the FY2020 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Program (the "CNI Grant Program") for the Ablett Village/Cramer Hill Transformation Plan involving the redevelopment of the William Stanley Ablett Village, a 306-unit public housing development, and the adjacent neighborhood.
- HUD requires for the CNI Grant Program that the principal team members including a Housing Implementation Entity, People Implementation Entity and Neighborhood Implementation Entity agree as to their roles and responsibilities for carrying out the transformation plan to for Ablett Village and catalyze critical improvements in the neighborhood.
- CRA, by Resolution 10-14-20A, authorized the Agency's participation in the CNI Grant Program as the Neighborhood Entity. In this role CRA along with its partners the Camden Community Partnership (CCP) and Saint Joseph Carpenter Society (SJCS) will be responsible to implement, coordinate, monitor, and catalyze critical improvements in the neighborhood subject to HUD approval.
- HUD requires the City, HACC, and CRA to enter into an Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that sets forth the roles and responsibilities of the participating entities and CRA will also enter into a separate agreement with its grant implementation partners, CCP and SJCS to set forth their roles and responsibilities.
- CRA solicited a request for pricing from the Agency's pre-qualified list of attorneys and Marmero Law, LLC was the only respondent, providing a price proposal in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

**Purpose of Resolution:**

Authorize a contract for professional services - legal services

**Award Process:**

A Fair and Open Competitive Process was Conducted

**Cost Not to Exceed:**

\$10,000.00

**Total Project Cost:**

TBD

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency (the “CRA”) is charged with the duty of redevelopment throughout the City of Camden (the “City”); and

**WHEREAS**, the CRA will require outside legal counsel services to represent the Agency in finalizing grant agreements as the CRA’s counsel has a conflict; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Camden and the Housing Authority of the City of Camden (HACC) as Co-Applicants in partnership with others applied to and received a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) for \$35 Million under the FY2020 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Program (the “CNI Grant Program”) for the Ablett Village/Cramer Hill Transformation Plan involving the redevelopment of the William Stanley Ablett Village, a 306-unit public housing development, and the adjacent neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, HUD requires for the CNI Grant Program that the principal team members including a Housing Implementation Entity, People Implementation Entity and Neighborhood Implementation Entity agree as to their roles and responsibilities for carrying out the transformation plan to for Ablett Village and catalyze critical improvements in the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the CRA by Resolution 10-14-20A authorized the Agency’s participation in the CNI Grant Program as the Neighborhood Entity. In this role the CRA along with its partners the Camden Community Partnership (CCP) and Saint Joseph Carpenter Society (SJCS) will be responsible to implement, coordinate, monitor, and catalyze critical improvements in the neighborhood subject to HUD approval; and

**WHEREAS**, HUD requires the City, HACC and CRA to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement that sets forth the roles and responsibilities of the participating entities; and

**WHEREAS**, CRA will also enter into a separate agreement with its grant implementation partners, CCP and SJCS to set forth their roles and responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the CRA solicited a request for pricing from the Agency’s pre-qualified list of attorneys and Marmero Law, LLC, the only respondent, provided a price proposal in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency, that the Interim Executive Director, a duly authorized representative of the Agency, is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with Marmero Law, LLC to provide outside legal services in connection with agreements required for implementation of the FY2020 Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Program’s Neighborhood Improvements in connection with the Ablett Village/Cramer Hill Transformation Plan in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 ; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency that the Interim Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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ON MOTION OF: **Maria Sharma**

SECONDED BY: **Jose Javier Ramos**

COMMISSIONER	AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
Derek Davis	X		
Gilbert Harden, Sr.	X		
Ian K. Leonard	X		
Jose Javier Ramos	X		
Maria Sharma	X		
Marilyn Torres			

*Ian K. Leonard*

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Ian K. Leonard  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Olivette Simpson  
Interim Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

*Mark P. Asselta*

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Mark P. Asselta, Esq.  
Board Counsel