

CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Economic Development/ Brownfields

Resolution No.: 05-11-22B

Resolution Title:

Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for the Management of a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Sub-Grant for the Environmental Remediation of Block 1302, Lot 2 of the City of Camden Tax Map in the Gateway Redevelopment Area

Project Summary:

- CRA by this Resolution seeks the authority to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden.
- In 2013, CRA, with a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), established a Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to make loans and sub-grants to fund environmental cleanup of brownfield sites in Camden.
- The EPA RLF program guidelines allow the CRA to make sub-grants to non-profits and other units of local government for eligible projects and uses.
- The CRA Board by Resolution 03-09-22F authorized the Agency to make a sub-grant to the City in the amount of \$118,525.00 from the US EPA RLF fund for the purpose of environmental cleanup and related activities at the City-owned Reliable Tire site which is located at 1115 Chestnut Street (Block 1302, Lot 2) (the "Site").
- The Site, acquired by the City in 2018 via tax foreclosure, is approximately two acres in size and is zoned as Office / Light Industrial per the Gateway Redevelopment Plan.
- The Site has been the subject of CRA assessment activities funded with State HDSRF Grants.
- During the course of the assessment activities, it was determined that five underground storage tanks (USTs) are located at the Site.
- Three of the USTs are registered with the NJDEP and have been closed in place, however there does not appear to be any records on file with the NJDEP that they were properly closed. The other two USTs need to be registered with the NJDEP and properly closed.
- The Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) for the Site has recommended that all five USTs be removed and disposed of off-site so as to comply with NJDEP requirements and to determine if any of the USTs have leaked.
- Costs for removal of the USTs is estimated to be \$118,525.00 with actual costs to be determined upon acceptance of the lowest qualified bidder for the project.
- The CRA, as the administrator of the City's Brownfield Program, will manage the EPA RLF sub-grant for remediation of the Site. This Resolution seeks the authorization to enter into a shared services agreement with the City for management of the RLF sub-grant and remediation of the Site.

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

WHEREAS, as part of the CRA’s redevelopment duties, the CRA manages the Camden Brownfields Program on behalf of the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, the CRA by Resolution 08-07-13C applied for and accepted a Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (“RLF”) Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) to establish a Revolving Loan Fund and entered into EPA Cooperative Agreement BF9628614-0 (the “Cooperative Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Agreement provides funding in the form of low to no-interest loans and sub-grants that may be made available to conduct environmental cleanup of brownfield sites in the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, the EPA RLF program allows for a grant recipient to make sub-grants to non-profits and other units of local government for eligible projects and uses; and

WHEREAS, the City owns the Reliable Tire Site designated as Block 1302, Lot 2 on the City of Camden Tax Map located at 1115 Chestnut Street in the Gateway Redevelopment Area (the “Site”); and

WHEREAS, the CRA Board by Resolution 03-09-22F authorized the Agency to make a sub-grant to the City in the amount of \$118,525.00 from the US EPA RLF fund for the purpose of environmental cleanup and related activities at the Site, and

WHEREAS, the CRA, as the administrator of the City’s Brownfields Program, seeks the Board’s authorization to enter into a shared services agreement with the City of Camden to manage the US EPA RLF sub-grant and remedial activities at the Site, for a fee that will be negotiated with the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency, that the Agency is hereby authorized to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden to manage a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Revolving Loan Fund sub-grant in an amount of up to \$118,525.00 to be used for environmental cleanup and related activities at the City owned-site designated as Block 1302, Lot 2 of the City of Camden Tax Map and described as 1115 Chestnut Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interim Executive Director, a duly authorized representative of the Agency, is hereby authorized to execute a shared services agreement and other documents and take all actions and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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ON MOTION OF: **Gilbert Harden, Sr.**

SECONDED BY: **Derek Davis**

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

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Chairperson

ATTEST:



Olivette Simpson
Interim Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

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