

CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Economic Development/ Brownfields

Resolution No.: 09-14-22B

Resolution Title:

Resolution Authorizing a Subgrant to the City of Camden in an Amount of up to \$139,104.00 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the Environmental Remediation of the Elijah Perry Park Owned by the City of Camden and Designated as Block 544, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map

Project Summary:

- 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 subgrants to fund environmental cleanup of brownfield sites in Camden.
- EPA RLF program guidelines allow CRA to make subgrants to non-profits and other units of local government for eligible projects and uses. CRA is administrator of the City's Brownfield Program.
- The Elijah Perry Park Site is a City owned Park that is designated on the City of Camden Tax Map as Block 544, Lot 1 and located in the Centerville Redevelopment Area.
- Environmental assessment activities conducted at the Park Site indicate the presence of historic fill material requiring remediation.
- After site remediation is completed, construction of park improvements will be conducted. Funds for the Park improvements are in place.
- Project costs for removal of the contaminated soil material and for capping the site are estimated to be \$1,091,266.00 with actual costs to be determined upon acceptance of the lowest qualified bidder for the project.
- The EPA subgrant amount being requested is the maximum amount of funding that remains to be used for EPA subgrants on the current CRA EPA 2013 RLF Cooperative Agreement. This \$139,104.00 will be used to advance the project until other funding is secured and authorized from the state and federal sources.
- CRA has applied for a State Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) grant in the amount of \$799,700.00. Upon approval by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) of the pending HDSRF grant application for the project, a loan proposal will be presented to the Board of Commissioners. Previously, CRA has used RLF loans to bridge HDSRF funds to assure timely payments to contractors because of the length of time the state takes to disburse HDSRF funds.
- CRA by Resolution 06-08-22C authorized acceptance of an EPA RLF Brownfields Supplemental Grant award to the CRA for \$3.5 million. Upon receipt of the Cooperative Agreement from EPA, anticipated to be in place October 1, 2022, a second subgrant proposal for the Park will be presented to the Board, which will complete the overall funding sources needed for the remediation effort.
- CRA, as the administrator of the City's Brownfield Program, will also manage the EPA RLF subgrant and environmental services necessary for remediation at the Elijah Perry Park site. Authorization to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the City for these purposes is presented at this meeting as a Companion Resolution.

Purpose of Resolution:

To authorize a grant to the City of Camden.

Award Process:

N/A

Cost Not to Exceed:

\$139,104.00

Total Project Cost:

\$ 1,091,266.00

EPA RLF Subgrant (2013) \$ 139,104.00

HDSRF (Pending) \$799,700.00

EPA RLF Subgrant (2022) \$ 152,462.00

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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, to this end, CRA manages the Camden Brownfields Program on behalf of the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 08-07-13C, CRA 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 subgrants 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 subgrants to non-profits and other units of local government for eligible projects and uses; and

WHEREAS, the City owns a site designated as Block 544, Lot 1 on the City of Camden Tax Map, which is known as the Elijah Perry Park and is located in the Centerville Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, contaminated historic fill requiring remediation was determined to be present at the site; and

WHEREAS, funding is needed to remove and properly dispose of the contaminated soil and construct a protective cap at the site; and

WHEREAS, RLF funding in the form of a subgrant can be used for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, CRA, as the administrator of the City’s Brownfields Program, will also manage the RLF subgrant and remediation of the site and under a separate companion resolution, will seek authorization from the Board of Commissioners to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, RLF subgrant summary and recommendation was reviewed and approved by CRA’s Finance Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency, that the Agency is hereby authorized to make a subgrant to the City of Camden in an amount of up to \$139,104.00 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the purpose of environmental cleanup and related activities at the City owned-site designated as Block 544, Lot 1 on the City of Camden Tax Map and known as the Elijah Perry Park, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interim Executive Director, a duly authorized representative of the Agency, is hereby authorized to execute a grant 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: **Jose Javier Ramos**

COMMISSIONER	AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
Christopher Collins			X
Derek Davis			
Gilbert Harden, Sr.	X		
Tasha Gainey-Humphrey	X		
Ian K. Leonard	X		
Jose Javier Ramos	X		
Maria Sharma			X

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Chairperson

ATTEST:



Olivette Simpson
Interim Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

Mark P. Asselta

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