

CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Economic Development-Brownfields

Resolution No.: 09-14-22D

Resolution Title:

Resolution Authorizing an Application for and Acceptance of a Grant from the New Jersey Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund in an Amount Not to Exceed \$799,700.00 for Remedial Action at the Elijah Perry Park Site (Block 544, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map)

Project Summary:

- The Elijah Perry Park site is located on the northeast corner of Ferry Avenue and Phillips Street in the Centerville/Mt. Ephraim neighborhood and is designated as Block 544, Lot 1 on the City of Camden Tax Map.
- Elijah Perry Park is City-owned. This site is an active case with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Site Remediation Program (SRP).
- Based on environmental assessments conducted to date, site soils contained elevated levels of contamination meeting the definition of historic fill contamination.
- The site requires environmental remediation prior to being redeveloped as a signature park.
- The State of New Jersey provides grants for conducting environmental remediation of contaminated sites through the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF).
- The Camden Redevelopment Agency (CRA) has received notification that NJDEP has reviewed the technical aspects of an application for a grant for the Elijah Perry Park site and has recommended approval of the application.
- This Resolution authorizes CRA to apply for and accept a grant of \$799,700.00 from the HDSRF for Remedial Action activities at the Elijah Perry Park site.
- CRA has leveraged other stable funding sources to ensure project viability, to include a \$139,104.00 EPA Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Subgrant from CRA, and has identified additional funding sources to meet the HDSRF match requirement.
- This HDSRF grant covers up to 75% of requested funding for Remedial Action activities. The 25% match will be made up of two EPA RLF subgrants from CRA. An authorizing resolution for a subgrant to the City from existing RLF funds for \$139,104.00, is a before the Board of Commissioners at this meeting. The second subgrant of \$152,462.00 will be presented for action in October 2022 when EPA will award CRA new RLF supplementary funds of \$3.5 million.

Purpose of Resolution:

Authorize application for and acceptance of a grant.

Award Process:

N/A

Cost Not to Exceed:

HDSRF Grant (75% RA - \$799,700.00)

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Total Project Cost:

\$ 1,091,266.00

EPA RLF Subgrant (2013) \$139,104.00

HDRSF Grant (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, as part of CRA’s redevelopment duties, CRA manages the City of Camden Brownfield Program; and

WHEREAS, Elijah Perry Park is a City-owned park designated as Block 544, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map, located within the Centerville Redevelopment Area, that requires environmental remediation before the Park can be redeveloped; and

WHEREAS, the state Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) provides grants to municipalities and qualifying agencies for environmental investigation and remediation; and

WHEREAS, CRA has received notification that New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has reviewed the technical aspects of the HDSRF application for a grant for the Elijah Perry Park site and has recommended approval of the application; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution authorizes the CRA to apply for and accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$799,700.00 from the HDSRF for remedial actions at the Park site; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive plan exists specifically for the development or redevelopment of contaminated or potentially contaminated real property in the City of Camden’s Centerville neighborhood and a commitment exists that the Elijah Perry Park site will be developed or redeveloped within a three-year period from the completion of the remediation, and

WHEREAS, 75% of the Site’s estimated remediation cost will be covered by the HDSRF grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE, 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 to apply for and accept a state Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Grant for Remedial Action of the Elijah Perry Park site in an amount not to exceed \$799,700.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency meets the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation criteria for demonstrating a commitment to redevelopment of the site within three years from the completion of the remediation by virtue of the fact that other stable financial funding sources have been leveraged to include a \$139,104.00 EPA Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Subgrant from the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency, and another pending EPA Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Subgrant from the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency of \$152,462.00; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interim Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions and execute all grant documents, grant agreements and grant reports necessary to secure and administer the Grant and to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

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ON MOTION OF: **Maria Sharma**

SECONDED BY: **Christopher Collins**

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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