

CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Economic Development /Brownfields

Resolution No.: 11-09-22D

Resolution Title:

Resolution Authorizing a Sub-grant to the City of Camden in the Amount of \$152,462.00 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the Remediation of the Elijah Perry Park Owned by the City of Camden and Designated as Block 544, Lot 1 on the City of Camden Tax Map

Project Summary:

- In 2013 CRA, with a grant from the US 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 allows CRA to make sub-grants to non-profits and other units of local governmental for eligible projects and uses.
- In September 2022, CRA was awarded an additional grant from EPA to continue with the RLF program, which will allow for the funding of additional sub-grants and loans for Brownfield Sites within the City.
- CRA, under a Shared Services Agreement with the City, is conducting 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 (the "Park Site").
- Environmental assessment activities conducted at the Park Site determined that historic fill material requiring remediation is present.
- After site remediation is completed, construction of Park improvements will be conducted. Funds for the Park improvements are in place totaling \$2,226,889.00.
- Project costs for removal of the contaminated soil material and capping the site are estimated to be \$1,091,266 with actual costs to be determined upon acceptance of the lowest qualified bidder for the Project.
- CRA has secured funding in the amount of \$799,700 from the NJ Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) to pay for a portion of the remediation.
- CRA, by Resolution 09-14-22B, authorized an EPA RLF sub-grant to the City in the amount of \$139,104.00. This EPA RLF sub-grant request of \$152,462.00, together with the prior EPA RLF Sub-grant, meets the required match funding requirements for remediation of the Site.

Purpose of Resolution:

To authorize an EPA RLF sub-grant

Award Process:

N/A

Cost Not To Exceed:

N/A

Total Project Cost: \$1,091,266.00

Sources

US EPA RLF Sub-grant (2013)	\$ 139,104.00
US EPA RLF Sub-grant (2022)	\$ 152,462.00
HDSRF Grant (Awarded 2022)	<u>\$ 799,700.00</u>
Total Sources	\$ 1,091,266.00

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WHEREAS, the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency (the “CRA”) is charged with the duty of redeveloping 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 United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) to establish a Revolving Loan Fund and entered into EPA Cooperative Agreement 9628614-0; and

WHEREAS, CRA by Resolution 06-08-22C, applied for and accepted supplemental RLF Grant funding from EPA and entered into EPA Cooperative Agreement 96236900-0 (together with the above agreement the "Cooperative Agreements"); and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Agreements provide funding in the form of low to no-interest loans and sub-grants that may be made available to support environmental cleanup of Brownfield Sites in the City of Camden, and

WHEREAS, the EPA Brownfields RLF Program allows for a grant recipient to make sub-grants to non-profits and other units of local government for eligible projects and purposes; 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 (the “Park Site”) and is located in the Centerville Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, contaminated historic fill requiring remediation has been 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 Park Site; and

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

WHEREAS, CRA will manage the RLF sub-grant and remediation of the Site via a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden as authorized by Resolution 09-14-22A, and

WHEREAS, the Sub-grant Summary and Recommendation has been reviewed and approved by the CRA Finance Committee.

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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 sub-grant to the City of Camden in an amount not to exceed \$152,462.00 from the EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the purpose of environmental cleanup activities at the Elijah Perry Park Site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interim Executive Director, a duly authorized representative of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency, is hereby authorized and directed to execute a sub-grant agreement and other documents and take all actions necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

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

SECONDED BY: **Tasha Gainey-Humphrey**

COMMISSIONER	AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
Christopher Collins			X
Derek Davis	X		
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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