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

**Economic Development/ Brownfields** 

Resolution No.: 05-19-25A

## **Resolution Title:**

Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for the Management of Funding and Environmental Services for the Elijah Perry Park Designated as Block 544, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map in the Centerville Redevelopment Area

### **Project Summary:**

- The Elijah Perry Park Site, a 3.5-acre site, is designated as Block 544, Lot 1 and owned by the City • of Camden.
- Construction of significant improvements to the park were undertaken with a Choice Neighborhoods Initiatives Implementation (CNI) Grant awarded to the Housing Authority of the City of Camden ("HACC") and the City.
- Environmental assessment activities conducted at the Park Site indicated the presence of historic fill material requiring remediation. Remediation is being conducted in two phases and coordinated with construction of the improvements.
- An engineer's estimate for the cost of park improvements and environmental remediation activities • far exceeded the CNI and City Community Development Block grant funds currently available for the park improvement project.
- CRA, as the manager of the City's Brownfield Program, and the City entered into a Shared Services • Agreement for the CRA to secure, manage, and implement on behalf of the city funding agreements for remediation activities at the Elijah Perry Park Site.
- Project costs are for removal of the contaminated soil material and for capping the site are estimated to be a total \$1,091,266.00.
- The CRA was awarded a State Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund ("HDSRF") grant in • the amount of \$799,700.00 and provided up to \$500,000.00 in a RLF EPA RLF sub-grant to complete the overall funding needed for the remediation of the Park Site.
- Phase #1 is complete, and Phase #2 will be complete by the end of July. •
- It is necessary to extend the term of the Agreement with the City for two additional years. .

### **Purpose of Resolution:**

To authorize an amendment to a shared services agreement to extend the term

# **Award Process:**

N/A

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Cost Not To Exceed: TBD Total Project Costs: \$1,091,266.00

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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 the CRA's redevelopment duties, the CRA manages the City of Camden Brownfield Program including brownfield planning activities, applying for and managing grants for brownfield investigation and remediation, and contracting for associated professional services and remediation activities; and

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

WHEREAS, substantial improvements to the park were undertaken with a Choice Neighborhoods Initiatives Implementation ("CNI") Grant awarded to the Housing Authority of the City of Camden ("HACC") and the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, environmental assessment activities conducted at the park site indicated the presence of contaminated historic fill material requiring remediation to be conducted in coordination with construction of the park improvements; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the environmental remediation far exceeds the CNI and City Community Development Block grant funds currently available for the park improvement project; and

WHEREAS, CRA did secure the brownfield investigation, remediation and contracting for professional services required for the Site; and

WHEREAS, the City by Resolution MC-22:8652, adopted by Camden City Council on October 11, 2022 and CRA by Resolution # 09-14-22A, authorized the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the CRA to secure funds for the cleanup of the Elijah Perry Park Site and for management of the environmental funding; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to extend the term of the Shared Services Agreement for an additional two years to allow the use, and CRA's management of the brownfield funding to complete the remedial actions at the Site; and the term of the extension is through the earlier of September 30, 2027 or completion of the Project, as determined by NJDEP Technical Requirements for site remediation (N.J.A.C. 7:26E).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency that the Executive Director, a duly authorized representative of the Agency, is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into an amendment to a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden for the CRA to secure and manage brownfield and other funding and contract for environmental and professional services that extends the term of the agreement until the earlier of September 30, 2027 or completion of the remediation of the Elijah Perry Park designated as Block 544, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution

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**ON MOTION OF:** Jose Javier Ramos

**SECONDED BY:** Derek Davis

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

# Ian K. Leonard

Ian K. Leonard Chairperson

ATTEST:

Olivette Simpson Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

# Mark T. Asselta

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