

CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Economic Development/ Brownfields

Resolution No.: 04-12-23B

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 the Former Reliable Tire Site Designated as Block 1302, Lot 1 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, the 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, in a companion resolution, is being requested to authorize the Agency to make a Sub-Grant to the City in the amount of \$274,203.00 from the US EPA RLF fund for the purpose of environmental cleanup and related activities at the city-owned Reliable Tire site (Block 1302, Lot 1) (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, five underground storage tanks (“USTs”) were discovered at the Site; three of which are registered with the NJDEP and have been closed in place. The other two USTs need to be registered with the NJDEP and properly closed.
- Additional sampling conducted at the site indicates the presence of three soil “hot spot” areas of contamination that require excavation and disposal in order to comply with NJDEP requirements for site remediation.
- The Licensed Site Remediation Professional (“LSRP”) for the Site has recommended that all five USTs be removed and disposed of off-site and excavation and disposal of the hot spot areas of contamination.
- Estimated costs for these remedial activities are \$274,203.00 with actual costs to be determined upon acceptance of the lowest qualified bidder for the remediation project.
- 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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Purpose of Resolution:

To authorize a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden

Award Process:

N/A

Cost Not To Exceed:

\$274,203.00

Total Project Cost:

N/A

Source of Funds:

US EPA RLF Sub-Grant - \$274,203.00

HDSRF \$ 15,157.00

\$289,360.00

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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 Camden Brownfields Program on behalf of the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, 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 9628614; and

WHEREAS, CRA by Resolution 06-08-22C applied for and accepted an additional RLF Grant from EPA and entered into EPA Cooperative Agreement 96236900 (together with Cooperative Agreement 9628614, 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 conduct environmental cleanup of brownfield sites in the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, the EPA RLF program guidelines allows for a Grant recipient to make Sub-Grants to non-profits and other units of local government for eligible projects and uses in an amount of up to \$500,000 per site; and

WHEREAS, the City owns land designated as Block 1302, Lot 1 on the City of Camden Tax Map described as 1115 Chestnut Street in the Gateway Redevelopment Area (the “Site”); and

WHEREAS, CRA Board in a companion resolution, is being requested to authorize a Sub-Grant to the City in the amount of \$274,203.00 from the US EPA RLF fund for the purpose of environmental cleanup and related activities at the Site, and

WHEREAS, 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 \$ 274,203.00 to be used for environmental remediation and related activities at the City owned-site designated as Block 1302, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map and described as 1115 Chestnut Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interim 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: **Tasha Gainey-Humphrey**

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ATTEST:



Olivette Simpson
Interim Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

Mark P. Asselta

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