

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

**Economic Development/ Brownfields**

**Resolution No.: 12-19-23E**

**Resolution Title:**

**Resolution Amending Resolution 04-12-23C to Authorize an Increase in a Sub-grant from \$274,203.00 to \$500,000.00 to the City of Camden from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the Environmental Remediation of Block 1302, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map**

**Project Summary:**

- The former Reliable Tire Site (Block 1302, Lot 1) is City owned and located at 1115 Chestnut Street in the Gateway Redevelopment Area (the “Site”).
- The Site is approximately two acres in size and is zoned per the Gateway Redevelopment Plan as Office /Light Industrial.
- CRA assessment activities have identified five underground storage tanks (USTs) at the Site.
- Additional sampling conducted at the Site indicates that there are three soil “hot spot” areas of contamination that require excavation and disposal so as to comply with NJDEP requirements for site remediation.
- CRA authorized by Resolution 04-12-23C a \$155,678.00 an increase in the Sub-grant amount to a total amount of \$274,203.00 to address the USTs and the remediation of the soil hot spots.
- CRA issued an Invitation for Bid for the required work and the lowest responsible bid received was substantially higher than the engineer’s estimate.
- The actual costs for removal of the USTs and for addressing the contaminated soil hot spot areas will exceed the current amount of the Sub-grant awarded for this Site and requires an increase in the Sub-grant by the additional amount of \$225,797.00.
- The CRA, as the administrator of the City’s Brownfield Program, will also manage the EPA RLF Sub-grant for remediation at the Reliable Tire Site.

**Purpose of Resolution:**

To amend Resolution 04-12-23C to increase the RLF EPA Sub-grant award to the City of Camden to the amount of \$500,000

**Award Process:**

N/A

**Cost Not To Exceed:**

\$500,000

**Total Project Cost:**

\$500,000

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Revised Source of Funds:

EPA RLF Sub-grant                   \$ 500,000.00

Revised Uses of Funds:

LSRP and Reporting                 \$ 50,583.00

**Remediation Contractor         \$ 325,356.00**

NJDEP UST Registration           \$ 7,100.00

NJDEP Remediation Fees         \$ 5,000.00

Owners Rep                         \$ 45,000.00

CRA Fee                             \$ 50,000.00

Contingency                        \$ 16,961.00

\$500,000.00

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**Resolution Amending Resolution 04-12-23C to Authorize an Increase in a Sub-grant from \$274,203.00 to \$500,000.00 to the City of Camden from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the Environmental Remediation of Block 1302, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map**

**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 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 the CRA by Resolution 06-08-22C applied for and accepted an additional RLF Grant from EPA and entered into EPA Cooperative Agreement 96236900 (together 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 \$500,000.00 per site; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Site requires environmental remediation including the removal of underground storage tanks and contaminated soil; and

**WHEREAS**, CRA authorized by Resolution 04-12-23C an amendment to increase the Sub-grant award to the City of Camden to \$274,203.00 under Cooperative Agreement 96236900 in part to address the additional soil contamination present at the Site; and

**WHEREAS**, CRA issued an Invitation for Bid on October 18, 2023 and the lowest responsible bid received was \$325,356.00 which is substantially higher than the engineer’s estimate to address the soil contamination at the Site; and

**WHEREAS**, the EPA program guidelines allow for award of a Sub-grant in an amount of up to \$500,000.00 for such purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the additional funding amount of \$225,797.00 is available through EPA Cooperative Agreement 96236900 for a total Sub-grant of \$500,000 for the Site; and

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**WHEREAS**, CRA, as the administrator of the City's Brownfields Program, will also manage the Sub-grant and remediation of the Site through a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden, and

**WHEREAS**, the additional Sub-grant amount recommendation was reviewed and approved by the CRA Finance Committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency that Resolution 04-12-23C is hereby amended to increase the amount of the Sub-grant to the City of Camden from \$274,203.00 to \$500,000.00 from the U.S. EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Funds, pursuant to Cooperative Agreements 9628614 and 96236900 for the purpose of environmental remediation and related activities at the City owned-site designated as Block 1302, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map, 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: **Derek Davis**

SECONDED BY: **Tasha Gainey-Humphrey**


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

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Ian K. Leonard  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Olivette Simpson  
Interim Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

*Mark P. Asselta*

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Mark P. Asselta, Esq.  
Board Counsel