

CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Economic Development/Brownfields

Resolution No.: 12-19-23G

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 \$652,742.50 for Environmental Assessment and Investigation of Certain Properties in the Federal Street Corridor Designated as Block 116, Lot 15; Block 1181 Lot 1; Block 1182, Lots 5 & 21; Block 1208, Lot 4 and Block 1210, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map

Project Summary:

- The Federal Street Corridor of Camden includes five properties in the Federal Street Corridor of Camden and designated as Block 116, Lot 15; Block 1181 Lot 1; Block 1182, Lots 5 & 21; Block 1208, Lot 4 and Block 1210, Lot 1 on the City of Camden Tax Map.
- Based on environmental assessments conducted to date, the properties are at various stages in the assessment phase of site remediation.
- The Corridor in its entirety encompasses more than 10 acres and all of the targeted sites are publicly owned, vacant properties with potential for redevelopment.
- Three of five sites have outstanding environmental issues and include active cases with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Site Remediation Program (SRP).
- The sites require environmental remediation prior to being redeveloped.
- The State of New Jersey provides grants for conducting environmental assessment of contaminated sites through the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF). HDSRF funds will be used to investigate and delineate impacts from former site operations.
- The CRA has received notification that New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has reviewed the technical aspects of an application for a grant for Environmental Assessment and Investigation at five properties and has recommended approval of the application.
- This resolution authorizes the CRA to apply for and accept a grant of \$652,742.50 from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) for Preliminary Assessment, Site Investigation and/or Remedial Investigation activities at five properties in the Federal Street Corridor.
- The HDSRF grant covers up to 100% of requested funding for Environmental Assessment and Investigation activities.

Purpose of Resolution:

Authorize application for and acceptance of a grant.

Award Process:

N/A

Cost Not To Exceed:

\$652,742.50

Total Project Cost:

TBD

Source of Funds:

HDSRF Grant (100% PA/SI/RI)

TOTAL: \$652,742.50

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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; and

WHEREAS, Federal Street Corridor is a publicly-owned site that requires remediation before being 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, the CRA has received notification that New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has reviewed the technical aspects of the HDSRF application for a grant for the site and has recommended approval of the application; and

WHEREAS, this resolution authorizes the CRA to apply for and accept a grant of \$652,742.50 from the HDSRF for preliminary assessment (PA), site investigation (SI), and remedial investigation (RI) tasks at the site, and

WHEREAS, 100% of the projects estimated PA, SI, and RI costs will be covered by the HDSRF grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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 Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Grant for PA, SI, and RI tasks at the Federal Street Corridor site in an amount not to exceed \$652,742.50; 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 the CRA is petitioning the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to modify the existing Cramer Hill Brownfield Development Area (BDA) to add additional sites to the BDA, including those in the Federal Street Corridor and listed herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed BDA Sites were selected with the intent of ensuring consistency with the Cramer Hill Redevelopment Plan, Cramer Hill Now Neighborhood Plan, and My East Camden Neighborhood Plan; and

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

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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: Christopher Collins

SECONDED BY: Tasha Gainey-Humphrey

COMMISSIONER	AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
Christopher Collins	X		
Derek Davis	X		
Gilbert Harden, Sr.			
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

Mark P. Asselta, Esq.
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