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ORDINANCE

APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH LIFTFUND, INC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,385,000 FOR ADMINISTRATION OF CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S SMALL BUSINESS CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM. FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FROM THE FY2025 GENERAL FUND ADOPTED BUDGET.

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WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio ("City") recognizes that major construction projects in commercial corridors often negatively impact local, small businesses; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2022, the City dedicated resources to support businesses impacted by City-initiated construction, providing supplemental grant funding to businesses in construction corridors through the COVID-19 Impact Grant Program and allocating a total of \$1.85 Million in American Rescue Plan Act funding through the COVID/Construction Recovery Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City contracted with Liftfund, Inc ("Liftfund") for administration of the federally funded grant programs; and

WHEREAS, in addition to grants, in 2023, the City created the Construction Mitigation Program (the "Program") to provide support tools to impacted small businesses, such as digital consulting services, Visit San Antonio membership, and marketing services to increase foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, through the FY2025 budget, City Council allocated \$1.9 Million to the Program, which includes \$1.4 Million for continuation of grant support; and

WHEREAS, staff now recommends an agreement with LiftFund to provide \$1,200,000 in funding for direct grant assistance to eligible small businesses and \$185,000 to Liftfund for administration services. **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The terms and conditions of an agreement with Liftfund, Inc in an amount not to exceed \$1,385,000 in connection with the City of San Antonio's Small Business Construction Grant Program. A copy of the agreement is attached to this Ordinance as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 2. The City Manager or designee is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Liftfund, Inc.

SECTION 3. Funding in the amount of \$1,385,000.00 for this ordinance is available in Fund 11001000, Cost Center 1602040001 and General Ledger 5201040 as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget approved by City Council.

SECTION 4. Payment in the amount up to \$1,385,000 is authorized to LiftFund and should be encumbered with a purchase order.

SECTION 5. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific Cost Centers, WBS Elements, Internal Orders, General Ledger Accounts, and Fund Numbers as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of April, 2024.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

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