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AN ORDINANCE

**APPROVING AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR DISTRIBUTION OF
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES,
ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR SUCH FUNDING, AND AUTHORIZING AN
AGREEMENT WITH LIFTFUND FOR COVID IMPACT GRANT PROGRAM
ADMINISTRATION.**

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WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”), to provide an estimated \$350 billion in emergency funding directly to state and local governments to support the nation’s recovery from the health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2022, the City Council of San Antonio approved a spending framework for Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received by the City of San Antonio under ARPA, which included \$30.9 million for small businesses; and

WHEREAS, May 24, 2022. the Economic Development Department presented a proposed implementation plan for utilization of ARPA funds to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on San Antonio small businesses to EWDC, as recommended by the Small Business Advisory Commission (the “SBAC”) at its May 10, 2022 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the proposed implementation plan included an allocation of funds toward a COVID Impact Grants Program (“the Program”) targeting small businesses in industries especially impacted by the adverse effects of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, after requesting a second review of funding allocations and categories by the SBAC, EWDC held a special meeting in which they recommended that staff move forward for consideration by the full City Council the Implementation Plan, COVID Impact Grant Program criteria and an agreement with LiftFund, Inc to administer the grant program; and

WHEREAS, City Council approval is now necessary to begin the Implementation Plan for the distribution of ARPA funds to San Antonio small businesses. **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. An Implementation Plan for the distribution of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on Small Businesses is hereby approved. A copy of the Implementation Plan in substantially final form is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which may be amended by the City Manager or his designee as needed.

SECTION 3. The terms and conditions of an Subrecipient Agreement with Liftfund, Inc in the amount of \$18,360,000 for the administration of a COVID Impact Grant Program, are hereby approved. A copy of the agreement is attached hereto in substantially final form as **Exhibit B**.

SECTION 3. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to execute the Subrecipient Agreement in accordance with this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. RESERVED FOR FINANCIAL LANGUAGE

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 shall be effective upon passage by eight affirmative votes; otherwise it shall be effective on the tenth day after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of June, 2022.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney

ATTACHMENT A

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