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MAYOR

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The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Enclosed for consideration by the Council is the "Streetscape Business Development Relief Expansion Emergency Amendment Act of 2020," the "Streetscape Business Development Relief Expansion Temporary Amendment Act of 2020," and the "Streetscape Business Development Relief Expansion Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020." This legislation will allow Main Streets Program organizations to be recipients of funds available in the Streetscape Business Development Relief Fund. Emergency legislation is necessary to ensure that businesses currently affected by development projects in their neighborhoods are able to receive funds as soon as possible.

The District's 24 independent, nonprofit neighborhood Main Street programs revitalize communities by retaining and recruiting businesses, improving commercial properties and streetscapes, and attracting consumers. Leaders in these neighborhood organizations assist businesses and coordinate sustainable community-driven revitalization efforts in their neighborhoods.

The Streetscape Fund currently only provides financial relief, in the form of interest-free loans and grants, directly to local for-profit businesses impacted by adjoining District streetscape construction, capital infrastructure, or rehabilitation projects. Including Main Streets non-profit programs as eligible Streetscape Fund recipients would afford them the ability to then receive grants and disburse Streetscape funds for eligible for-profit businesses thereby streamlining the process by which Main Streets distressed businesses can quickly receive much-needed assistance.

I urge the Council to take prompt and favorable action on the enclosed legislation.

Sincerely,

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Muriel Bowser

Enclosures

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Chairman Phil Mendelson
At the request of the Mayor

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on a temporary basis, the Streetscape Fund Amendment Act of 2010 to allow nonprofit neighborhood District Main Streets Program organizations, in addition to local business owners, to be recipients of Streetscape Business Development funding in the form of interest-free loans or grants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Streetscape Business Development Relief Expansion Temporary Amendment Act of 2020”.

Sec. 2. Section 603 of Streetscape Fund Amendment Act of 2010, effective April 8, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-370; D.C. Code § 1–325.191), is amended as follows:

(a) Subsection (c) is amended to read as follows:

“(c) If the District undertakes a streetscape construction, capital infrastructure or rehabilitation project, the Mayor, in his or her sole discretion, may make interest-free loans or issue grants from the Fund to any District Main Streets Program organization, or individual or entity that operates a retail business within project boundaries inside or adjoining the streetscape construction, capital infrastructure or rehabilitation project. To obtain a loan or grant, a District Main Streets Program organization, or individual or entity operating a retail business that operates within or adjoining streetscape, capital infrastructure or rehabilitation project

31 boundaries shall submit an application in the form, and with the information, that the Mayor
32 shall require. The Mayor shall determine the terms and conditions of each loan or grant based
33 upon the application submitted by the District Main Streets Program organization, or individual
34 or entity operating a retail business within or adjoining project boundaries; provided, that the
35 term of a loan or grant issued pursuant to this section shall not exceed five (5) years after the
36 termination of the streetscape construction, capital infrastructure, or rehabilitation project.”.

37 Sec. 3. Fiscal Impact Statement

38 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
39 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
40 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

41 Sec. 4. Effective Date

42 (a) The act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
43 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review
44 as provided in section 602(c)(1) the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
45 24, 1973, (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
46 Columbia Register.

47 (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

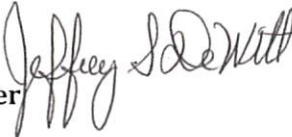
Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



Jeffrey S. DeWitt
Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: March 4, 2020

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Streetscape Business Development Relief
Expansion Emergency Amendment Act of 2020

REFERENCE: Draft Bill as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on February 19,
2020

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.¹

Background

The Streetscape Business Development Relief Fund (Fund)² is managed by the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD). DSLBD is authorized to issue loans and grants out of the Fund to businesses whose operations are disrupted by District streetscape construction, rehabilitation projects, and other capital infrastructure projects and who are located adjacent to, or within, the project area.

The bill expands the eligible recipients of loans and grants to include District Main Streets organizations.³

¹ A permanent version of this bill was introduced on November 22, 2019 (Bill 23-557) and is currently under consideration by the Council.

² Streetscape Fund Amendment Act of 2010, effective April 8, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-370; D.C. Official Code § 1-325.191).

³ <https://dslbd.dc.gov/service/DCMS>

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

FIS: "Streetscape Business Development Relief Expansion Emergency Amendment Act of 2019," Draft Bill as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on February 19, 2020

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Including District Main Streets organizations as eligible recipients of grants and loans does not have a cost. Total grants and loans that can be made will be limited to resources available in the Fund, however.

The Fund has approximately \$48,000 in available resources that were not certified in the fiscal year 2020 budget. The Mayor must initiate a budget action to expend these and any future revenues received into the Fund from loan repayments.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Attorney General



ATTORNEY GENERAL
KARL A. RACINE



Legal Counsel Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ronan Gulstone
Director
Office of Policy & Legislative Affairs

FROM: Brian K. Flowers
Deputy Attorney General
Legal Counsel Division

DATE: February 21, 2020

SUBJECT: Legal Sufficiency Review of Draft Bills, "Streetscape Business Development Relief Expansion Temporary Amendment Act of 2020," "Streetscape Business Development Relief Expansion Emergency Amendment Act of 2020," and the Accompanying Emergency Declaration Resolution (AE-20-103)

This is to Certify that this Office has reviewed the above-referenced draft bills and found them to be legally sufficient. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 724-5524.


Brian K. Flowers