

A RESOLUTION

23-535

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 6, 2020

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to establish the Business Support Grant program to provide eligible businesses financial support to aid in their recovery from the public health emergency.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Business Support Grants Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) On July 7, 2020, the Council passed the Business Support Grants Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective August 7, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-0347; 67 DCR 9394) (“emergency act”), which expires on October 24, 2020.

(b) On July 7, 2020, the Council passed the Business Support Grants Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, enacted on August 12, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-0401; 67 DCR 9951) (“temporary act”), which is undergoing congressional review required by section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and is projected to take effect November 16, 2020, after the emergency legislation has expired.

(c) This emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the effective date of the temporary act.

(e) Emergency legislation is needed to ensure that local small and disadvantaged firms are provided with immediate financial assistance amidst the ongoing public health emergency.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Business Support Grants Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.