

A RESOLUTION

24-8

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 5, 2021

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to immediately clarify grantor agencies' obligation to maintain sole source justifications and final agency justifications related to the selection of grantees and to produce such documents upon request of the Mayor or a member of the Council.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Government Grant Transparency Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021".

Sec. 2. (a) On September 21, 2020, the Council passed the Government Grant Transparency Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective October 15, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-420; 67 DCR 12263) ("emergency act"), which expires on January 12, 2021. The emergency act makes necessary clarifications to section 1095(2)(A) of the Grant Administration Act of 2013, effective December 24, 2013 (D.C. Law 20-61; D.C. Official Code § 1-328.14(2)(A)), to permit the Council to request, and promptly receive, the sole source justifications and final agency justifications for grants the Council authorizes agencies to issue.

(b) On October 6, 2020, the Council passed the Government Grant Transparency Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, enacted on November 4, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-0460; 67 DCR 13230) ("temporary act"), which is undergoing congressional review.

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

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 Government Grant Transparency Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2021 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.