

A RESOLUTION

24-684

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 1, 2022

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Act of 2012 to provide that up to 7% of grant funds may be used to administer the Small Business Relief Grant Program.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Small Business Relief Grant Program Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. (a) The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (“DMPED”) has \$8 million in Fiscal Year 2023 funding to support the Small Business Relief Grant Program.

(b) As in prior years, DMPED plans to partner with a third-party grant managing entity to manage the Small Business Relief Grant Program.

(c) DMPED’s current grant making authority allows for up to 2% of funding for the Small Business Relief Grant Program to be used to cover administrative costs associated with administering the grant program.

(d) The Small Business Relief Grant Program is open to a wide variety of businesses, including brick and mortar and sole proprietors.

(e) Experience from prior grants indicates that businesses require extensive assistance to be grant ready and a substantial amount of effort is required to review applications, determine awards, and ensure compliance with grant requirements after award.

(f) Dedicating 2% of funds to cover administrative costs is not sufficient to cover the amount of work required to administer these funds. An increase in the cap to 7% to administer the Small Business Relief Grant Program is necessary.

(g) Emergency action is necessary to ensure that DMPED has the administrative funds needed to select a grant administrator and launch the Small Business Relief Grant Program in a timely manner this fall.

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 Small Business Relief Grant Program Emergency Amendment Act of 2022 be adopted on an emergency basis.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.