

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED WAY OF FORSYTH COUNTY TO ADMINISTER THE CITY'S RECOVERY GRANTS PROGRAM FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFITS

WHEREAS, the City of Winston-Salem accepted \$51,732,071 in Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF) of H.R. 1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) from the U.S. Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Treasury will disburse the allocation in two tranches and has already disbursed the first tranche of said funds in the amount of \$25,866,035.50; and

WHEREAS, the CLFRF Interim Final Rule, 31 CFR Part 35, provides that funds may be used to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, non-profits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a negative impact on small businesses and non-profits, especially those in communities of color, which weathered closures and sharp declines in revenue and many were forced to shut down; and

WHEREAS, the City Council appropriated \$3 million of the CLFRF to create a Recovery Grants Program for Small Businesses and Non-Profits, specifically for those hardest hit by the pandemic, that are in arrears on mortgage, rent, lease, and/or utility payments; and

WHEREAS, the Budget and Performance Management Department sought proposals from qualified organizations to administer the Recovery Grants Program for Small Businesses and Non-profits; and

WHEREAS, City staff reviewed the proposals based on three criteria: organization's qualifications (50 percent), program administration plan (30 percent), and capacity to administer program (20 percent); and

WHEREAS, the proposal from the United Way of Forsyth County (UWFC) outlined the organization's experience working with diverse partners to solve community-level issues, leading successful projects including the COVID-19 Response Fund for Forsyth County, serving as the FEMA administrator for Forsyth and Davie County projects, and managing approximately \$4.7 million in federal grants annually, which requires that UWFC undergo both an annual internal audit and external federal audit; and

WHEREAS, the UWFC's Community Planning and Investment Department led by the Chief Impact Officer will lead and administer the Recovery Grants with support from the UWFC Finance Department at an estimated administrative cost of \$8,500 per month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Winston-Salem City Council hereby authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with United Way of Forsyth County, to administer the City's Recovery Grants Program for Small Businesses and Non-Profits at a total cost not to exceed \$50,950 for a term of up to six months.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is effective upon adoption.