


**REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION 28-2020 - A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO REFLECT THE APPROVAL OF A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PHASE TWO OF THE BUSINESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM**

- PUBLIC HEARING  
 BIDS/MOTIONS  
 RESOLUTIONS

- ORDINANCES FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> READING  
 ORDINANCES FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

QUASI-JUDICIAL:       YES                       NO

  
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City Manager

**ISSUE:**

The impact of COVID-19 on American businesses has increased dramatically over the last two months as state and local governments order mandatory shut-downs and ‘shelter in place’ orders, further complicating operations for businesses already impacted by COVID-19. The City has recently distributed \$250,000 in grants to ninety-nine Wheat Ridge businesses through the Business Stabilization Program. The City will receive federal funding from the CARES Act, through Jefferson County, which is authorized to be used for business recovery grant programs. This federal funding will enable the City to provide an additional \$250,000 for phase two of the Business Stabilization Program.

**PRIOR ACTION:**

At the March 20, 2020 Special City Council meeting, City Council provided direction to staff “to come up with an amount of money that they are able to provide as a financial package to support small businesses directly impacted by public health order 20-22 while taking into consideration

the City’s forecast discussed by the City Manager and the shortfall the City will also be experiencing.”

City Council approved funding in the amount of \$250,000 on March 30, 2020 for phase one of a business recovery grant program. Those funds have been distributed to ninety-nine local Wheat Ridge businesses through the Business Stabilization Program.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The City will receive \$2,463,142 in CARES Act federal funding through Jefferson County. The funds can only be used for eligible expenses in compliance with the CARES Act and:

1. are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
2. were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020, for the Local Government; and
3. were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020 (collectively, “Eligible Expenses”).

Recent guidance from the U.S. Department of the Treasury provides that “eligible expenditures may include expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures.”

**BACKGROUND:**

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus, and like other respiratory illnesses, is transmitted through person-to-person contact or by contact with surfaces contaminated with the virus. Persons infected with COVID-19 may become symptomatic anywhere from two to fourteen days after exposure. Symptoms include fever, cough or shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. Individuals with serious chronic health conditions and older adults are most at risk for becoming very ill with this disease. As of May 7, 2020, there were 17,830 positive cases of COVID-19 in Colorado and 1,507 in Jefferson County.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has recommended community mitigation strategies such as social distancing measures in order to protect the public’s health. One area of concern for possible transmission of disease is when large numbers of people gather. The CDC has issued guidance concerning the factors to consider when determining whether to hold an event or gathering, and the White House has recommended limiting mass gatherings to no more than (10) persons. The CDC defines a mass gathering as “a planned or spontaneous event with a large number of people in attendance that could strain the planning and response resources of the community hosting the event, such as a concert, festival, conference, or sporting event.”

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff recommends that City Council approve a budget supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$250,000 to fund a phase two Business Stabilization Program. In addition, staff recommends reconvening the original grant committee to evaluate grant applications and disburse the phase two funding to Wheat Ridge businesses.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

“I move to approve Resolution No. 28-2020, a resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2020 General Fund Budget to reflect the approval of a supplemental budget appropriation in the amount of \$250,000 for the purpose of funding phase two of the Business Stabilization Program.”

Or,

“I move to table indefinitely Resolution No. 28-2020, a resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2020 General Fund Budget to reflect the approval of a supplemental budget appropriation in the amount of \$250,000 for the purpose of funding phase two of the Business Stabilization Program for the following reason(s)\_\_\_\_\_.”

**REPORT PREPARED BY:**

Patrick Goff, City Manager

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Resolution No. 28-2020

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO  
RESOLUTION NO. 28  
Series of 2020**

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**WHEREAS**, the Wheat Ridge Charter requires that amendments to the budget be effected by the City Council adopting a resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, Wheat Ridge City Council acknowledges the hardship imposed by the COVID-19 emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council recognizes the importance and significance of small businesses to the health and vitality of Wheat Ridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds that assistance is necessary to support businesses during this time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council wishes to establish and fund a business recovery program for eligible businesses within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, insufficient appropriations in the 2020 Budget exist to cover this program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Wheat Ridge City Council, that:

Section 1. A transfer of \$250,000 is hereby approved from the General Fund undesignated reserves to account 01-610-700-777 and the 2020 revenues are amended accordingly.

**DONE AND RESOLVED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

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Bud Starker, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Steve Kirkpatrick, City Clerk

**ATTACHMENT 1**