

RESOLUTION NO. 20-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROYAL CITY
ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM IN
RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
OUTBREAK USING THE CITY'S CARES ACT FUNDING
ALLOCATION FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

RECITALS:

1. Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05 on February 29, 2020, which declared a State of Emergency for all counties throughout Washington State as a result of the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic outbreak.

2. Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25, "Stay Home, Stay Healthy," on March 23, 2020, which was amended on April 2, 2020, on May 4, 2020 (Proclamation 20-25.3), and again on July 7, 2020 (Proclamation 20-25.6) to prohibit all people in Washington State from leaving their homes or participating in social, spiritual and recreational gatherings of any kind regardless of the number of participants, and all non-essential businesses in Washington State from conducting business, within the limitations therein, through August 6, 2020.

3. On April 07, 2020, the Royal City City Council declared a public health emergency in Royal City arising from the COVID-19 outbreak.

4. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak.

5. Section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"), and the CARES Act established the Coronavirus Relief Fund (the "Fund") and appropriated \$150 billion to the Fund to be used to make payments for specified uses to States and certain local governments.

6. The City of Royal City has been notified by the Washington State Department of Commerce that its share of the Fund will be approximately \$103,275.00, and that such funds may only be used for certain uses as provided in the CARES Act, including but not limited to:

- Expenses associated with COVID-19 testing, contact tracing and emergency housing required for those persons needing to be isolated or quarantined;
- Expenditures are necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19, including purchases such as personal protective equipment, sanitation or similar supplies;
- The provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse for the costs of business interruption caused by closures;
- Consumer grants to prevent eviction assist in preventing homelessness;
- Emergency financial assistance to individuals and families directly impacted by a loss of income due to the COVID-19 outbreak;

- To assist utility account holders facing economic hardship resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak;
- The costs of increased workers compensation coverage for first responders;
- Subsidize payments by utility account holders who are facing economic hardships so they may continue to receive essential utility services;
- Paying for unemployment insurance costs incurred by the City as an employer;
- Expenses of providing paid sick and paid family and medical leave to public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions; and
- Any other purpose authorized under federal or state law.

7. The City has not yet committed payment of any of the CARES Act funding.

8. Disruptions to workers and small businesses are serious, as small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and provide the foundation of employment, services for the community, and revenue for cities and other public agencies to continue to provide essential services for the public welfare and benefit.

9. Citizens who have lost their primary source of income may be unable to afford to stay home or practice social distancing which could have a negative impact on the public's health.

10. The Royal City City Council recognizes that one of its essential functions is to secure the health and welfare of Royal City's citizens.

11. Resources are necessary to help small businesses survive and certain small businesses reasonably require public aid in order to survive.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Royal City:

Section 1. The "Whereas" provisions set forth above are hereby incorporated in this Resolution as findings in support of the actions authorized in this Resolution.

Section 2. The City Council hereby authorizes the formation of a City Council subcommittee to determine how the City's CARES Act funding should be distributed, and the requirements, application, review and distribution of such funds (the "CARES Act Funding Subcommittee"). The subcommittee shall consist of one councilmember, the Mayor, and the Finance Director.

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Section 3. The CARES Act Funding Subcommittee shall also evaluate and recommend to City Council a process for distribution of the City's CARES Act funding.

Section 4. The CARES Act Funding Subcommittee shall report back to City Council at its earliest opportunity for review and approval of the subcommittee's recommendations for those items listed in Section 2.

Section 5. The City Clerk is authorized and instructed to establish a Coronavirus Relief Fund, Fund No. in which all CARES Act funds shall be deposited and from which all CARES Act funds shall be withdrawn in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 6. The provisions of this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption and shall continue until further formal action of the City Council.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Royal City, Washington, this 15th day of September, 2020.

P. Kent Andersen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shilo Christensen, Finance Director