

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 015

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) FUNDING BY PAYMENT OF A THIRD ROUND OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS LICENSED BY OR REGISTERED WITH THE CITY OF POWDER SPRINGS AND IMPACTED BY COVID-19, BY PAYMENT OF A SECOND ROUND OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO THE CENTER FOR FAMILY RESOURCES TO ASSIST CERTAIN RESIDENTS WITH UTILITY, RENT, MORTGAGE NEEDS AND BY PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR USE IN PROVIDING CITY RESIDENTS FRESH GROCERIES THROUGH A FOOD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CARES FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR TECHNOLOG AND EQUIPMENT TO COMPLETE ADDITIONAL WORK AT THE MUNICIPAL COURT TO FACILITATE VIRTUAL OR REMOTE ACCESS TO COURT SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, subsequent to the World Health Organization's declaration that COVID-19 was a world health emergency and a global pandemic, the declaration of a National Public Health Emergency for the United States on March 13, 2020, and the declaration a State Public Health Emergency in Georgia on March 14, 2020, Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which provides over \$2 trillion in economic relief for Americans adversely impacted by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Cobb County ("the County") was a recipient of funding from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, and the Governor has encouraged it to allocate funds to the cities within Cobb County on a per capita basis and allocated a portion of its CARES Act Funding in the amount of \$805,038.30 to the City of Powder Springs ("the City") for necessary expenditures incurred due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the City agreed to accept said funds for necessary expenditures incurred due to COVID-19 related to technological and facility programs to support social distancing and remote access to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, to support City-licensed businesses and nonprofits impacted by COVID-19 and to support utility or rent or other public programming assistance for City residents impacted by COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the City received its final payment from Cobb County in December covering its eligible expenses and the City desires to use these dollars to provide a third round of grants to businesses and nonprofits, a second round utility and rent or mortgage assistance to City residents and assistance for the provision of fresh groceries;

WHEREAS, the City desires to use the funds previously allocated to technology equipment and fixtures to provide additional devices and services to the municipal court to facilitate virtual court and remote access as required of the court;

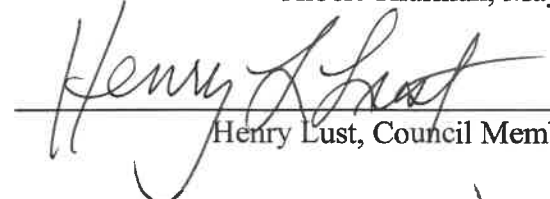
WHEREAS, the City anticipates a balance of approximately \$20,000 remaining upon completion of the additional services and programs authorized by this resolution and will determine at a subsequent meeting the appropriate use of these funds for purposes related to COVID-19;

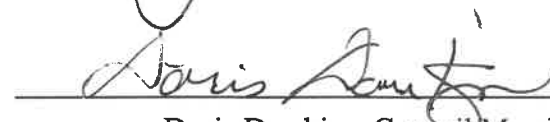
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Powder Springs that as a result of COVID-19 it approves and authorizes the distribution of an additional \$50,000 in the third round of grants to qualifying businesses and nonprofits under the City's small business grant program, an additional \$50,000 in a second round of utility and housing assistance through the Center for Family Resources, an amount of \$50,000 for fresh groceries through a food management program, use of the remaining equipment and fixtures dollars for additional work at the municipal court as required by the court system to provide virtual or remote access to the courts, and the funding of \$20,000 for purposes related to COVID-19 to be determined at a subsequent date. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

SO RESOLVED this 19th day of January, 2021.

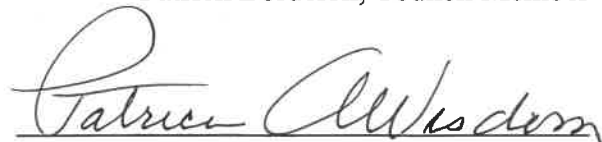

Albert Thurman, Mayor

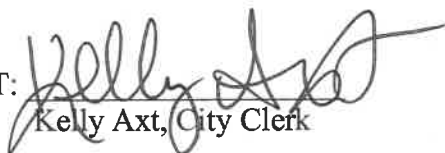

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