

RESOLUTION NO. 935

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS TO THE UNIVERSITY PLACE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, in Resolution 924, as amended by Resolutions 927, 928 and 933 (for ease of reference, referred to simply as "Resolution 924"), the City of University Place accepted funding available from the Washington State Department of Commerce, the sum of \$992,700.00 and a supplemental amount of \$496,350.00 from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and set forth criterion available for the funding of the same; and

WHEREAS, following its passage, the need for further technical corrections have been identified with the implementation of the City's CARES funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The following portions of Resolution 924, as amended, are further amended as follows:

A. Section 3(A)(2) is deleted and replaced with the following:

One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) together with such other monies as may be otherwise unallocated to other programs as the City Manager deems appropriate, to the COVID-19 Human Services Stabilization Program. From these amounts, the following additional expenditures are authorized:

a. an amount, not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), may be allocated to nonprofit corporations who have demonstrated a direct impact related to COVID-19 and who provide human services to the University Place community, with a maximum grant amount of \$3,000.00. The criterion generally applicable, excluding compliance with the City's business licensing requirements, to the COVID-19 City Business Relief Funds Program are applicable to an award of funds under this subsection;

b. An amount not exceeding a total of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) may be allocated from this Program to one or more nonprofit corporations with a demonstrated commitment towards serving the human services needs of University Place residents for the purposes of ensuring food stability and other related human services impacts presented by COVID-19 within the City of University Place during the course of this emergency.

B. Exhibit B under that section identified as Paragraph 2 "Additional Criteria for Rental Assistance:" is amended as follows:

Duration of assistance per residence will not exceed 9 months' worth of rent.
A version of Exhibit B reflecting this edit is attached hereto.

Section 2. Retroactive Ratification of Actions Taken. Any and all actions taken by the City Manager or City staff related to the Programs outlined herein that occurred prior to the authorization provided in this Resolution are hereby ratified and approved.

Section 3. General Provisions.

A. This Resolution shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of funding.

B. This Resolution is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the City of University Place, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.


Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 19, 2020.



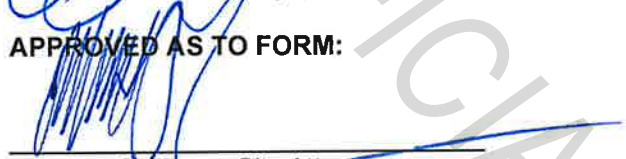
Caroline Belleci, Mayor

ATTEST:



Emeña J. Genetia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Matthew S. Kaser, City Attorney

EXHIBIT B
COVID-19 HUMAN SERVICES STABILIZATION PROGRAM
SECOND AMENDED GRANT CRITERIA & PROCEDURES

To assist University Place-based residents, the City of University Place is committing funding to the COVID-19 University Place Human Services Stabilization Grant Program, an emergency fund that provides grants to qualifying residents. These grants shall be used for rental assistance, utility assistance and childcare. The following are the criteria for financial support:

Criteria for All Grant Programs:

1. The applicant must live within the city limits of the City of University Place as of March 16, 2020 and continuing through the date of application.
2. The applicant must certify that they have sustained a substantial loss of income due to COVID-19 and that the funds used from one or more of the programs below is necessary to address the direct impacts of COVID-19. This may be verified by proof of documentation.
3. The maximum available for a residence is \$10,000.00.

Additional Criteria for Rental Assistance:

1. The applicant must certify that they have not intentionally withheld rent from their landlord.
2. Duration of assistance per residence will not exceed 9 months' worth of rent.
3. Amount of assistance will be the difference between the contract rent and 15% of the applicant's monthly income. Applicant will be required to pay the equivalent of 15% of his or her current monthly income. The remainder will be covered by the rental supplement assistance program, up to a maximum amount of \$ 10,000.00 per residence or 70% monthly contract rent, whichever is less.
4. Rent must have been current as of March 16, 2020; this program will not assist with pre-emergency arrears.

Direct payments under this program will be made to a landlord who:

1. Holds rental property within the City limits within the City of University Place as of March 16, 2020;
2. Holds a current City of University Place Business License; and
3. In the event that the combination of monies paid directly by the tenant and the City do not cover the balance (including unpaid rent, late fees and other charges), the landlord and the tenant shall be required to engage in good faith dialogue to address these balances, which may include but is not limited to the forgiving of any balances or entry into a payment plan for these balances.

Additional Criteria for Utility Assistance:

1. Utilities must have been for services provided after March 1, 2020.
2. Amount of Assistance. The amount of assistance for the lesser of \$2,000.00 or the arrearage for the following utilities: electrical, drinking water, and/or natural gas, as evidenced by the most recent monthly billing(s).
3. The applicant must certify that they have not intentionally withheld payments from their utility provider.

Additional Criteria for Child Care Assistance:

1. The parent must either (a) be employed or self-employed in legal, income-generating, taxable activities or (b) certify that the child care services are necessary to become so employed and there is a likelihood that without such services the applicant will not be able to obtain such employment.
2. Childcare assistance will be available for the following providers:
 - a. Licensed or certified childcare centers.
 - b. Licensed or certified family childcare homes.
 - c. Day camps.

Payments made under this program will be made directly to a childcare provider who:

1. Is licensed with the State (or exempt from licensing) and in good standing.
2. Is located within Pierce County.

Grant funds ineligible for:

1. Any expense that would not be considered an eligible business expense by IRS rules
2. Political contributions
3. Bonuses to owners or employees
4. Wages to any member of owner's family who is not a bona fide employee
5. Charitable contributions
6. Gifts or parties
7. Draw or salary to owner that exceeded the amount that they were paid on a weekly or monthly basis for the same period last year
8. Pay down or pay off debt by more than required in underlying debt instrument.