

ORDINANCE NO. 20-085

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT AN ENTITLEMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,180,724.00 TOTAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR OF JULY 1, 2020, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021, AND TO SUBMIT TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT A FY 2020 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons and the program is authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended, 42 U.S.C.-5301 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awards grants to entitlement community grantees to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sandusky is an Entitlement Community eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) annually and is required to submit a One-Year Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) has made supplemental CDBG funding available for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus and the City's annual allocation includes Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds that must be used to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and/or to assist individuals, organizations, and businesses impacted by the Coronavirus Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Seven Hundred Forty Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Six and 00/100 dollars (\$743,396.00) of CDBG funds and Four Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Eight and 00/100 dollars (\$437,328.00) of CDBG-CV funds, for a total of One Million One Hundred Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Four and 00/100 dollars (\$1,180,724.00), have been allocated from HUD to fund the City of Sandusky's Community Development Block Grant eligible activities for the Program Year of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a One-Year Action Plan must be prepared on an annual basis incorporating other comments deemed appropriate by the City, and for the Program Year of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2020, and with HUD's approval, the City deviated from the normal public participation process due to COVID-19 and the need to expedite the infusion of CDBG-CV funds into the community; and

WHEREAS, approval to adopt an amended Citizen Participation Plan and to submit an amended Five-Year Consolidated Plan to HUD for the City's Community Development Block Grant Program is being requested in companion legislation; and

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WHEREAS, this Ordinance should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter to allow the submission of the One-Year Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in order to expedite the use of the CDBG-CV funds during the Coronavirus Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of the Municipal Departments, including the Department of Community Development, of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Ordinance** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter upon its adoption; and NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. This City Commission authorizes and directs the City Manager to accept an Entitlement Grant in the amount of One Million One Hundred Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Four and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,180,724.00) for the program year of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Section 2. This City Commission authorizes and directs the City Manager to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development a One-Year Action Plan for \$1,180,724.00 and to execute any required certifications and agreements in relation to the acceptance of the grant and to administer program expenditures consistent with the One-Year Action Plan.

Section 3. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 4. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 5. That for reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect

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in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.

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RICHARD R. BRADY
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

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KELLY L. KRESSER
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: May 26, 2020