

**NEWPORT URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY  
RESOLUTION NO. 3884**

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DISTRIBUTION  
OF CERTAIN UNRESTRICTED FUNDS FOR  
USE AS COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS**

**WHEREAS**, Federal, state, and city emergency declarations have been issued to take steps to control the spread of the COVID-19 viral pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Businesses within the Newport Urban Growth Boundary have been forced to close or significantly curtail their operations because of the COVID-19 pandemic and mandatory change in service orders from state and local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, Economic impacts to these businesses are such that many may not be able to incur the capital costs required to reopen once the mandatory change in service orders are lifted; and

**WHEREAS**, Loss of these businesses would disrupt the social fabric of the community, impede economic recovery, and adversely impact the provision of government service; and

**WHEREAS**, Newport Urban Renewal Agency exists, in no small part, to facilitate economic activity within the community, so it is appropriate for the Agency to identify how it can support business at this critical time, where permissible under state law; and

**WHEREAS**, Interest earnings on tax increment revenue collected by the Agency, and interest earned on bond secured with such revenue, are not subject to limitations ORS Chapter 457 imposes on use of Agency funds and is; therefore, a source of funds that can be used to assist area businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, South Beach Urban District, established in 1983, has accumulated over a \$1,000,000 in earned interest over the last 20 years, funds that are not identified in the urban renewal plan as committed to a given project and use; and

**WHEREAS**, Agency finds that these unrestricted interest earnings can be best used as a source of funding for small business assistance grants to assist with COVID-19 recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, Considering the funds will be made available citywide, for purposes not typically within Agency's purview, it is best that the City of Newport coordinate the small business assistance grant program(s).

**THE NEWPORT URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Distribution of Funds.** The amount of \$1,000,000 of accumulated, unrestricted interest earnings from the South Beach Urban Renewal District shall be transferred to a City of Newport revenue account to fund COVID-19 small business assistance grant program(s), the parameters for which are to be established by the Newport City Council.

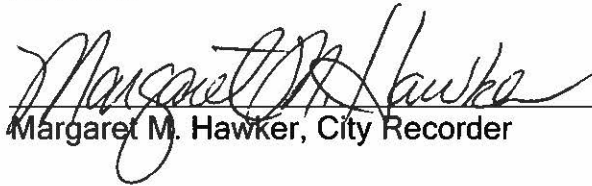
Section 2. Amendment to the South Beach Urban Renewal Plan. Executive Director shall prepare a minor amendment to the South Beach Urban Renewal Plan, for Agency consideration at a future meeting, that memorializes the action being taken and the number and types of businesses that ultimately benefit from the grant program(s).

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution will become effective immediately upon passage.



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Dietmar Goebel, Chair

ATTEST:



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Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder