

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS ASSISTANCE FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR AN ASSOCIATED BUDGET AMENDMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Congress has made funding available to several federal agencies to quickly address the public health threats of the Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, The City has flexibility to determine which sources of funding to use in order to best meet its needs in response to the Coronavirus pandemic, subject to the purpose and eligibility requirements of each of the federal programs and funding sources; and

WHEREAS, City expenses include supplies, facility cleaning, facility operations, building modifications, Fire and EMS coverage, IT equipment and operational software, voluntary antibody testing for city employees, a small business Gulfport Gateway Grant and a Residential Recovery and Resiliency R3 Program for individuals; and

WHEREAS, The City has and continues to take preventive and proactive measures to slow the spread of the Coronavirus and treat those affected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, FLORIDA:

Section 1.

The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to determine sources of Federal funding and to apply for said funding which he deems to be in the best interest of the City in response to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Section 2.

The City Council recognizes that said funding may supplement a significant portion of the City's Coronavirus expenses and hereby approves a budget amendment, as attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution as Exhibit A, to provided immediate funding from the City's general fund balance to support expenses that have incurred and are expected to be incurred with the anticipation of receiving reimbursement from appropriate funding sources.

Section 3.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of August, 2020 by the Council of the City of Gulfport, Florida.

Samuel Henderson, Mayor

ATTEST: Approved 8-4-2020

Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk