

**CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
**RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

**Economic Development/ Brownfields**

**Resolution No.: 03-09-22F**

**Resolution Title:**

**Resolution Authorizing a Subgrant to the City of Camden in an Amount of Up to \$118,525.00 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the Environmental Remediation of Block 1302, Lot 1 of the City of Camden Tax Map in the Gateway Redevelopment Area**

**Project Summary:**

- In 2013, the CRA, with a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established a Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to make loans and subgrants to fund environmental cleanup of brownfield sites in Camden.
- The EPA RLF program guidelines allow the CRA to make subgrants to non-profits and other units of local government for eligible projects and uses.
- The Reliable Tire Site (Block 1302, Lot 1) (the “Site”) is located at 1115 Chestnut Street in the Gateway Redevelopment Area.
- The Site is currently a City-owned property having been acquired by the City in 2018 via tax foreclosure.
- The Site is approximately two acres in size and is zoned as Office / Light Industrial per the Gateway Redevelopment Plan.
- The Site has been the subject of CRA assessment activities funded with State HDSRF Grants.
- During the course of the assessment activities, it was determined that five underground storage tanks (USTs) are located at the Site.
- Three (3) of the USTs are registered with the NJDEP and have been closed in place, however there does not appear to be any records on file with the NJDEP that they were properly closed. The other two (2) USTs need to be registered with the NJDEP and properly closed.
- The Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) for the Site has recommended that all five (5) USTs be removed and disposed of off-site so as to comply with NJDEP requirements and to determine if any of the USTs have leaked.
- Costs for removal of the USTs is estimated to be \$118,525.00 with actual costs to be determined upon acceptance of the lowest-qualified bidder for the project.
- The CRA, as the administrator of the City’s Brownfield Program, will also manage the EPA RLF subgrant for remediation at the Site. Authorization to enter into a shared services agreement with the City will be presented for the board’s consideration at a forthcoming meeting.

<b>Purpose of Resolution:</b> To authorize a grant to the City of Camden	
<b>Award Process:</b> N/A	
<b>Cost Not To Exceed:</b> \$118,525.00	
<b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$118,525.00	
<b>Source of Funds:</b>	
EPA RLF Subgrant	\$ 118,525.00
Uses of Funds:	
Engineering and Reporting	\$ 34,925.00
Remediation Contractor	\$ 63,600.00
Oversight	\$ 15,000.00
CRA Fee	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
	\$118,525.00

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Tax Map in the Gateway Redevelopment Area**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency (“CRA”) is charged with the duty of redevelopment throughout the City of Camden; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the CRA’s redevelopment duties, the CRA administers the Camden Brownfields Program on behalf of the City of Camden; and

**WHEREAS**, the CRA by Resolution 08-07-13C applied for and accepted a Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (“RLF”) Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) to establish a Revolving Loan Fund and entered into EPA Cooperative Agreement BF9628614-0 (the “Cooperative Agreement”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Cooperative Agreement provides funding in the form of low- to no-interest loans and subgrants that may be made available to conduct environmental remediation of brownfield sites in the City of Camden; and

**WHEREAS**, the EPA RLF program guidelines allows for a grant recipient to make sub-grants to non-profits and other units of local government for eligible projects and uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the City owns land designated as Block 1302, Lot 1 on the City of Camden Tax Map and described as 1115 Chestnut Street in the Gateway Redevelopment Area (the “Site”); and

**WHEREAS**, five (5) underground storage tanks (USTs) are present at the Site that are required by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJ DEP) to be removed and properly closed out in accordance with State requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, funding is needed to remove and properly close out the five USTs at the Site; and

**WHEREAS**, the RLF funding in the form of a sub-grant can be used for such purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the CRA, as the administrator of the City’s Brownfields Program, will also manage the sub-grant and remediation of the Site and under a separate, forthcoming resolution, will seek the board’s authorization to enter into a shared services agreement with the City of Camden for such purposes, and

**WHEREAS**, the subgrant summary and recommendation was reviewed and approved by the CRA Finance Committee.

**03-09-22F (cont'd)**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency, that the Agency is hereby authorized to make a sub-grant to the City of Camden in an amount of up to \$118,525.00 from the CRA's US EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the purpose of environmental remediation and related activities at the City owned-site at 1115 Chestnut Street and designated as Block 1302, Lot 1; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Interim Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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ON MOTION OF: **Marilyn Torres**

SECONDED BY: **Jose Javier Ramos**

COMMISSIONER	AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
Derek Davis	X		
Gilbert Harden, Sr.	X		
Ian K. Leonard	X		
Jose Javier Ramos	X		
Maria Sharma			X
Marilyn Torres			X

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Chairperson



ATTEST:

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Olivette Simpson  
Interim Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

*Mark P. Asselta*

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Mark P. Asselta, Esq.  
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