

CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Economic Development-Brownfields

Resolution No.: 08-09-23A

Resolution Title:

Resolution Authorizing an Application for and Acceptance of a Grant from the New Jersey Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,967,943.75 for Remedial Action at the Judge Robert Johnson Park Site located at 723 Carl Miller Boulevard in the Liberty Park Neighborhood (Block 520, Lot 26; Block 522, Lot 9 (Partial); and Block 523, Lot 13 of the City of Camden Tax Map)

Project Summary:

- Judge Robert Johnson Park is a 14.7-acre site located at 723 Carl Miller Boulevard in the Liberty Park neighborhood of Camden, New Jersey and is comprised of Block 520, Lot 26; Block 522, Lot 9 (Partial); and Block 523, Lot 13.
- The subject site is City-owned. The site is an active case with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Site Remediation Program (SRP).
- Based on environmental assessments conducted to date, site soils contain elevated levels of contamination meeting the definition of historic fill. The park has been closed since contaminants were identified.
- The site requires environmental remediation prior to the reopening of the park and completion of planned improvements such as new athletic fields and updated facilities.
- The State of New Jersey provides grants for conducting environmental remediation of contaminated sites through the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF).
- CRA has received notification that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has reviewed the technical aspects of an application for a grant for the Judge Robert Johnson Park site and is going to recommend approval of the application.
- This resolution authorizes the CRA to apply for and accept a grant of \$1,967,943.75 from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) for Remedial Action activities at the Judge Robert Johnson Park site.
- CRA has leveraged other stable funding sources to ensure project viability to include a \$139,104 Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Sub-grant from the CRA, and has identified additional funding sources to serve as the requisite match.
- The HDSRF grant covers up to 75% of requested funding for Remedial Action activities. Other stable financial funding sources have been leveraged to include a December 2022 Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Sub-grant from the CRA (\$500,000.00), City SSA (\$82,636.00), and a 2023 EPA Cleanup Grant (\$1,000,000.00).

Purpose of Resolution:

Authorize application for and acceptance of a grant.

Award Process:

N/A

Cost Not To Exceed:

\$ 3,550,580.00

Total Project Cost:

TBD

RESOLUTION SUMMARY (cont'd)

Source of Funds:

EPA Cleanup Grant (Awarded 2023) - \$1,000,000.00

HDSRF 75% RA Grant (Submitted Jan 2023) - \$1,967,943.75

CRA RLF Subgrant (Awarded Dec 2022) - \$500,000.00

City SSA - \$82,636.00

TOTAL: \$3,550,580.00 (rounded)

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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 manages the City of Camden Brownfield Program; and

WHEREAS, Judge Robert Johnson Park is a City-owned park that requires remediation before being redeveloped; and

WHEREAS, the state Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) provides grants to municipalities and qualifying agencies for environmental investigation and remediation; and

WHEREAS, CRA has received notification that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has reviewed the technical aspects of the HDSRF application for a grant for the site and will be making recommendation for approval of the application; and

WHEREAS, this resolution authorizes the CRA to apply for and accept a grant of \$1,967,943.75 from the HDSRF for remedial action at the site, and

WHEREAS, 75% of the estimated remediation costs for the project will be covered by the HDSRF grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency, that the Interim Executive Director, a duly authorized representative of the Agency, is hereby authorized to apply for and accept a HDSRF Grant for Remedial Action at the Judge Robert Johnson Park site in an amount not to exceed \$1,967,943.75; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency meet the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation criteria for demonstrating a commitment to redevelopment of the site within three years from the completion of the remediation by having a redevelopment plan and by virtue of the fact that other stable financial funding sources have been leveraged to include a December 2022 Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Sub-grant from the CRA (\$500,000.00), City SSA (\$82,636.00), and a 2023 EPA Cleanup Grant (\$1,000,000.00); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interim Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions and execute all grant documents, grant agreements and grant reports necessary to secure and administer the Grant and to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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ON MOTION OF: **Maria Sharma**

SECONDED BY: **Tash Gainey-Humphrey**

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Tasha Gainey-Humphrey	X		
Ian K. Leonard	X		
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Maria Sharma	X		

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Chairperson

ATTEST:



Olivette Simpson
Interim Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

Mark P. Asselta

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