

**CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

**Economic Development /Brownfields**

**Resolution No.: 03-11-20A**

**Resolution Title:**

**Resolution Authorizing the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency to Make a Loan to the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency in the Amount of \$611,307.75 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the Environmental Cleanup of the Camden Laboratories Site in the Whitman Park Neighborhood**

**Project Summary:**

- In 2013 the CRA, with a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), established a Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to make loans and sub-grants to fund environmental cleanup of Brownfield sites in Camden.
- The EPA RLF program allows CRA to make loans to itself for eligible projects and uses.
- Under a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden, CRA is conducting the environmental investigation, demolition, and remediation of the former Camden Laboratories Site located at 1667 Davis Street.
- The remediated site will be developed as an extension of the adjacent Whitman Park and will be occupied by youth athletic fields.
- The CRA has secured funding from the USEPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant Program and has applied to the NJ Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) to pay for the remediation. However, the proposed loan is needed to fill a funding gap. In addition, a portion of the loan will function as a “bridge loan” to pay contractors because of the delays in HDSRF disbursement.
- The CRA proposes to make a loan to itself to fund the environmental cleanup activities.
- The loan will be for a term of 20 years at 0% interest.
- The loan will be repaid from HDSRF grants including a proposed HDSRF grant which reimburses 25% of the cost of remediating a Site to an Unrestricted Use. Unrestricted Use refers to a Site that does not have a cap.

**Purpose of Resolution:**

To authorize and accept a loan

**Award Process:**

N/A

**Cost Not To Exceed:**

\$611,307.75

**Total Project Cost:**

\$902,934.00 (Remediation Cost + Contingency)

Total Park Development Cost is estimated at \$4.0 million, to be funded through Camden County

**Source of Funds**

US EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant	\$172,487.50
HDSRF Grant	\$119,138.75
RLF Loan	<u>\$611,307.75</u>
Total Sources	\$902,934.00

**Uses of Funds**

Engineer’s Estimate of Remediation	\$752,445.00
Project Contingency (20%)	<u>\$150,489.00</u>
Total Uses	\$902,934.00

**Repayment**

HDSRF 75% Conservation Remediation Grant (awarded)	\$445,195.00
HDSRF 25% Unrestricted Use Remediation Reimbursement Grant	<u>\$166,112.75</u>
	\$611,307.75

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

**WHEREAS**, to this end, the CRA manages 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 United States 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 sub-grants that may be made available in support of environmental cleanup of Brownfield sites in the City of Camden, and

**WHEREAS**, the EPA Brownfields RLF Program allows for a grant recipient to make loans to itself for eligible projects and purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, CRA by Resolution 11-15-17B entered into a Shared Services Agreement with the City of Camden (City) to manage the US Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Cleanup Grant (BF 9258700-0) for the remediation of the Camden Laboratories Site located at 1667 Davis Street and designated on the City Tax Map as Block 1392 Lot 33 (the "Subject Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, a RLF Loan is needed to serve as a bridge financing mechanism to ensure prompt payment to the contractors during the remediation of the Camden Laboratories Site and cover a funding gap; and

**WHEREAS**, funds necessary to repay the proposed loan will be obtained from the New Jersey Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Grant Program (the "HDSRF Grants"); and

**WHEREAS**, CRA was awarded and has accepted by way of Resolution 02-12-20A a HDSRF grant in the amount of \$564,333.75 for remedial action activities at the Camden Laboratories Site of which \$445,195.00 is eligible to repay the proposed RLF Loan; and

**WHEREAS**, CRA will apply for a second, HDSRF grant after remedial action activities at the Site have been completed of which \$166,112.75 is eligible to repay the loan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Loan Summary and Recommendation was reviewed and approved by the CRA Finance Committee.

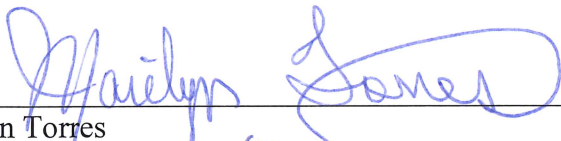
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency that the Agency is hereby authorized to make a loan to the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency and that the Agency is authorized to accept a loan in an amount not to exceed \$611,307.75 from the EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the purpose of environmental cleanup activities at the Camden Laboratories Site for a term of twenty years at 0% interest; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Interim Executive Director, a duly authorized representative of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency is hereby authorized and directed to execute a loan agreement and other loan documents, submit grant applications, execute grant agreements and take all actions and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

**ON MOTION OF: Gilbert Harden Sr.**

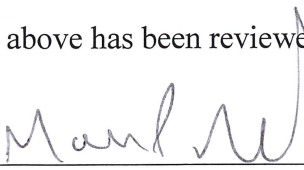
**SECONDED BY: Ian K. Leonard**

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Sheila Davis	✓		
Gilbert Harden, Sr.	✓		
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Marilyn Torres	✓		

  
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Chairperson

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Olivette Simpson  
Interim Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

  
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Mark P. Asselta, Esq.  
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