

CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Economic Development /Brownfields

Resolution No.: 05-13-20E

Resolution Title:

Resolution Authorizing a Subgrant to the City of Camden in the Amount of \$200,000.00 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the Environmental Cleanup of the Dominic Andujar Park Site in the North Camden 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 guidelines allow CRA to make subgrants to non-profits and other units of local government loans for eligible projects and uses.
- The Dominic Andujar Park (Block 12, Lots 12, Lots 1-9 and Lots 17-21; Block 14, Lots 24, 29-35, and 27), is a 1.5-acre City-owned park and located at the intersection of Erie and York Streets in the North Camden neighborhood.
- The site is currently closed due to environmental areas of concern related to an underground storage tank, historic fill, and other "hot spot" areas of contaminated soil material which require remediation.
- A EPA RLF subgrant is needed to meet a state grant match funding requirement and for remediation of the site, including the removal and off-site disposal of contaminated soil material and removal of the underground storage tank.
- The plan for remediation will be conducted in two phases. Phase I will consist of removal of an underground storage tank as well as removal of 'hot spot' areas of soil contamination. Phase II will consist of capping the area to address the presence of historic fill and will be conducted in conjunction with ballpark improvements.
- Phase I costs for remediation are estimated to be \$349,313. (Actual costs will be determined upon acceptance of the lowest qualified bidder for the project work). CRA has applied to the NJ Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) for a grant to pay for a portion of the remediation and related costs. The HDSRF grant request of \$195,563 is targeted for Phase I remediation activities and is pending until the match funding is committed.
- Phase II estimated cost for remediation is still being developed, and up to \$50,687 in EPA RLF funds will be used for remedial activities. Camden County has committed to provide the remaining funds to complete the park's development and improvements.

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For the Environmental Cleanup of the
Dominic Andujar Park Site in the North Camden Neighborhood**

WHEREAS, the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is charged with the duty of redevelopment throughout 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 subgrants to non-profits and other units of local government for eligible projects and uses, and

WHEREAS, the Dominic Andujar Park designated as Block 12, Lots 12, Lots 1-9 and Lots 17-21; Block 14, Lots 24, 29-35, and 27 of the City of Camden Tax Map, is a 1.5-acre City-owned park and located in the North Camden neighborhood; and.

WHEREAS, the Site is currently closed due to environmental areas of concern related to an underground storage tank, historic fill, and other "hot spot" areas of contaminated soil material which require remediation; and

WHEREAS, CRA has applied to the New Jersey Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) for a grant to pay for a portion of the remediation and related costs and the award of the grant is pending until CRA can demonstrate that a match funding requirement can be met; and

WHEREAS, the EPA RLF subgrant is needed to meet the pending HDSRF grant match funding requirement and for the remediation of the site, including removal and off-site disposal of contaminated soil material and removal of the underground storage tank; and

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WHEREAS, CRA, as the administrator of the City's Brownfields Program will also manage the EPA RLF subgrant and remediation of the Dominic Andujar Park site and under a separate companion resolution, will seek the board's authorization to enter into a shared services agreement with the City; and

WHEREAS, the Subgrant 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 subgrant to the City of Camden in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 from the US EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the purpose of environmental cleanup and related activities at the Dominic Andujar Park Site; 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 grant agreement and other documents, submit grant applications and execute grant agreements and take all actions and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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Award Process: N/A																							
Cost Not to Exceed: \$200,000.00																							
Total Project Cost: \$395,563.00																							
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ON MOTION OF: Maria Sharma


SECONDED BY: Jose Javier Ramos

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

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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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