

CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Economic Development-Brownfields

Resolution No.: 03-10-21B

Resolution Title:

**Resolution Authorizing a Subgrant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund in the Amount of \$200,000 for the Environmental
Cleanup of the Knox Meadows Phase II Site in the North Camden Brownfield
Development Area (Block 746, Lots 26 & 46 and a Portion of Lots 17, 18, & 25
of the City of Camden Tax Map)**

Project Summary:

- A portion of the former Knox Gelatin Site is known as The Meadows at Pyne Point Phase II and is currently designated as Block 746, Lots 26 & 46 and a portion of Lots 17, 18, & 25 on the City Tax Map (the “Site”).
- The Site is a City-owned property that is an active case with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) Site Remediation Program (“SRP”).
- Prior to the planned residential redevelopment of the Site, the environmental contamination at the Site must be remediated in accordance with NJDEP SRP requirements.
- In 2013, the CRA with a grant from the United States 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 allows CRA to make subgrants to non-profits and other units of local government for eligible projects and uses.
- The CRA proposes an RLF Subgrant in the amount of \$200,000.00 to the City of Camden to fund a portion of the environmental cleanup of the Site.
- This Subgrant, along with a \$200,000 EPA cleanup grant awarded for the project, will serve to meet the match requirement for a grant of \$1,136,612 from the State Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) for remedial action (RA) at the Site.

Purpose of Resolution:

To authorize a grant to the City of Camden

Award Process:

N/A

Cost Not To Exceed:

\$200,000 (EPA RLF Subgrant)

Total Project Cost:

\$1,536,612

Source of Funds:

<u>PROJECT SOURCES</u>		<u>PROJECT USES</u>	
EPA RLF Subgrant	\$ 200,000	Pre-Construction Expenditures (as of 1/2021)	\$ 56,262
HDSRF BDA Grant	\$ 1,136,612	Pre-Construction LSRP Contract	\$ 46,160
EPA Cleanup Grant	\$ 200,000	Construction	\$ 1,022,722
		Construction Professional Services	\$ 240,180
		Contingency	\$ 171,288
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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 including the planning activities, applying for and managing grants for investigation and remediation, and contracting for professional services and remediation work; and

WHEREAS, the Brownfield Program places priority on the investigation, remediation, and redevelopment of contaminated sites located in the North Camden Brownfield Development Area ("BDA"); 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 RLF and entered into EPA Cooperative Agreement BF96286914 (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 for environmental cleanup of brownfield sites in the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Agreement allows for a grant recipient to make subgrants to non-profits and other units of local government for eligible projects and uses, and

WHEREAS, a Portion of the Knox Gelatin Site known as the Meadows at Pyne Point Phase II designated as Block 746, Lots 26 & 46 and a Portion of Lots 17, 18, & 25 of the City of Camden Tax Map (the "Site"), is a City-owned parcel located in the North Camden BDA; and

WHEREAS, the Site is currently an active case with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") Site Remediation Program ("SRP"); and

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WHEREAS, prior to the planned residential redevelopment of the Site, the environmental contamination at the Site must be remediated in accordance with NJDEP SRP requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CRA applied for State Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Funds (“HDSRF”) for a grant to pay for a portion of the remediation and related costs and the award of the grant is pending demonstration by the CRA that a match funding requirement can be met; and

WHEREAS, the EPA RLF subgrant, along with a \$200,000.00 EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant previously awarded to the City of Camden, is needed to meet the pending HDSRF grant match funding requirement for the remediation of the Site; and

WHEREAS, the CRA, as the administrator of the City’s Brownfield Program, also desires to manage, administer, and implement the EPA RLF subgrant for remediation of the Site; and

WHEREAS, by separate companion resolution presented at this meeting, the CRA will request the amendment of an existing shared services agreement with the City of Camden (previously authorized by Resolutions 12-14-16E and 06-10-20C) to provide for management of the subgrant by the CRA; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Subgrant was reviewed and recommended for approval 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 EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund for the purpose of environmental remediation and related activities at the Knox Meadows Phase II 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 and to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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ON MOTION OF: Ian Leonard

SECONDED BY: Gilbert Harden, Sr.

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:



Olivette Simpson
Interim Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

Mark P. Asselta

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