

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
PRELIMINARY GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE
CONTRACTS REVIEW COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022
10:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – ROOM 348**

The Preliminary Grants and Contracts Review Committee meeting was called to order by Mr. Toups. The following members were present: Messrs.: Joe Toups. Mmes: Chelsea Faulk, Nikko Hill, and Lisa Smith. Absent: Vernadine Mabry. Recording Secretary: Mary C. Gibbens.

Representatives participating for agenda items: Daryl Blacher – Mayor’s Office of Community Development

GRANTS:

1. **Office of Community Development** –

- A) U. S. Department of Treasury – Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP 1) – Federal \$88,370,606.41; State \$11,629,393.59 (State Office of Community Development); Total \$100,000,000.00
- B) U. S. Department of Treasury – Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP 2) - Federal \$75,000,000.00; Total \$75,000,000.00

A motion was made by Ms. Faulk and seconded by Ms. Hill to approve items # 1 (A) and # 1 (B) as presented. No objections, the motion passed unanimously.

CONTRACTS:

- 1. Proposed amendment # (2) to the grant funded professional services agreement between the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge, on behalf of the Office of Community Development (OCD) and The Workforce Group, LLC to provide case management services and manage a relief program for individuals and families experiencing rent and/or utility delinquency as a result of COVID-19 and its negative impact on the local economy increasing funds in the amount of \$4,187,478.08 for a total of \$14,192,850.62 to be disbursed to eligible households effective May 1, 2021, and terminating on September 30, 2022. **(By: OCD)**

A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Ms. Faulk to approve this item as presented. No objections, the motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Proposed amendment # (3) to the grant funded professional services agreement between the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge, on behalf of the Office of Community Development (OCD) and The Workforce Group, LLC to provide emergency rental assistance program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic in the amount of \$60,193,681.19 effective May 1, 2021, and terminating on September 30, 2022. **(By: OCD)**

A motion was made by Ms. Faulk and seconded by Ms. Smith to approve this item contingent upon requirements of the Contracts Review Committee being met prior to signature. No objections, the motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER:

- 1. **Department of Public Works** – Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - “Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities” – St. Irma Lee Environmental Injustice Mitigation Program – Federal \$500,000.00; Total \$500,000.00

A motion was made by Ms. Faulk and seconded by Ms. Hill to approve this item for application only. No objections, the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned.