

RESOLUTION NO. 5443

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY AND THE CITY OF CHANDLER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,946,091.60 FOR THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHANDLER AND AZCEND TO ADMINISTER AND DISTRIBUTE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,671,091.60 TO ASSIST CHANDLER HOUSEHOLDS IN NEED DUE TO COVID-19; AND AUTHORIZING THE NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO UTILIZE \$275,000 TO ADMINISTER THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND CONTINUE THE CHANDLER CARES TEAM FOR A SECOND YEAR; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO SIGN AGREEMENTS AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Arizona, Douglas A. Ducey, declared that a State of Emergency exists in Arizona due to the COVID-19 outbreak and determined that the COVID-19 outbreak presents conditions that are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single county, city, or town, and which requires the combined efforts of the State of Arizona and its political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Chandler (hereinafter “City”) Kevin Hartke, by proclamation declared a State of Local Emergency for the City to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City and its residents and further declared that COVID-19 outbreak constitutes a condition of extreme peril to life and property within the City; and

WHEREAS, many Chandler households have urgent need for rental and utility assistance due to the financial impacts of COVID-19, including loss of employment; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Treasury, (hereinafter “Treasury”) included appropriations for an Emergency Rental Assistance Program, (hereinafter “ERAP”) created under Section 501 of Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260 (Dec. 27, 2020) (referred to herein as “Section 501”), for eligible local governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, an application was filed on behalf of the City, by and through the Neighborhood Resources Department, with the Treasury to obtain Section 501 federal funds in connection with the City’s responsibility for the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizenry and its determination that a compelling public purpose exists for the expenditure of federal funds for rental and utility assistance to ensure a safer and more stable environment during the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such application, the Treasury has released payment of \$7,946,091.60 in ERAP funds to the City (the “Award”); and

WHEREAS, the non-profit organization AZCEND serves as the City’s Community Action Program (CAP) and works in partnership with the City to administer federal and local funds allocated for this purpose and can effectively meet Treasury requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City and AZCEND desire to enter into a contract in the amount of \$7,671,091.60 so that AZCEND may assist the City in administering and distributing its Award of ERAP funds in an amount up to \$7,671,091.60; and

WHEREAS, the City will utilize \$275,000 of the ten percent administrative allowance to administer the ERAP grant and fund the Chandler CARES Team for a second year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Chandler as follows:

- Section 1. Approves the Agreement between the City and the Treasury, in the form presented in Exhibit A.
- Section 2. Authorizes a contract with AZCEND, the CAP serving the City, in the amount of \$7,671,091.60, to administer and distribute ERAP funds to assist Chandler households in urgent need of rental and utility assistance as a result of COVID-19.
- Section 3. Authorizes the Neighborhood Resources Department to utilize \$275,000 in order to administer the ERAP and continue the Chandler CARES Team for a second year.
- Section 4. Authorizes and directs the City Manager, or her designee, to execute, on behalf of the City, the named Agreements and such other actions as are necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, this ____ day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing Resolution No. 5443 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of Chandler, Arizona, at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of February, 2021, and that a quorum was present thereat.

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY *bm*