

RESOLUTION NO. 5522

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 \$6,287,370.40 FOR THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERA 2.0); AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHANDLER AND AZCEND TO ADMINISTER AND DISTRIBUTE FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$6,287,370.40 TO ASSIST CHANDLER HOUSEHOLDS IN NEED DUE TO COVID-19; AUTHORIZING THE NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO UTILIZE UP TO TEN PERCENT OF THE FUNDS TO ADMINISTER THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND THE CHANDLER CARES TEAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO SIGN AGREEMENTS AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER.

WHEREAS, the City Council approved and adopted Resolution 5543 on February 22, 2021, authorizing the City of Chandler Neighborhood Resources Department to accept an initial Emergency Rental Assistance rental assistance award to aid individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, many Chandler households have a continued 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 "ERA 2.0") created under Section 3201 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L No. 117-2 (March 11, 2021) 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 ERA 2.0 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 the first payment of \$2,514,948.16 (40%) in ERA 2.0 funds to the City; 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 an amount up to \$6,287,370.40 (hereinafter "the Award") so that AZCEND may assist the City in administering and distributing its Award of ERA 2.0 funds; and

WHEREAS, the Award allows the City to utilize up to ten percent administrative allowance to administer the ERA 2.0 Award and support the Chandler CARES Team.

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

- Section 1. Approves the agreement between the City and the Treasury, in the form presented in Exhibit A.
- Section 2. Authorizes an agreement with AZCEND, the CAP serving the City, in an amount up to \$6,287,370.40, to administer and distribute ERA 2.0 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 up to ten percent of the Award to administer the ERA 2.0 and the Chandler CARES Team.
- Section 4. Authorizes and directs the City Manager, or his 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 City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, this 23rd day of September, 2021.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing Resolution No. 5522 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of Chandler, Arizona, at a regular meeting held on the 23rd day of September, 2021 and that a quorum was present thereat.

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

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