

RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE (A) RATIFYING THE APPLICATION BY THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A CARES ACT GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SFMADE, INC. AND THE SAN JOSE DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION FOR SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY AND SUPPORT RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; (B) RATIFYING THE AGREEMENT WITH SFMADE, INC. AND THE SAN JOSE DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSED GRANT PROGRAM IF APPROVED BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION; AND (C) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE PRE-AWARD TERMS AND, IF AWARDED, NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act provides \$1.5 billion for economic development assistance programs that help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal Economic Development Administration (“EDA”) provides CARES Act funding through a competitive grant process; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA seeks proposals that will help communities respond to the economic impacts of Coronavirus in a variety of ways, such as providing technical assistance to businesses, supporting skills-training and workforce development initiatives, and developing plans and implementing strategies to create jobs in new or existing industries; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA grant program does not allow for direct grants to businesses nor does it allow grant recipients to use funding to “backfill” positions or programs that are being cut due to budget shortfalls; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of San José (“City”) partnered with SFMade, Inc. and the San José Downtown Association, two non-profits with a history of successful business assistance, on an EDA grant proposal that focuses on providing technical assistance to the City’s vulnerable small businesses, support for the City’s manufacturing sector, and capacity-building, such as leadership development, mentorship, and programming support to business associations, in the City’s Eastside, Central, and Downtown neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 24, 2020, the City applied for an EDA grant and executed an agreement with SFMade, Inc. and the San José Downtown Association under the authority of City Council Resolution No. 64250, which allows the City Manager to execute agreements that ordinarily require Council approval during an official Council recess, so that the City could have the best possible chance of receiving funding since the grant program is expected to be exhausted quickly;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

- (a) The application by the City Manager to apply for a CARES Act grant from the federal Economic Development Administration in partnership with SFMade, Inc. and the San José Downtown Association for small business recovery and support related to the COVID-19 pandemic is ratified; and
- (b) The Agreement with SFMade, Inc. and the San José Downtown Association dated July 24, 2020 to implement the proposed grant program if approved by the Economic Development Administration is ratified; and
- (c) The City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate pre-award terms and, if awarded, negotiate and execute a grant agreement with the Economic Development Administration.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

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SAM LICCARDO  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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TONI J. TABER, CMC  
City Clerk