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RESOLUTION NO. <u>//</u>-2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FOR COVID-19 COUNTY RELIEF BLOCK GRANT FUNDING AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT OF 2020

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 2020, Enacted H.R. 748, 116 Enacted H.R. 748 (the "CARES Act"), the U.S. Department of the Treasury is authorized to transfer funds to the Commonwealth to cover costs of the Commonwealth that: (1) are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); (2) were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment of this section for the State or government; and (3) were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Under Article I-C entitled *Emergency COVID-19 Response*, Subarticle D, Section 130-C entitled *County Block Grant* of the act of May 29, 2020 (PL. ____, No. 24) amending the Fiscal Code (the "Act"), the Commonwealth, acting through the Department of Community and Economic Development ("DCED"), is authorized to distribute funding to counties for the following purposes:

- 1. Offsetting the cost of direct county response, planning & outreach efforts related to COVID-19.
- 2. Small Business Grant Programs to support businesses with fewer than 100 employees & to support businesses and other entities that are primarily engaged in the tourism industry.
- 3. Grant programs to support the following entities for costs related to assisting businesses during the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency: Certified Economic Development Organizations, Local Development Districts, Industrial Resource Center, Small Business Development Centers, and Economic Development Corporations.
- 4. Assistance to cities, boroughs, incorporated towns or townships located within eligible counties for response and planning efforts related to COVID-19.
- 5. Behavioral Health & Substance use disorder treatment services.
- 6. Nonprofit assistance programs for entities that are an exempt organization under section 501(C)(3) or 501(C)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- 7. Broadband internet deployment with priority given to unserved or underserved areas; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 213 of the act of May 29, 2020 (2A of 2020), known as the COVID-19 Emergency Supplement to the General Appropriation Act of 2019, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth has appropriated funds to DCED to carry out the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the County of Dauphin desires to submit the application and other documentation necessary to receive funding pursuant to the Act in order to use those funds for the purposes authorized by the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA THAT, the Dauphin County Department of Community & Economic Development, on behalf of Dauphin County, is authorized to submit an application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and is authorized to provide additional information as may be required by the Commonwealth or its agents in order to facilitate the receipt and distribution of funding as authorized by the Act.

ADOPTED AND RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled, on the 24th day of June 2020.

ATTEST:

DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISIONERS

Chad Saylor

Chief Clerk/Chief of Staff

Jeff Maste, Chairman

Mike Pries, Vice Chairman

George P. Hartwick, III, Secretary