

**CITY OF SULTAN  
SULTAN WASHINGTON**

**RESOLUTION 20-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SULTAN ON A CARES ACT GRANT PROGRAM FOR  
THE STORE FRONT BUSINESSES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS**

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, in response to the worldwide outbreak of novel Coronavirus 2019 ("COVID-19"), Washington State Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25 et. seq., that mandated all Washington State residents stay home unless necessary and closed all non-essential businesses; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak and the Washington State Governor's Proclamation 20-25, et. seq., many businesses have been forced to close or dramatically reduce their business, resulting in significant impacts on our business owners and our community; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington recently imposed further restrictions on businesses to slow the spread of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Coronavirus Relief Fund for Local Governments under Section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, as amended by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"), and Title V and VI of the CARES Act, the City applied for and received certain funds from the Washington State Department of Commerce the City applied for and received funds ("CARES funding") via interlocal agreement; and

WHEREAS, CARES funding may be used for costs incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 including "[e]xpenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures;"

WHEREAS, the City of Sultan appreciates how local businesses have weathered the challenges of the pandemic and done the best they can to serve the City of Sultan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, wants to support local businesses through a grant program; and

WHEREAS, The City has the funds within its CARES Act allocation to support the businesses through a grant program; and

WHEREAS, the City has established grant criteria and a grant application in accordance with CARES Act funding restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to authorize the Mayor to award grant funds in the amount of \$2,000 to each business that qualifies and applies for these grant funds; and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence with regard to providing grant funds to Sultan's local small businesses; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall authorize the Mayor to work with staff on collecting the applications, reviewing applications, approving entitled grant recipients, entering into grant agreements, and providing funding in an expedited fashion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sultan that:

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into CARES funding grant agreements with small businesses who have applied and qualified for funding under the CARES Act in a minimum amount of \$2,000 to each applicant; the total number of grants awarded shall not exceed \$50,000.00.
2. The Director of Finance is hereby authorized to issue payment to any grant applicant who has entered into a grant agreement with the City and signed by the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19<sup>TH</sup> day of November 2020.

  
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Russell Wiita, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Tami Pevey, City Clerk