

Ordinance/Resolution # 230488
Submitted Department/Preparer: City Planning

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### **Executive Summary**

Authorizing the Director of City Planning and Development to accept supplemental funding from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Kansas City Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund; estimating and appropriating revenue; and authorizing an amended cooperative agreement with EPA.

#### **Discussion**

EPA has offered the City a Supplemental RLF Grant of \$3,000,000.00 for cleanup of eligible brownfield properties in Kansas City. The funds will be added to an existing federal grant and increase the total awarded capital of the RLF Program to \$8,483,840.00. When added to current unobligated funds and program income, the new program balance would be approximately \$7,261,575.56. The existing grant term is five years ending 09-30-2027. All grant revenues and activities will be administered by the Department of City Planning and Development. The ordinance estimates revenue in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 and appropriates the same amount, and authorizes the Director of City Planning and Development to amend federal cooperative agreement No. 4B-97798101 with EPA. No matching funds are required for this grant. EPA has requested submission of the new grant application by 6/30/2023.

## Fiscal Impact

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- 2. What is the funding source?
  - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant
- How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
   Increase appropriations by \$3,000,000.00
- 4. Does the legislation have fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
  - No. This is a one-time grant
- 5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?



Yes. The grant generates revenue and will generate program income in future years that the City can keep and use to offset RLF program operating costs and for loans and subgrants for additional projects.

# Office of Management and Budget Review (OMB Staff will complete this section.) 1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. ☐ Yes ☒ No 2. This fund has a structural imbalance. ☐ Yes ☒ No **Additional Discussion (if needed)** Click or tap here to enter text. Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact View the FY23 Citywide Business Plan Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation? Housing and Healthy Communities (Press tab after selecting.) Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply): ☐ Maintain and increase affordable housing supply to meet the demands of a diverse population ☑ Broaden the capacity and innovative use of funding sources for affordable housing ☐ Invest in neighborhood stabilization and revitalization to reduce blight, ensure sustainable housing, and improve the wellbeing of residents while sustaining their diverse cultures ☐ Ensure all occupants of residences have quality, efficient, and healthy housing with minimal economic or regulatory barriers ☐ Address the various needs of the City's most vulnerable population ☐ Utilize planning approaches to improve the City's neighborhoods

### **Prior Legislation**

Ordinance Nos. 070894, 100138, 120849, 140732, 160539, 180581, 190633, 190773 and 220630, and Resolution No. 150693.

### **Service Level Impacts**

It is estimated that the \$3 million EPA Supplemental Brownfields RLF grant will result in one to three new site cleanups completed, approximately 32 acres of formerly contaminated land or 570,000 square feet of formerly contaminated building space becoming ready for reuse, and \$10,000,000 of new investment leveraged for site reuse or redevelopment. Estimates of grant impact are based on key measure data compiled for the Kansas City Brownfields Program.

### Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?

Vulnerable populations, environmental justice communities and other residents living or working on or near brownfield sites will benefit from the cleanup activities performed with the grant funds accepted by the ordinance.

2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?

Stakeholders, including non-profits, neighborhood organizations, and interested residents were informed about the EPA Brownfields grant opportunity and the existing Kansas City Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund program through public meetings of the Kansas City Brownfields Commission and the Kansas City Brownfields Initiative. Public input is welcomed at all meetings.

3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?

The EPA Brownfield grant helps cleanup and reuse vacant, idle and blighted properties, usually located in developed areas with existing infrastructure, public safety, schools, parks and other public services. Reuse of these sites helps the City make more efficient use of its existing investments in these services, increase density, promote public transit, reduce vehicle miles traveled and related carbon emissions, and reduce the overall cost of providing services to residents. Moreover, Brownfield site cleanup and redevelopment enhance environmental quality, help address social inequity and environmental justice issues, and contribute to the economic vitality of the affected areas and the City overall.

4. Does the ordinance/resolution include Civil Rights antidiscrimination requirements in compliance with the Code of Ordinances (Chapter 38, titled "Civil Rights")?

Davis Bacon Act wage requirements apply to all site cleanup activities funded by the EPA Brownfields RLF grant.

5. Has the ordinance/resolution been submitted for review of economic equity & inclusion requirements in compliance with the Code of Ordinances (Chapter 3, titled "Contracts and Leases")?