

A motion was made by Council Member Haven-O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Seils, that the following resolution be approved:

NON-PROFIT LOAN/GRANT COVID 19 EMERGENCY FUND

WHEREAS, a State of Emergency has been declared by Federal, State and Town of Carrboro related to COVID 19 outbreak; and,

WHEREAS, restrictions have been put in place to close certain businesses to limit human contact as a means of limiting the spread of COVID 19; and,

WHEREAS, numerous local businesses, non-profits and the tourism industry have been negatively affected; and,

WHEREAS, local businesses and non-profits are in need of operating capital for short term reoccurring expenses to maintain and sustain operations; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Carrboro desires to provide financial assistance to local businesses and non-profits during this emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO THAT:

1. A Small Business & Non-Profit Loan/Grant COVID 19 Emergency Fund is hereby established for the purpose of providing financial assistance to local businesses and nonprofits in need of operating capital for short term reoccurring expenses to maintain and sustain operations as a viable business.
2. Funding for each applicant shall be limited to a maximum of \$25,000 at 0% interest.
3. Only businesses or non-profits that serve Carrboro residents shall be eligible to apply for these funds.
4. A Funding Committee shall be established. The Funding Committee shall be responsible for the review and evaluation of all applications. The Town Council authorizes the Funding Committee to render a decision to award or not award emergency funds to an applicant. The Funding Committee shall be diverse in makeup, include the Town Council liaisons as not voting members, strive for membership representation from the Carrboro Business Alliance, the Tourism Development Authority, someone from the banking industry, and other representation as deemed appropriate by the Town Manager.
5. Funds in the amount of \$300,000 are authorized for transfer from the Revolving Loan Fund to the Small Business & Non-Profit Loan/Grant COVID 19 Emergency Fund. Funding from other sources may also be used to support this Fund.

6. The Town Manager and Finance Officer are authorized to take the required actions to implement this Fund immediately, including any required inter-fund transfers. Further, the Town Manager is authorized to execute an agreement with each applicant that is provided emergency funds.

7. Town staff shall explore collateral, such as, freeing up privately held parking for public use.

8. The loan application shall have a stipulation that funds are to be used to support the employees.

9. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

This the 24th day of March 2020.

Ayes: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Jacquelyn Gist, Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Damon Seils, Council Member Sammy Slade