

## RESOLUTION R-20-159

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING PUBLIC HEALTH; PROVIDING FOR EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT 1 OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF) SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Constitution and Florida Statute 125.01 authorize the County to exercise home rule powers for the health, safety and welfare of the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-51, declaring that appropriate measures to control the spread of Corona Virus 2019 (“COVID-19”) in the State of Florida are necessary, and therefore directed that a Public Health Emergency be declared in the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopted Resolution No. R-20-041, declaring that appropriate measures to control the spread of COVID-19 in Manatee County are necessary, and therefore directed that a Public Health Emergency be declared in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 emergency has caused disruption in Florida’s economy leading to high rates of unemployment and business closures; and

**WHEREAS**, as a direct result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, many individuals and families within the County that were already in precarious financial situations, now find themselves without funds, insurance or any other federal assistance to pay for basic utilities, rent or mortgage payment, or other critical needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Manatee County residents are in need of assistance with rental housing and mortgage payments and associated utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the threat to these most vulnerable individuals and families constitutes a significant threat to public safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2020, Congress passed, and the President signed the “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act” (CARES Act); and

**WHEREAS**, on April 22, 2020, the U.S. Treasury Department (Treasury) issued Guidance for State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments relating to payments made available under the CARES Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the CARES Act, section 601(d) of the U.S. Social Security Act, created the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) and provided Florida with \$8,328,221,072;

of which Florida Housing Finance Corporation allocated on July 6 and provided notification on July 17 of the distribution award of \$997,668.00 to the COUNTY; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 11, 2020, the Board approved Resolution R-20-120 approving guidelines for the CARES Act Grant Housing Assistance Program Round 3 and providing for execution of Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Subrecipient Agreement between the COUNTY and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation provided notification on September 15 of an additional distribution award of \$646,276.00 for a total award of \$1,643,944 to the COUNTY pursuant to Amendment 1 of the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Subrecipient Funding Agreement (“Funding Agreement”) between the COUNTY and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Funding Agreement, CARES Act funds allocated to the COUNTY may be used for providing economic support to renters and homeowners residing in Manatee County and its municipalities, excluding the City of Bradenton, who are in need of rent or mortgage and associated utility payment assistance due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic through grants of CARES Act funds issued by the COUNTY in accordance with the CARES Act, the Subrecipient Funding Agreement and US Treasury Guidance, to fund eligible expenditures.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**SECTION 1. FINDINGS.** The Board hereby makes the following findings:

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct;
2. It is in the best interest of the County, and furthers the public health, safety and welfare of the County: (a) to approve the execution of Amendment 1 of the Funding Agreement.

**SECTION 2. APPROVAL OF EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT 1 OF THE FUNDING AGREEMENT.** The Board hereby authorizes the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to execute Funding Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit “A” pursuant to and in accordance with the Act. The County Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to sign future forms or agreements from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to implement the program as approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in this Resolution.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, sentence, clause, or other provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be construed as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, or provisions of this Resolution.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED WITH A QUORUM PRESENT AND VOTING THIS THE 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.**

**MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

**ATTEST: ANGELINA COLONNESO  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**FUNDING AGREEMENT**