

CITY OF VINELAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-435

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY FUND GRANT APPLICATION PROVIDED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY CARES ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND.

WHEREAS, as the public health emergency associated with the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the most significant negative financial impacts faced by county and municipal governments throughout New Jersey result from extreme economic contraction, deficits in tax and fee revenues, and extraordinary increases in public safety and health and human services expenditures; and

WHEREAS, severe fiscal stress limits the ability of counties and municipalities to maintain essential services and take the steps necessary to fight COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, without substantial federal assistance, residential taxpayers would absorb the primary impact of meeting these extraordinary needs and closing any associated operating deficits; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs ("DCA"), through the Division of Local Government Services ("DLGS" or "Division"), has been deemed the lead agency for the distribution of the Local Government Emergency Fund (the "LGEF" or "Program"), provided through an allocation of the State of New Jersey's CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF Funds); and

WHEREAS, counties and municipalities excluded from the federal government's direct CRF allocation plan, as well as those counties and municipalities that are currently the most impacted by COVID-19 in comparison to their available resources, are eligible for LGEF funds pursuant to a maximum distribution determined by formula; and

WHEREAS, a total of \$60 million is currently being made available under the Program, with a potential \$60 million more to be allocated; and

WHEREAS, LGEF Grants exist to support costs incurred as part of a local unit's response to COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Vineland that the Mayor or his designee will apply for a LGEF Grant in the amount of \$1,482,768.00.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk