



Resolution

CITY OF BRIDGETON

Resolution No: R-20-05
Introduced By: Mr. Hein
Councilmembers: Abram, Grimmer,
Luke, Norris, Purcell, Saettele, Zimmer

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI REQUESTING THAT MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN ST. LOUIS COUNTY RECEIVE AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE \$173,481,106 IN FUNDING RECEIVED BY ST. LOUIS COUNTY FROM THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT IN ORDER TO REIMBURSE MUNICIPALITIES FOR ACTUAL PUBLIC SAFETY COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, The United States Congress enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (the “**CARES Act**”) providing an economic relief package in the amount of approximately \$2 Trillion to provide assistance for American workers, families, and small businesses; to provide assistance to state and local governments; and to preserve jobs for American industry; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of the Treasury distributed funds from the CARES Act proportionally based on 2019 census data directly to local governments, including cities and counties with a population greater than 500,000, and directly to state governments; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri received \$1.9 Billion from the CARES Act, a portion of which was subsequently distributed to certain Missouri counties proportionally based on population; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Missouri recommended that counties receiving funds directly from the State of Missouri distribute CARES Act funds to local governments located within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, no municipality in St. Louis County (the “**County**”) has received any CARES Act funds from the Federal government, the State of Missouri or the County; and

WHEREAS, Based on St Louis County’s population numbers, which necessarily includes the residents of municipalities located in the County, the County received \$173,481,106 designated to cover necessary expenses that are incurred due to the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Council has appropriated the entirety of the \$173,481,106 in funding from the CARES Act and has given the County Executive absolute authority over use and distribution of these funds without further review or oversight by the County Council; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of the Treasury has issued eligibility guidelines for use of the CARES Act funds which includes, in part, that payroll expenses for public safety may be presumed to be costs for services substantially dedicated to mitigation or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency from and after the effective date of the CARES Act from March 27, 2020 through December 31, 2020 (the “**Eligibility Period**”); and