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**CITY OF FIRCREST  
RESOLUTION NO. 1717**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FIRCREST, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING  
THE COVID-19 RELATED BUSINESS, RENTAL AND  
UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, the Fircrest community continues to be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides direct aid to cities in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, cover costs incurred from the public health emergency, replace lost, delayed, or decreased revenues due to COVID-19, address the negative economic impacts on local businesses and nonprofits, and make necessary investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fircrest will receive \$1,907,976 in direct aid from the U.S. Treasury Department through the Washington State Office of Financial Management and the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fircrest City Council recognizes that one of its essential functions is to secure the health and welfare of Fircrest's citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, resources are necessary to help Fircrest residents that continue to be impacted by job loss or reduction and the difficulties that result from this situation; and

**WHEREAS**, resources are necessary to help small businesses survive and certain small businesses reasonably require public aid in order to survive; and

**WHEREAS**, the City completed the requirements to receive direct aid pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund administered to Non-entitlement Units through the Washington State Office of Financial Management. Now, Therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST:**

**Section 1.** The Recitals and referenced Exhibits are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2.** The City of Fircrest, hereby, establishes the COVID-19 Related Business, Rental, and Utility Assistance Program to provide grants through funds the City receives through the American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Grant awards will be at the sole discretion of the City of Fircrest through an application process. Grant recipients shall only receive and use grant funds for Eligible Expenses incurred during the time period set forth in Section 3. A list of business assistance award eligibility and criteria, as well as eligible and ineligible expenses, are included in Exhibit A.

1 **Section 3.** All eligible expenses must be incurred between March 3, 2021, and the time of  
2 application. Any expenses incurred before or after this period are not eligible expenses for  
3 grant funds. Grant funds are limited. Grant applicants understand and acknowledge that  
not every applicant is guaranteed to receive a grant award.


4 **Section 4.** All funds for this program come from the American Rescue Plan Act State and  
5 Local Fiscal Recovery Fund specifically provided to the City of Fircrest. The City has no  
6 obligation to provide grant recipients or applicants with funds from this or any other source.


7 **Section 5.** The City of Fircrest and any grant recipient agree to be bound to the provisions  
8 of the Non-entitlement Unit Award Terms and Conditions, included as Exhibit B to this  
9 Agreement.

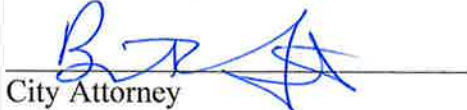
10 **Section 6.** Grant applicants acknowledge that grant funds shall not be awarded to cover  
11 payroll or other employee-related or business-associated costs for which they have received  
12 other federal, state, or regional funds, including without limitation, funds made available  
13 under the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) or unemployment insurance compensation.

14 **Section 7.** Rental and utility assistance grants will be made available to Fircrest residents.  
15 Rental assistance grants will be paid directly to the recipients' landlord. Utility assistance  
16 grants will be paid to the City of Fircrest and credited to the applicants' utility account.

17 **APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**  
18 **FIRCREST, WASHINGTON,** at a regular meeting thereof this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

19 **APPROVED:**  
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21 Hunter T. George, Mayor

22 **ATTEST:**  
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24 Jayne Westman, City Clerk

25 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**  
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27 City Attorney