

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY OF DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA FOR COVID-19 GRANT
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has spread worldwide, including in the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and Dinwiddie County, causing significant illness, loss of life, and economic disruption; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-4901, the intent of the legislature in authorizing the creation of industrial development authorities was so “that such authorities may be able to promote industry and develop trade by inducing manufacturing, industrial, governmental, nonprofit, and commercial enterprises and institutions of higher education to locate in or remain in the Commonwealth and further the use of its agricultural products and natural resources, and to vest such authorities with all powers that may be necessary to enable them to accomplish such purposes, which powers shall be exercised for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Commonwealth, either through the increase of their commerce, or through the promotion of their safety, health, welfare, and convenience or prosperity”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-4905(13), the Industrial Development Authority of Dinwiddie County, Virginia (the “IDA”) has the authority “to make . . . grants to any person, partnership, association, corporation, business, or governmental entity in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter including for the purposes of promoting economic development”; and

WHEREAS, the IDA Board finds that local businesses have been adversely impacted by COVID-19, resulting in a business climate that is arguably more difficult than any that has been seen in decades; and

WHEREAS, the IDA Board does hereby find that the creation of a Small Business COVID-19 Disaster Grant Fund in the amount of \$100,000 to commercial enterprises within Dinwiddie County so that local small businesses may remain in existence or otherwise support the economy during the pandemic is for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Commonwealth, either through the increase of their commerce, or the promotion of their prosperity;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Board of the Industrial Development Authority of Dinwiddie County, Virginia (the “Board”) does hereby authorize and direct that that the marketing materials and grant application for the Small Business COVID-19 Disaster Grant Fund be published and that applications be taken with a submission deadline of 5 p.m. on May 12, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3109(B) (ii), the Chairman of the IDA shall be authorized to find in writing as the administrative head of the IDA that the purposes of the grant program cause competitive bidding or negotiation to be contrary to the best interest of the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT each grant application shall certify that (x) the application is not made by or for the financial benefit of any of the following persons or their immediate family members (where immediate family members includes a spouse and any other person who resides in the same household of such person or is a dependent of such person): (i) any IDA board member, (ii) any officer or employee of Dinwiddie County (including, but not limited to, the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission), or (iii) any constitutional officer of Dinwiddie County or any employee of a constitutional officer and (y) the award of an IDA COVID-19 grant to the applicant would not violate the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the IDA Board directs the Deputy County Administrator for Planning and Community Development and the Director of Economic Development to screen the applications with any necessary legal advice from the County Attorney's Office to provide a recommendation on grant awards for the IDA at its regular May meeting.