City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 250469
Submitted Department/Preparer: City Planning
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Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in Administrative Regulation (AR) 4-1.

Executive Summary

Accepting a Supplemental Revolving Loan Fund Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to increase capitalization of the Kansas City Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund; estimating and appropriating revenue in the amount of $2,000,000.00 in certain Brownfield Revolving Loan Funds; and authorizing the execution of an amended cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Discussion

EPA has selected Kansas City to receive a Brownfields Supplemental RLF Grant of $2,000,000.00. The funds will be added to an existing federal grant and increase the total awarded capital of the RLF Program to $16,483,826. The existing grant term ends 09-30-2028 and is expected to be extended to 09-30-32. All grant revenues and activities will be administered by the Department of City Planning and Development. The ordinance estimates revenue in the amount of $2,000,000.00 and appropriates the same amount, and authorizes the Director of City Planning and Development to amend federal cooperative agreement No. 4B-97798101 with EPA. No matching funds are required for this grant. EPA has requested submission of the new grant application by 6/30/2025.

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No

2. What is the funding source?
   If awarded, grant revenue is to be estimated to a new account within Fund 2550 – Brownfields Revolving Loan; Department 645020 – Brownfield Federal Grants.

3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
   May increase revenues by $2,000,000.00. No local match or cost share is required.

4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.

One-time potential revenue increase.

5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?
   May generate revenue and potentially generate program income on loans issued with grant revenues through interest earned on loans, loan fees, and return of principal to the Kansas City RLF Program, and interest earned on all program income generated by the RLF. Grant funds will be issued to subrecipients in the form of loans and subgrants for brownfield redevelopment projects which are expected to leverage new public and private investment in the form of new construction of residential, commercial or other improvements, and related infrastructure, all of which may generate future tax revenues.

Office of Management and Budget Review
(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. This fund has a structural imbalance. ☐ Yes ☒ No
3. Account string has been verified/confirmed. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Additional Discussion (if needed)
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Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan
2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
   Housing and Healthy Communities (Press tab after selecting.)
3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):

   ☐ Utilize planning approaches in neighborhoods to reduce blight, ensure sustainable housing, and improve resident wellbeing and cultural diversity.
   ☒ Maintain and increase affordable housing supply to meet the demands of a diverse population.
   ☒ Address the various needs of the City's most vulnerable population by working to reduce disparities.

- ☐ Foster an inclusive environment and regional approach to spur innovative solutions to housing challenges.
- ☐ Ensure all residents have safe, accessible, quality housing by reducing barriers.
- ☐ Protect and promote healthy, active amenities such as parks and trails, play spaces, and green spaces.

Prior Legislation

Ordinance Nos. 070894, 100138, 120849 and 140732, Resolution No. 150693, and Ordinance Nos. 160539, 180581, 190633, 190773, 220630, 230488 and 240546.

Service Level Impacts

It is estimated that the $2.0 million EPA Supplemental Brownfields RLF grant will result in at least one to two new site cleanups completed, approximately 18 acres of formerly contaminated land or 325,000 square feet of formerly contaminated building space becoming ready for reuse, and $5,700,000 of new investment leveraged for site reuse or redevelopment. Estimates of grant impact are based on key measure data compiled for the Kansas City Brownfields Program.

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?

Vulnerable populations, environmental justice communities and other residents living or working on or near brownfield sites will benefit from the cleanup activities performed with the grant funds accepted by the ordinance.

2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?

Stakeholders, including non-profits, neighborhood organizations, and interested residents were informed about the EPA Brownfields grant opportunity and the existing Kansas City Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund program through public meetings of the Kansas City Brownfields Commission. Public input is welcomed at all meetings.

3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?

The EPA Brownfield grant helps cleanup and reuse vacant, idle and blighted properties, usually located in developed areas with existing infrastructure, public safety, schools, parks and other public services. Reuse of these sites helps the City make more efficient use of its existing investments in these services, increase density, promote public transit, reduce vehicle miles traveled and related carbon emissions, and reduce the overall cost of providing services to residents. Moreover, Brownfield site cleanup and redevelopment

enhance environmental quality, help address social inequity and environmental justice issues, and contribute to the economic vitality of the affected areas and the City overall.

4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?
   Yes (Press tab after selecting)

   Total Number of Units To be determined.
   Number of Affordable Units To be determined.

5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

   Please Select (Press tab after selecting)

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6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

   No(Press tab after selecting)

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7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?
   No(Press tab after selecting)