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**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2020-11**

**APPROVING CHANGE TO FY20 COMMUNITY  
GRANTS PROGRAM TO FUND OPERATIONAL  
SUPPORT FOR GRANTEES**

WHEREAS, the City Council established the Community “Quality of Life” Grants Program to provide financial support for specific programs, projects, and events that improve residents’ quality of life by providing greater access and opportunities for participation in the arts and sciences; and

WHEREAS, in FY20, the City Council appropriated \$80,000 to support projects developed and facilitated by 11 nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, these 11 nonprofit organizations executed grant agreements with the City of Takoma Park to perform approved projects, events, or activities between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in March, 2020, both President Trump and Maryland Governor Hogan declared a public health emergency in response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and announced a set of specific measures aimed at stemming the transmission of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the emergency declaration and actions taken by President Trump and the State of Maryland resulted in restrictions to limit the spread of the virus through community transmission; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing health and safety measures related to the COVID-19 will remain in effect for an extended period of time, and it is likely that a return to normal business functions will not occur before the conclusion of FY20 grant cycle; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that immediate measures must be taken to address the impact of this unprecedented health crisis on community grants recipients; and

WHEREAS, the following measures are necessary to support the FY20 grantees during this unprecedented time:

- Convert all FY20 project-based funding to general operating support (GOS) for all grantees whose work was ongoing or not yet underway at the time of the issuance of the March 13, 2020 federal declaration related to COVID-19;

- In the case of projects that concluded prior to March 13, 2020, that only require grantees to complete reporting requirements, grants will be processed as outlined in the contract agreement;
- Accelerate payment schedules for FY20 grantees; and
- Release grantees from the responsibility of facilitating events, activities or submitting progress reports on project deliverables, as outlined under the grant agreement, that are postponed or canceled as a result of the health emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Takoma Park approves changing the FY20 Community Grants Program to one which funds the provision of operational support for grantees.

Adopted this 1st day of April, 2020.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk