

RESOLUTION 2020-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE VERNAL CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF UTILIZING CARES ACT FUNDING FOR REMARKETING TOURISM AND RESUMPTION OF SAFE ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Federal CARES Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020, and was in part available to qualifying local, state, and federal agencies to cover expenses related to unbudgeted expenditures incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020, due to the public health emergency caused by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government provided \$1.25 billion to Utah state and local governments through the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) included in section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Federal Funding (CARES) Act; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Utah and the State Legislature have elected to share a portion with counties and municipalities outside of Salt Lake County and Utah County that did not receive a direct allocation; and

WHEREAS, Vernal City applied for, was awarded, and formally accepted CARES Act funding from the State of Utah in the anticipated amount of \$918,153 to directly apply to a broad range of necessary expenditures incurred as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Vernal City has agreed to use the funds to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 within the County; and

WHEREAS, Vernal City has committed to properly using the CARES Act funding in accordance with the provisions of the CARES Act for allowable COVID-19 related expenses; and

WHEREAS, Vernal City recognizes the critical role of tourism in the Dinosaurland area to the local economy and viability of small businesses especially the hospitality industry; and

WHEREAS, Vernal City joins with Uintah County in support of area activities and to promote the area convention facilities, tourism and area activities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for Vernal, Utah, that a portion of the CARES Act funds distributed to the City be used for the purposes of remarketing the area's convention facilities and tourism industry and to publicize the resumption of area activities and financially support the steps taken to ensure a safe experience; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council declares the expenses incurred to remarket the area's convention facilities and tourism industry to be necessary expenses due to the public health emergency; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the expenses incurred to publicize the resumption of area activities and steps taken to ensure a safe experience are a necessary expenditure due to the public health emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Vernal City commits to the use an anticipated amount of \$22,000 of CARES Act funds for these purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

SECTION 1. Severability. The provisions of this resolution shall be severable and if any provision thereof or the application of such provision under any circumstances is held invalid, it shall not affect any other provision of this resolution or the application in a different circumstance.

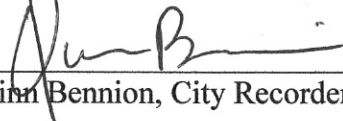
SECTION 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Vernal City Council.

PASSED, AND ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2020.



Mayor Doug Hammond

ATTEST:



Quinn Bennion, City Recorder

