

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FRESNO MICRO FARMERS FARM TO FAMILY PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2020, the Council of the City of Fresno adopted Resolution 2020-103 which adopted the Fresno Micro Farmers Farm to Family Program; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2020-103 set the maximum grant amount at \$1,000 per farmer; and

WHEREAS, the Council now wants to increase the maximum grant amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The Council hereby amends the Fresno Micro Farmers Farm to Family Program to increase the maximum grant amount as follows:
 - a. Up to \$5,000 to qualifying farmers with 5 employees or less.
 - b. Up to \$10,000 to qualifying farmers with 6 to 26 employees.
2. The City Manager is hereby directed to amend the Administration Agreement with Asian Business Institute and Resource Center (ABIRC) to reflect this change.
3. This Resolution hereby amends Resolution 2020-103.

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Date Adopted:

Date Approved:

Effective Date:

City Attorney Approval: 

Resolution No.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2020.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2020
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2020
Mayor Veto: _____, 2020
Council Override Vote: _____, 2020

YVONNE SPENCE, CRM MMC
City Clerk

By: _____ Date
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____ Date
Mary Raterman-Doidge
Senior Deputy City Attorney

Attachment: Resolution 2020-103



RESOLUTION NO. 2020-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, CREATING THE FRESNO MICRO FARMERS FARM TO FAMILY PROGRAM, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ASIAN BUSINESS INSTITUTE & RESOURCE CENTER (ABIRC)

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a COVID-19 world-wide pandemic, and on March 16, 2020, Mayor Brand declared a Local Emergency, ratified by the Council; and

WHEREAS, as a result of those declarations, and the growing number of people affected by the disease, day to day life has been significantly impacted for many Fresno residents; and

WHEREAS, working families are experiencing financial impacts, food insecurity and relying heavily on community food distributions; and

WHEREAS, many of Fresno's micro farmers have seen a major drop in gross receipts since the COVID-19 outbreak due to closures of markets and many are being forced to have their produce go to waste; and

WHEREAS, many of these small micro farmers were not aware of the federal relief programs due to their linguistic isolation and lack of technology; and

WHEREAS, these small micro farmers who have twenty employees or less cannot compete with larger farmers in filling out applications for crisis relief programs; and



WHEREAS, the Asian Business Institute & Resources (ABIRC) has been serving many of these small micro farmers and is working with Central California Food Bank in order to get these micro farmers to get their farm products from their fields to our local food distribution centers; and

WHEREAS, creating a Fresno Micro Farmers Farm to Family Program will give these farmers a modest grant that helps cover harvest and pack out costs; and

WHEREAS, everyone wins with the Fresno Micro Farmers Farm to Family program, food recipients get nutritious vegetables, fruit, grains, dairy, eggs and meat. Central California Food Bank and their local distribution partners get a variety of healthful products delivered regularly, and these small micro farmers have a reliable destination for excess product and modest financial relief during this COVID-19 crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The Council hereby creates the Fresno Micro Farmers Farm to Family Program that will provide grants to local small micro farmers. Grants shall be used to help cover harvest and pack out costs and are available to small micro farmers that meet the eligibility criteria below in compliance with federal laws. Maximum grant amount is \$1,000. Submitting an application does not guarantee financial assistance. Application approval requires each program requirement be met and supporting verifiable documentation provided to the fund administrator.

- a. Micro Farmer with less than \$200,000 gross operating budget.
- b. Applicant must be a City of Fresno resident.
- c. COVID-19 related financial losses.



d. Grant recipients will demonstrate a willingness to donate surplus product to a local Central California Food Bank distribution partner.

2. The Administration is directed to make an appropriation of \$500,000 to fund the Fresno Micro Farmers Farm to Family Program.

3. The City Manager is hereby directed to enter an agreement with ABIRC to administer the program.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the 14th day of May, 2020.

AYES : Bredefeld, Caprioglio, Chavez, Esparza, Karbassi, Soria, Arias
NOES : None
ABSENT : None
ABSTAIN : None

Mayor Approval: May 21st, 2020
Mayor Approval/No Return: N/A, 2020
Mayor Veto: N/A, 2020
Council Override Vote: N/A, 2020

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC CRM
City Clerk

By: *Yvonne Spence* 5/26/2020
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: *[Signature]* 5/26/20
Katie Doerr Date
Chief Assistant City Attorney



May 18, 2020

Council Adoption: 5/14/2020

TO: MAYOR LEE BRAND

Mayor Approval:

Mayor Veto:

FROM: YVONNE SPENCE, MMC, CRM
City Clerk

Override Request:

yes

SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF COUNCIL ACTION FOR APPROVAL OR VETO

At the City Council meeting of May 14, 2020, Council adopted the attached Resolution No. 2020-103, entitled **Approving the Fresno Micro Farmers Farm to Family Program, in partnership with the Asian Business Institute & Resource Center (ABIRC)**. Item 4-A (1), File ID 20-00619, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Arias, Bredefeld, Caprioglio, Chavez, Esparza, Karbassi, Soria
Noes	:	None
Absent	:	None
Abstain	:	None

Please indicate either your formal approval or veto by completing the following sections and executing and dating your action. Please file the completed memo with the Clerk's office on or before May 26, 2020. In computing the ten day period required by Charter, the first day has been excluded and the tenth day has been included unless the 10th day is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, in which case it has also been excluded. Failure to file this memo with the Clerk's office within the required time limit shall constitute approval of the ordinance, resolution or action, and it shall take effect without the Mayor's signed approval

APPROVED / NO RETURN: _____

VETOED for the following reasons: (Written objections are required by Charter; attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Lee Brand

Lee Brand, Mayor

Date: 5-21-20

COUNCIL OVERRIDE ACTION:

Date: _____

Ayes	:
Noes	:
Absent	:
Abstain	:

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