



COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Recommendation number: 20200504-03ai: Family Independence Initiative (FII) Cash Direct Assistance

WHEREAS, the African American Resource Advisory Commission (the "Commission") is authorized by Austin City Code § 2-1-101 to advise the City Council on issues related to the quality of life for the City's African American community; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is specifically authorized to recommend programs designed to alleviate any inequities that may confront African Americans in social, economic, and vocational pursuits, including (1) health care; (2) housing, including affordable housing, home ownership, and homelessness; (3) entertainment opportunities for professionals and students; (4) employment; and (5) cultural venues, including museums, theaters, art galleries, and music venues; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, March 3rd the African American Resource Advisory Commission received a presentation from the Family Independence Initiative which identified actions recommended to the City of Austin to create direct pathways of financial relief to Austin residents that are in alignment with the City of Austin's Strategic Direction 2023; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, April 9th the Austin City Council approved RESOLUTION NO. 20200409-8, item number 81 on the agenda;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION SUPPORTS THE ACTIONS RELATED TO THIS INITIATIVE AND ENCOURAGES THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE RELIEF THROUGH RELIEF IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY (RISE) FUNDING AND DISTRIBUTE EQUITABLY DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PRIORITIZING UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES WITH DIRE ECONOMIC NEEDS.


Date of Approval: May 4, 2020

Record of the vote: 6-0 vote (Commissioner Daryl Horton, Miriam Conner, Nelson Linder, Greg Smith, Elaina Fowler, and Cherelle VanBrakle) Commissioner Clifford Gillard and Commissioner Rashida Wright did not vote.

Recused: Commissioner Dr. Chiquita Eugene

Absent: Volma Overton, III, Elton Randal, Ellen Sweets, Aaliyah Nobles, and Tam Hawkins

I affirm this recommendation was approved by the African American Resource Advisory Commission.



Daryl Horton, AARAC Chair

May 4, 2020 _____
Date