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1 operational grants for Transit, Aviation, Public Safety and Health & Social
2 Service programs; and

3 WHEREAS, many federal grant opportunities exist for municipalities in
4 addition to the familiar recurring programs, that can provide support for
5 issues of poverty, homelessness, education, public safety, and economic
6 development, among others; and

7 WHEREAS, the grants.gov website is a valuable resource for researching
8 and applying for available federal grant opportunities, and provides a secure
9 and reliable source to apply for federal grants; and

10 WHEREAS, it is prudent for the City to pursue additional federal grant
11 opportunities; not only to supplement funding available for services, but also
12 to create, and maintain effective partnerships with federal grantor agencies;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the City's federal grant awards are managed by individual City
15 departments, with technical accounting assistance from the Department of
16 Finance and Administration's (DFAS) Grant Administrator and staff; and

17 WHEREAS, the creation of a centralized City grant management unit that is
18 responsible for the entire grant process, from procurement of the grant to the
19 final reporting and close-out of the grant, may provide better results and
20 efficiencies for the City.

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
22 ALBUQUERQUE:

23 Section 1. The Mayor, through the Department of Finance and
24 Administrative Services, Purchasing Division, is directed to establish a vendor
25 pool to provide grant writing services for all City Departments by June 15,
26 2020.

27 Section 2. That funds in the amount of \$150,000 previously appropriated to
28 the Operating Grant Fund (265) through Resolution R-20-34, are hereby
29 designated for contractual services for the procurement of COVID-19 related
30 federal, state and private grants in Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021.

31 Section 3. The Mayor, through the Department of Finance and
32 Administrative Services, Office of Budget and Management, is directed to
33 complete a feasibility study for the creation of a centralized Grant

1 Management Unit for the City that provides grant writing services, assistance
2 with program management, and accounting and financial reporting support to
3 all City departments. The study shall include consideration of the size of the
4 Grant unit, whether each of the services required are best provided by City
5 staff or outside consultants, and the fiscal impact of establishing the Grant
6 unit. The final report on the feasibility study shall be submitted to the City
7 Council by March 1, 2021, in anticipation of the Fiscal Year 2022 operating
8 budget process.

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