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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY THIRD COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-19-148 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Klarissa J. Peña, by request

RESOLUTION

Approving And Authorizing The Acceptance Of Grant Funds From The W.K. Kellogg Foundation
And Providing An Appropriation To The Legal Department For Fiscal Years 2019 Through 2021
(Peña, by request)

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE W.K.
KELLOGG FOUNDATION AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE LEGAL
DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2019 THROUGH 2021.

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Office of Equity and Inclusion in the Legal Department is
responsible for growing equity both inside the City structure and within the broader Albuquerque
community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque has long struggled against sustained poverty and its
impacts on the community, especially after the Great Recession and among people of color; and

WHEREAS, the Equity Profile of Albuquerque, released jointly with the W.K. Kellogg
Foundation and the City of Albuquerque in June 2018, revealed working poverty to be on the rise
with disproportionately high rates among the City's Native American/American Indian, Asian,
Latino, and African American/Black full-time working adults; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque has long been one of the City's employment anchors; and

WHEREAS, some employment inequities among people of color that plague the nation are
also evident in the City employment structure; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs is part of the Albuquerque Office of

Equity and Inclusion in the Legal Department and in 2017 produced a W.K. Kellogg Foundation funded Community Engagement Report that found a number of non-status-based barriers to immigrant and refugee employment, such as language access and foreign credential transferability; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque has reaffirmed its standing as an immigrant friendly city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque has the reputation and capability to serve as an exemplary training ground, pipeline, and stabilizing force for the City's youth, people of color, and single parents; and

WHEREAS, such an effort will benefit the City's children living in poverty and advance the ongoing efforts to raise the future economic prospects of such children; and

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Office of Equity and Inclusion in the Legal Department will work with the Human Resources Department and the Albuquerque community to implement and further this vision; and

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Office of Equity and Inclusion in the Legal Department will gather and analyze data to track progress and lessons learned to serve as a city, state, and national example; and

WHEREAS, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation has awarded a grant to the Albuquerque Office of Equity and Inclusion in the Legal Department to implement such a vision; and

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Office of Equity and Inclusion in the Legal Department is committed to using the grant funds to carry out such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds would be dispersed immediately.

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

Section 1. That the agreement for the grant funds from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in the amount of \$1,320,046.00 is hereby approved, and its acceptance and filing with appropriate official or office is in all respects approved.

Section 2. That funds in the amount of \$1,320,046.00 are hereby appropriated to the City of Albuquerque Legal Department's Office of Equity and Inclusion in the Operating Grants Fund (265) for Fiscal Years 2019 through 2021.

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