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Councilmember Vincent C. Gray

A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on an emergency basis, the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Act of 2012 to authorize the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development to issue grants and loans to support the equitable distribution of food businesses across the District.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this act may be cited as the “Local Food Access Grants Emergency Amendment Act of 2021”.

Sec. 2 Section 2032 of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making Authority Act of 2012, effective September 12, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-168; D.C. Official Code § 1-328.04), is amended by adding a new subsection (j) to read as follows:

“(j)(1) Notwithstanding the Grant Administration Act of 2013, effective December 24, 2013 (D.C. Law 20-61; D.C. Official Code § 1-328.11 *et seq.*) the Deputy Mayor may make grants and loans for the purpose of supporting the equitable distribution of food businesses in Wards 7 and 8 and in eligible areas, including:

“(A) Grants and loans to assist in the startup, growth, and long-term sustainability of food businesses in Wards 7 and 8 and in eligible areas; and

“(B) Grants for the provision of technical assistance to food businesses and individuals seeking to establish food businesses in the District.

28                   “(2) The Deputy Mayor may issue one or more grants to a third-party grant-  
29 managing entity for the purpose of issuing or administering grants or loans authorized by this  
30 subsection on behalf of the Deputy Mayor.

31                   “(3) For the purposes of this subsection, the term “eligible areas” shall have the  
32 meaning as set forth in D.C. Official Code § 47-3801(1D).”

33                   Sec 3. Fiscal impact statement.

34                   The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact  
35 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved  
36 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

37                   Sec. 17. Effective date.

38                   This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
39 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than  
40 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section  
41 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;  
42 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).

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