

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need amend the COVID-19 Hotel Recovery Grant Program Act of 2021 to revise the reduction in occupancy or revenue that a business must have incurred from 40% to 35% to be eligible for a grant to allow for a second round of funding, and to revise the deadline by which the Mayor must submit a report to the Council on the grants issued under the program from June 1, 2022, to July 15, 2022.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “COVID-19 Hotel Recovery Grant Program Amendment Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

(a) The Washington Convention and Sports Authority (“Events DC”) received approximately \$40 million to issue grants to local hotels that were struggling financially due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the industry. To date, approximately 70 hotels have received grant funds from Events DC. Approximately \$1 million remains unawarded.

(b) Hotels that narrowly missed the occupancy and income loss threshold of 40% (“revenue loss threshold”) required under the initial round to be eligible for a grant are still financially reeling from the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic.

(c) To ensure that the full \$40 million is awarded to continue to assist the hotel industry’s

34 recovery and to aid to hotels still in need of grants, it is necessary to amend the COVID
35 Recovery Grant Program Act of 2021, effective November 13, 2021 (D.C. Law 24-45; D.C.
36 Official Code § 30-301), to lower the revenue loss threshold from 40% to 35%, to allow Events
37 DC to award a second round of grants, and, consequently, to extend the deadline by which the
38 Mayor must file a report on the distribution of all the grants.

39 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
40 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
41 COVID-19 Hotel Recovery Grant Program Emergency Amendment Act of 2022 be adopted after
42 a single reading.

43 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.