

**St. Petersburg City Council**  
**Meeting of March 2, 2023**

**Consent Agenda**

TO: The Honorable Brandi Gabbard, Chair, and Members of City Council

SUBJECT: Authorizing the Mayor or his Designee to accept a grant from the National League of Cities in the amount of \$35,000 for the City's NLC SCEI Economic Equity Initiative; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$35,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001) resulting from these grant revenues, to the Community Services Department, Administration Division (083-1081), NLC SCEI Project (19026); authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the grant; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND: The City of St. Petersburg has been awarded, in the past, several grants from the National League of Cities for financial inclusion efforts (Billing and Collections for LIFT-UP and Urban Affairs/Community Services for FISCL – financial inclusion systems and city leadership), and planning grant for Southern Cities Economic Initiative planning grant.

The COVID-19 pandemic, economic decline and systemic racial injustice have all had a significant impact in cities across the South over the past year. To assist communities, the National League of Cities launched a new initiative, Southern Cities Economic Inclusion. The Southern Cities Economic Inclusion (SCEI) initiative builds the capacity of cities to implement economic inclusion strategies that close racial, economic equity gaps, and expand economic opportunities for residents and businesses of color. SCEI is a partnership made possible with support from and collaboration with the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Since the award of the NLC SCEI planning grant, a project framework was developed to: *Provide opportunities for ALL to achieve economic stability and wealth building by building awareness through direct community engagement with our communities' economic ecosystem by creating pathways to connect the existing and future economic mobility efforts.* The NLC Southern Cities award will provide the opportunity and NLC technical assistance to review and assess our processes to identify intentional, impactful, potential equitable economic opportunities for all. The focus of the NLC SCEI project will be to gather data through non-traditional efforts related to current economic conditions within the South Petersburg CRA. The community outreach will be in conjunction with the upcoming neighborhood plan updates in Melrose Mercy, 13<sup>th</sup> Street Heights and the corridor plan for the 16<sup>th</sup> Street South Business District. A youth component will be included to assist with community conversations and story telling while providing the opportunity for youth to learn and talk about economic opportunities including wealth building.

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval of the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor or his Designee to accept a grant from the National League of Cities in the amount of \$35,000 for the City's NLC SCEI Economic Equity Initiative.

COST/FUNDING/ASSESSMENT INFORMATION: Revenues of \$35,000 are to be received from the National League of Cities in support of the City's NLC SCEI economic equity efforts and deposited into the General Fund (0001). A supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$35,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these additional revenues, to the Community Services Department, Administration Division (083-1081), NLC SCEI (19026) is required.

APPROVALS

Administration: McFoster

Budget and Management: Lance Stanford

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 FOR THE CITY'S NLC SCEI ECONOMIC EQUITY INITIATIVE; APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 FROM THE INCREASE IN THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND (0001), RESULTING FROM THESE GRANT REVENUES, TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ADMINISTRATION DIVISION (083-1081), NLC SCEI PROJECT (19026); AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE GRANT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City of St. Petersburg ("City") wants to be known as a leader in economic equity; and

WHEREAS, one of Mayor Kenneth Welch's priorities is economic equity; and

WHEREAS, the City applied for and received an implementation grant in the amount of \$35,000 from the National League of Cities Southern Cities Economic Inclusion Initiative (NLC SCEI) for economic equity efforts; and

WHEREAS, a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$35,000 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these grant revenues, to the Community Services Department, Administration Division (083-1081), NLC SCEI Project (19026) is required.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to accept a grant from the National League of Cities in the amount of \$35,000 for the City's NLC SCEI Economic Equity Initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby approved from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), resulting from these grant revenues, the following supplemental appropriation for FY23:

General Fund (0001)  
Community Services Department, Administration  
Division (083-1081), NLC SCEI Project (19026); \$35,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the grant.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Approvals:

Legal:  \_\_\_\_\_

Budget: E Makofske \_\_\_\_\_