JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A JO DAVIESS COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, an outbreak of a novel coronavirus, referred to as COVID-19, has emerged globally and spread throughout the United States of America and the State of Illinois, resulting in a declaration of a pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, in response to the pandemic, the Governor of the State of Illinois has declared a state of emergency and has further issued a series of executive orders directing the closure of all “non-essential” businesses within the State of Illinois and mandated a general “stay-at-home” order to the populace; and

WHEREAS, the Jo Daviess County Board adopted a Proclamation Declaring Jo Daviess County a Disaster Area for Coronavirus Response and has further extended the Disaster Declaration to May 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Jo Daviess County Board is mindful of the economic impact of COVID-19 on small businesses within the County deemed as “non-essential” and desires to create a Small Business Stabilization Grant Program to aid such businesses with certain qualifying expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Jo Daviess County Economic Development Investment Fund (018) was established for the purpose of providing a pool of resources that can be used by the County Board to promote economic development throughout the County: and

WHEREAS, the Jo Daviess County Board wishes to allocate $250,000 in funding for the Small Business Stabilization Grant Program from the Jo Daviess County Economic Development Investment Fund (018); and

WHEREAS, the Jo Daviess County Board wishes to delegate the authority to review and approve Jo Daviess County Small Business Stabilization Program Grants to a Small Business Stabilization Grant Program Committee consisting of seven (7) members, comprised of the County Board Chair, two (2) additional County Board members, the County Administrator, the County Treasurer, the Planning & Development Administrator, and the Executive Director of Northwest Illinois Economic Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS THAT:

Section 1: The Jo Daviess County Small Business Stabilization Grant Program is established, Exhibit A.

Section 2: The Jo Daviess County Small Business Stabilization Grant Program Committee is established.

Section 3: The Jo Daviess County Small Business Stabilization Grant Program Committee shall consist of seven (7) members: County Board Chair, two (2) additional County Board members, the County Administrator, the County Treasurer, the Planning & Development Administrator, and the Executive Director of Northwest Illinois Economic Development.

Section 4: The Jo Daviess County Board delegates the authority to oversee the Jo Daviess County Small Business Grant Program including the review of grant applications and approval of grant awards to the Jo Daviess County Small Business Stabilization Grant Program Committee.
Section 5: The sum of $250,000.00 is allocated in Jo Daviess County Economic Development Investment Fund (018) for grants associated with the Jo Daviess County Small Business Stabilization Grant Program.

Section 6: A new line item 018-46177-926 Small Business Stabilization Grant (SBSG) is established.

Section 6: An Economic Development Investment Fund (018) line item transfer in the amount of $140,000.00 from (018-46177-905 Miscellaneous) to (018-46177-926 SBSG) is approved.

Section 7: An Economic Development Investment Fund (018) line item transfer in the amount of $110,000.00 from (018-46177-908 Revolving Loan Expense) to (018-46177-926 SBSG) is approved.

Section 8: All claims for Small Business Stabilization grant payments are subject to final approval by the Jo Daviess County Board.

Section 9: The Jo Daviess County Small Business Stabilization Grant Program Committee shall be discontinued and dissolved once the COVID-19 Pandemic in the United States officially ends.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Jo Daviess County Board on this 28th day of April, 2020.

Scott Toot  
Chairperson, Jo Daviess County Board

Attest:  
Angela Kaiser  
County Clerk

Ayes: 16  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1  
Abstain: 0