

**CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
**RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

**Economic Development/Brownfields**

**Resolution No.: 12-11-19E**

**Resolution Title:**

**Resolution Authorizing the Application for and Acceptance of a Grant in the Amount of \$157,283.00 from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund for the Environmental Investigation of the Reliable Tire Site in the Gateway Redevelopment Area**

**Project Summary:**

- The Reliable Tire Site (the “Site”) is located off of Mt. Ephraim Avenue and is bounded by Orchard Street, Chestnut Street, Mt. Vernon Street, and the PATCO tracks.
- The Site is designated on the Tax Map as Block 1302 Lot 2.
- The Site is approximately 2 acres in size and the overlay zoning in the Gateway Redevelopment Plan is Office/Light Industrial (OLI). It is located in an Opportunity Zone.
- Title to the Site was acquired by the City of Camden by a tax foreclosure action in 2018.
- The Site was historically occupied by various industrial uses, most recently the Site was occupied by a tire warehouse and retail operation. The structure was vacant for many years and destroyed by a massive fire in 2010.
- Relatively little is known about the environmental condition of the Site and the grant-funded investigation is essential in moving forward with redevelopment proposals.

**Purpose of Resolution:**

1. Authorize a Grant Application
2. Authorize Acceptance of a Grant

**Award Process:**

N/A

**Cost Not To Exceed:**

\$157,283.00

**Total Project Cost:**

TBD

**Source of Funds:**

HDSRF –no match required for environmental investigation grants

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is charged with the duty of redevelopment throughout the City of Camden; and

**WHEREAS**, the CRA was designated by the City of Camden (City) to implement the Gateway Redevelopment Plan (Plan), which states, "Given the proliferation of vacant buildings and land, many of which are (or suspected to be) contaminated...Gateway is ripe for redevelopment."; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan identifies as a priority the "efforts [to] upgrade the functional, residential, institutional, commercial and industrial land uses in Gateway." and

**WHEREAS**, the CRA in its role as the manager of the Camden Brownfields Program has identified the City-owned Reliable Tire Site (Site), which is designated as Block 1302 Lot 2 on the City Tax Map, as a priority site for Brownfield remediation and redevelopment for commercial/industrial uses; and

**WHEREAS**, to date the CRA has little information about the environmental condition of the Site and an environmental investigation is needed to move forward with efforts to redevelop the Site;

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) provides grants to municipalities and qualifying agencies for environmental investigation of Brownfield Sites; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in a preliminary review of a remediation budget submitted for the Site has determined that the proposed grant eligible costs are reasonable.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency that the Interim Executive Director of the Agency, a duly authorized representative, is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of **\$157,283.00** from the New Jersey Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund for environmental investigation of the Reliable Tire Site; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Interim Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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ON MOTION OF: *Ian K. Leonard*

SECONDED BY: *Vance Bowman*

COMMISSIONER	AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
Vance C. Bowman	✓		
Sheila Davis	✓		
Ian K. Leonard	✓		
Jose Javier Ramos	✓		
Maria Sharma	✓		
Marilyn Torres	✓		

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Chairperson

ATTEST:

*Olivette Simpson*

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Interim Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

*Michael J. Watson*

Michael J. Watson, Esq.  
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