

GROW CAPITAL JOBS Region 4 Council

Executive Committee Meeting

April 30, 2020

SPECIAL STATEMENT: The Executive Committee of the GROW Capital Jobs Region 4 Council met telephonically on a “dial-in” conference line that was properly noticed and made available to the public for participation. The meeting was conducted electronically under the authority of Va. Code §2.2-3708.2(A)(3) and the March 20, 2020 opinion of the Virginia Attorney General permitting electronic meetings of public bodies in light of the coronavirus state of emergency that has been declared in Virginia.

Members Participating By Telephone:

William H. Goodwin, Jr., John A. Luke, Jr., Mark Hourigan and Lorin Sodell

Members Absent:

Jennifer Hunter

Others Participating By Telephone:

Wilson H. Flohr, President and CEO, GROW Capital Jobs Foundation, Grace King, Secretary to the Council, and members of the GROW Capital Jobs Foundation staff

Call to Order:

The meeting convened with a majority of Committee members present. Mr. William H. Goodwin, Jr., Chairman of the GROW Capital Jobs Region 4 Council,

called the meeting to order, noting that this meeting was specially called to review proposed temporary modifications to the project approval process during the COVID19 Economic Resilience and Recovery Program. Grace King served as secretary for the meeting and recorded the minutes.

Citizen Comment:

No comments were made by the public; the public comment period was closed.

Temporary Project Approval Process

Mr. Flohr described the recent actions taken by the GO Virginia Board to redirect statewide competitive GO Virginia funds for a statewide, region-led response to the economic crisis brought on by the COVID19 pandemic. Each region may apply for up to \$1 million in project grant funds to support strategic initiatives in response to the COVID19 economic crisis. To accelerate the deployment of resources, DHCD will administer the review and approval process of applications requesting \$100,000 or less that meet program guidelines through a “Fast Access” rolling approval process. Each region may access up to \$300,000 for Fast Access treatment. Grant applications requesting more than \$100,000 will follow the regular grant application deadline and review process. The GO Virginia Board has temporarily eliminated the local match requirement by local governments and reduced the one-to-one match requirements by 50%.

Mr. Flohr introduced proposed temporary modification procedures to the current Region 4 project review and approval process. The purpose of the proposed modifications is to enable a more expedient project review/approval process in response to the goals of the COVID19 Economic Resiliency and Recovery Program and better align with the DHCD Fast Access process. After review and discussion, Mr. Luke moved to approved the attached **GO Virginia-Region 4 Temporary Modifications to Project Approval Process During COVID19 Economic Resiliency and Recovery (ERR) Program**, as amended. Mr. Hourigan seconded the motion, and the motion carried without further discussion.

Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

William H. Goodwin, Jr., Chairman

Grace R. King, Secretary

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