

A RESOLUTION

20-82

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 9, 2013

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to Congressional review, with respect to the need to provide grant-making authority for the Director of the Department of Employment Services to ensure efficient use of funds for workforce job development.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Workforce Job Development Grant-Making Authority Second Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2013”.

Sec. 2. (a) The Workforce Job Development Grant-Making Authority Act of 2012, signed by the Mayor on January 25, 2013 (D.C. Act 19-648; 60 DCR 2136), was approved by the Council on 2nd reading on December 18, 2012. The temporary law, the Workforce Job Development Grant-Making Authority Temporary Act of 2012, effective May 31, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-130; 59 DCR 2387), expired on January 11, 2013. The first Congressional review emergency, the Workforce Job Development Grant-Making Authority Congressional Review Emergency Act of 2013, effective February 20, 2013 (D.C. Act 20-86; 60 DCR 3954), which contained an applicability clause of January 11, 2013, will expire on April 11, 2013. D.C. Act 19-648 is projected to complete its Congressional review period and become law on April 18, 2013. The purpose of this Congressional review emergency is to prevent a gap in legal authority.

(b) There exists a need to improve the grant-making process for workforce job development funds available to the Department of Employment Services from both local appropriations and federal Workforce Investment Act sources.

(c) Providing grant-making authority for the Director of the Department of Employment Services for these funds will improve the speed and efficiency of the grant process for training and other services for unemployed District residents.

(d) Failure to provided this grant-making authority will delay the provision of needed services and risks possible lapses of funds.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Workforce Job Development Grant-Making Authority Second Congressional Review Emergency Act of 2013 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.