

A RESOLUTION

25-305

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 3, 2023

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to clarify the Department of Small and Local Business Development's authority to issue grants to eligible entrepreneurs and for-profit businesses in Ward 8.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Ward 8 Community Investment Fund Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023".

Sec. 2. (a) In the Fiscal Year 2023 Local Budget Act of 2023, the Council authorized the Department of Small and Local Business Development ("DSLBD") to issue a recurring grant to an organization that has received grants in the past, the Ward 8 Community Investment Fund, beginning in FY23.

(b) After passage of the law permitting this issuance, DSLBD learned that the named entity, the Ward 8 Community Investment Fund, was not authorized to receive funds because it was not the official name of the District entity. Instead, the established and properly incorporated entity is called the DC Community Development Consortium Institute. Because of this, a technical clarification of the name of the grantee was necessary prior to releasing funds.

(c) Without legislation authorizing DSLBD to release the grant to the DC Community Development Consortium Institute instead of to the Ward 8 Community Investment Fund, funds allocated by the Council to support Ward 8 entrepreneurs and small businesses cannot be used as intended.

(d) Emergency legislation is necessary to clarify the correct name of the grantee and to provide for the administration of the grant.

Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Ward 8 Community Investment Fund Emergency Clarification Act be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.