

**CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING
RESOLUTION 2020-26**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO SUPPLEMENT AVAILABLE
GRANT FUNDS WITHIN THE *COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF PROGRAM***

WHEREAS, Laramie's small businesses are the backbone of the local economy, creating jobs, generating sales tax revenue, and many being attractions in and of themselves adding to tourism and the quality of life for residents. In addition to these traditional roles, many of Laramie's small businesses build community through contributing cash, volunteer labor, and community spirit to many local events, clubs, and celebrations. Laramie is strong when our small businesses are strong; and,

WHEREAS, Laramie's small businesses and workers, like those across the nation, have been severely impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, City of Laramie has partnered with the Laramie Chamber Business Alliance to establish a micro grant and loan program to provide financing to strengthen small business enterprises and make resources available to maintain business viability and retain workforce; and,

WHEREAS, although helpful, the federal programs are likely insufficient to bring our community and economy back to a pre-pandemic condition and, there will be other long-term repercussive impacts to our businesses and community, even after pandemic restrictions are lifted; and,

WHEREAS, with the known impacts in mind, and recognizing the uncertainties that lay ahead, the City of Laramie wishes to establish a portal through which residents may donate to the *COVID-19 Small Business Relief Program* to supplement available grant funds and help meet unmet needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE, DOES HEREBY

- 1) Authorize the acceptance of donations to supplement available grant funds within the *COVID-19 Small Business Relief Program* established by Resolution 2020-23 on April 7, 2020, and to address current and long-term impacts to the community caused by the pandemic.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th day of May, 2020.

By: _____
Joe Shumway, Mayor and President of Laramie City
Council

ATTEST:

Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk