

**CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO**

**ORDINANCE NO. 4981**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE 2021 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 OF \$1,027,000.00 TO SUPPORT THE #GJSTRONG FUND IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO FOR EMERGENCY FOOD SUPPLY AND ECONOMIC RELIEF TO BUSINESSES AND NONPROFIT AGENCIES IN GRAND JUNCTION**

RECITALS:

For the past 12 months the City, the State and the Nation have endured the novel coronavirus of 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. Over the course of those months the City, the State and the Nation have variously declared the existence of emergency conditions in response to the pandemic and have been coping with the circumstances wrought by the pandemic. Serious economic consequences resulted and persisted, all of which have occasioned layoffs, job loss, contractions of business opportunities, business closures and reduced economic activity, vitality and strength.

In response to the local emergency, and by and with this Ordinance, the City Council is authorizing assistance to persons and businesses that have been directly and indirectly impacted by COVID-19. An appropriation for and possible assistance to non-profit organizations is contemplated in this appropriation ordinance; however, the expenditure of funds for those purposes following appropriation is contingent on and subject to separate confirmation of and ratification by the City Council of a process for determining recipients and eligibility for funds.

The temporary assistance afforded by the passage of this ordinance includes a second allocation of funds to the #GJSTRONGFUND emergency fund ("Fund") in the City's budget for expenditure for the expenses directly and indirectly related to food support to those in need. That support will be distributed in collaboration with the Western Colorado Community Foundation ("WCCF"). Additionally, funds will be allocated to the use of the Business Incubator Center/Small Business Development Center ("BIC/SBDC") to assist eligible businesses.

The City Manager is authorized to expend the appropriation for these purposes in cooperation with the WCCF and the BIC/SBDC. The appropriated funds shall in all ways be expended in furtherance of the purposes of these purposes and in response to and because of the COVID-19 emergency.

Given the unprecedented economic impacts, some of which are known and some of which remain unknown, of the COVID-19 outbreak on the local, regional, State and national economy the City Council finds and determines that an appropriation is

necessary, proper and that adoption of this ordinance will further the general health, safety and welfare of the community.

This ordinance appropriates a certain sum of money to defray the expenses and liabilities of the Fund and to provide economic assistance all as specifically or generally stated in this Ordinance together with an amendment of the 2021 budget. Supplemental appropriations are required to ensure adequate appropriations by fund. If a new project or spending is authorized by City Council a supplemental appropriation is required for the legal authority to spend the funds. This Ordinance confirms that authority.

This emergency supplemental appropriation provides for the addition of \$1,027,000.00 to the General Fund 100 of the City budget for emergency, temporary assistance.

At its February 3, 2021 meeting the City Council considered the foregoing Recitals, the purposes of this Ordinance and the importance of it to the Community and determined that an appropriation in the sum of \$1,027,000.00 is necessary and proper given the current emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO:

That the following sum of money be appropriated from unappropriated fund balance and additional revenues to the Fund indicated for the year ending December 31, 2021, to be expended from such funds as follows:

Fund Name	Fund #	Appropriation
General Fund	100	\$1,027,000.00

City Council hereby declares that a special emergency exists and that this ordinance is necessary to ensure the preservation of the peace and the public health, safety and welfare by effectuating the Council's publicly articulated purposes as stated herein and in the Declaration of Emergency.

In declaring a special emergency, and by and with the adoption of this ordinance, the City Council is conscientiously stewarding the public's funds by infusing funds to temporarily support people's needs resulting because of significant economic disruption, hardship or consequences of the declared COVID-19 emergency.

This Ordinance, immediately on its final passage, shall be recorded in the City book of ordinances kept for that purpose, authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and the

City Clerk. The full text of the Ordinance, in accordance with the Charter of the City of Grand Junction, is to be published in full within three days.

This Ordinance shall apply to the City of Grand Junction. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and with the unanimous approval of City Council.

This Ordinance is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City. If any provision of this Ordinance is found to be unconstitutional or illegal, such finding shall only invalidate that part or portion found to violate the law. All other provisions shall be deemed severed or severable and shall continue in full force and effect.

  
C.E. "Duke" Wortmann  
President of the Council



ATTEST:

  
Wanda Winkelmann  
City Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing Emergency Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 4981 was introduced by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado at a regular meeting of said body held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2021.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT Ordinance No. 4981 was read, considered, adopted and ordered published in the Daily Sentinel by the Grand Junction City Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

  
Deputy City Clerk



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