

Town of Cumberland

Resolution: *In support of demanding the State of Rhode Island to expedite, streamline acceptance, and distribute the previously approved portion of the Cares Act Funds designated for small business throughout the state and in accordance with R-20-90, for all small businesses impacted by Covid-19, including sole proprietors with no restrictions.*

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Whereas, The State of Rhode Island received 1.25 Billion in federal coronavirus relief funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act); and

Whereas, a clause within the CARES act allows the state to use the federal funds to issue grants to small businesses; and

Whereas, The State of Rhode Island has failed to properly set up a streamlined small business grant application; and

Whereas, The State of Rhode Island has discriminated against the largest part of the small business industry, sole proprietorships, which make up 73 percent of business across the country according to the small business administration; and

Whereas, The State of Rhode Island has intentionally not distributed these funds for interest collection purposes as well as currently unapproved usage for their own budget; and

Whereas, businesses across the state are closing at an unprecedented rate; and

Whereas, the Cumberland Town Council believes the State of Rhode Island has mismanaged the CARES Act funds in spite of their intended purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL OF CUMBERLAND, RHODE ISLAND AS FOLLOWS:

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R-20-111

SECTION 2: The Town Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Governor, Speaker of the House, Senate President, and the Town's delegation of the General Assembly.

SECTION 3: This resolution shall take effect upon passage.

Date Adopted: 10/7/2020

A True Copy, ATTEST:


SANDRA M. GIOVANELLI, TOWN CLERK

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