

A RESOLUTION

23-513

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 22, 2020

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Commission on the Arts and Humanities Act to allow grant recipients to cover certain office-related rent or mortgage operating costs during Fiscal Year 2021.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Arts and Humanities Capital Funding Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) On March 11, 2020, the Mayor of the District of Columbia issued Mayor’s Orders 2020-045 and 2020-046, declaring a public emergency and a public health emergency in the District due to the imminent threat to the health, safety, and welfare of District residents posed by the spread of COVID-19.

(b) The COVID-19 pandemic has substantially and negatively affected the arts and humanities industry due to the widespread closure of art museums, theaters, music venues, museums, and other arts and humanities businesses.

(c) To aid arts and humanities organizations during the pandemic, it is necessary to amend the Commission on the Arts and Humanities Act to allow grant recipients to cover certain office-related rent or mortgage operating costs during Fiscal Year 2021.

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 Arts and Humanities Capital Funding Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.