

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-200

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE, ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA), AND TO EXECUTE ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS AND LAREDO COLLEGE TO PROVIDE A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND SKILLS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN THE AREAS OF HOSPITALITY, HVAC, AND PHARMACY TECHNICIAN. FUNDING OF \$200,000 HAS BEEN APPROPRIATED UNDER THE ARPA STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS.

Whereas, the United States Department of Treasury has adopted a Final Rule for use of funds provided under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) that supports using ARPA funding to address economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic and to lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery; and

Whereas, the City of Laredo has received funds from the American Rescue Plan Act under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program; and;

Whereas, regulations implemented by the United State Treasury Department in their published Final Rule (31 CFR Part 35, RIN 1505-AC77) recognize that the pandemic has generated broad workforce disruption; and

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Laredo has approved to support programs that provide economic assistance and workforce development; and

Whereas, the City of Laredo has agreed to partner with Laredo College and to fund and provide workforce skills and development training programs for persons who experienced employment displacement as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, and

Whereas, the City of Laredo Economic Development Department and Laredo College will partner to offer 2 (two) Hospitality Certificate Program, 1 (one) Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Assistant Certificate Program, and 2 (two) Pharmacy Technician Programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

Section 1: Authorizing the City Manager to approve and enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Laredo, Texas ("City") and Laredo College to provide workforce skills training, development training, and redevelopment training for individuals who may have continued to experience lay-off, furlough, or under-employment due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The City will fund the program

in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. Funding is available under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program.

Section 2: This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS
THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

VICTOR D. TREVINO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIO I. MALDONADO
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DOANH T. NGUYEN
CITY ATTORNEY