

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-24

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLAYTON COUNTY TO ENTER INTO ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT WITH MELANATED PEARL CORPORATION FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, AND OTHERWISE PERFORM ALL ACTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO AMEND THE BUDGET WHERE NECESSARY TO REFLECT AN APPROPRIATE REVENUE SOURCE AND EXPENSE ALL AS MAY BE REQUIRED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners desires to expend \$1,067,028.20 in stimulus funds awarded to Clayton County by the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) for the express purposes of providing for the Clayton County’s Emergency Rental Assistance Program (“ERA” or “ERA Grant”), with an amount of said funds not to exceed \$74,691.97 being eligible for expenditure as administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, Melanated Pearl Corporation (“Melanated Pearl”) is a non-profit corporation authorized to do business in the State of Georgia, and is organized exclusively for charitable purposes, specifically as it relates to human services programs designed to combat poverty in Clayton County, Georgia and

WHEREAS, Melanated Pearl is currently a vendor with Clayton County administering existing ERA Grant funds for rental assistance and help with evictions and

avoidance thereof, and Melanated Pearl has further demonstrated its capacity to successfully manage a high volume of applications submitted from local constituents, including, but not limited to, application intake, eligibility determination, assessments of need for assistance, case management, payment processing, record-keeping, and reporting, and providing training to staff to complete these tasks; and

WHEREAS, Melanated Pearl understands the efficient need for communication and outreach, program design, mapping process and services, data analysis and visualization, program alignment and system coordination, and engaging courts and landlords, as well as ; and

WHEREAS, the County deems it in the best interest of the County and the County will best be served by entering into an agreement with Melanated Pearl to provide services for the distribution of the aforementioned ERA Grant funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CLAYTON COUNTY AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners authorizes Clayton County to enter into Articles of Agreement with Melanated Pearl Corporation to provide management, oversight, and operation services for the distribution of \$1,067,028.20 in stimulus funds awarded to Clayton County by the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program ("ERA"). An amount not to exceed \$74,691.974 is eligible for expenditure by Melanated Pearl Corporation as administrative costs for distributing the aforementioned ARPA ERA funds. The Board also authorizes the Chairman to perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution. The Board further authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to amend the budget to reflect an appropriate revenue source and expense as may be required under the terms of the Agreement.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

SO RESOLVED this 10th day of January, 2023.

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



JEFFREY E. TURNER, CHAIRMAN



FELICIA FRANKLIN, VICE-CHAIR

ALIEKA ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

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ATTEST:



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