

RESOLUTION NO: 2020-04R
TO SUPPORT AND FUND A COVID-19 SURVEILLANCE TESTING PROGRAM
IN THE BIG SKY RESORT AREA DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Montana, and Madison and Gallatin Counties having each respectively declared national, state, and county public health emergencies in response to the spread of a novel coronavirus and the disease it causes, known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other public health authorities having advised precautions to reduce the possibility of exposure to the virus and slow the spread of the disease, which include wearing masks, engaging in social distancing and proper hygiene, seeking testing for possible infection, and quarantining and staying home from work if sick or tested positive; and

WHEREAS, the District's community, and the larger community of Big Sky, is dependent upon its businesses remaining open and its employment force working with minimal interruption; and

WHEREAS, the District deems it essential to the economic viability of the community to avoid the closure of businesses and schools, and to maintain the health of its residents, visitors, and first responder work force; and

WHEREAS, the District has worked closely with interested community members, large and small business owners in the community, the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce, Visit Big Sky, state and local authorities, county health departments, the local health community, school officials, and philanthropic organizations ("Interested Community Members") to collectively design a surveillance testing program ("COVID-19 Testing Program") for the District and the larger Big Sky community in an effort to identify those who may be ill and to take proper precautions to isolate the illness, slow the spread, and keep community businesses and schools open; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed and held public meeting on October 28, 2020, pursuant to the emergency appropriation authorization granted to the District's Board of Directors by Section 4 of District Ordinance 99-01, the Board considered the desirability of implementation of the COVID-19 Testing Program, and the possibility of partial funding of the COVID-19 Testing Program in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) ("District Funding"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the COVID-19 Testing Program, as set forth in the plan developed by Interested Community Members, Big Sky Relief Fund, LLC would accept and receive charitable donations as the funding for the COVID-19 Testing Program, and work with personnel from Bozeman Health, who will staff and administer the COVID-19 Testing Program and contract with a reputable laboratory service for the prompt analysis of the tests given to the District's community members and to members of the larger Big Sky community, to fully implement the plan developed by the Interested Community Members;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the plan developed by the Interested Community Members, the Requested District Funding, together with a contribution in the amount of \$250,000 from the Visit Big Sky, will be allocated to and dedicated to providing certain testing opportunities and associated public health messaging for all businesses within the District and community members within the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the plan developed by the Interested Community Members, additional funding for the COVID-19 Testing Program will come from some of the community's largest employers and philanthropic organizations, foundations, and donors;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, following extensive Board discussion, a review of the plan developed by the Interested Community Members, and the proposed testing plans and protocols set forth in the COVID-19 Testing Program, and to ensure the swift and coordinated effort to finalize and implement the COVID-19 Testing Program in an effort to keep the District's businesses and schools open, the District's Board hereby agrees to provide the District Funding to Big Sky Relief Fund, LLC for the sole and exclusive purposes of the COVID-19 Testing Program, with the District Funding being dedicated to providing certain testing opportunities and associated public health messaging to businesses, business employees, and community members within the District and others pursuant to the guidelines and parameters of the Covid-19 Testing Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District and Big Sky Relief Fund, LLC shall enter into a Services Agreement and/or Restricted Gift Agreement for the use and accounting of the District Funding before any such funding is transferred to Big Sky Relief Fund, LLC and the District delegates authority to execute any required agreements to the District's Chairman of the Board and Secretary & Treasurer.

Done, dated, and effective this 28th day of October, 2020 by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.


[Kevin P Germain \(Jan 26, 2021 16:35 MST\)](#)

Kevin Germain, Chair


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Sarah Blechta, Vice Chair


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Steve Johnson, Secretary & Treasurer


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Ciara Wolfe, Director


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Grace Young, Director

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