



EMERGENCY DECLARATION

To: Gregory Veliz, City Manger
From: Mark Finigan, Director of Finance
David Sermak, Purchasing Specialist

Effective Date: April 27, 2020

Action Statement:

Request the City Manager, Gregory Veliz, acting in the Best Interest of the City Sec 2-797 (4) b, sign this emergency declaration allowing for the allocation of City funds for the purchase of necessary supplies, by local non-profits, for distribution to residents effected by the economic hardship resulting from the coronavirus pandemic from Sysco Corporation in an amount to exceed \$50,000.

City of Key West ordinance 2-797 (4) b If in the opinion of the city manager exceptional circumstances exist to exempt a purchase from the competitive bid requirements of this subdivision for the best interests of the city, the city manager shall place a resolution before the city commission for approval of such exemption.

Background:

On March 9, 2020 Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the entire state of Florida as a result of COVID-19. The executive order highlighted the need for municipalities to close all but essential businesses in order to "Slow the Spread".

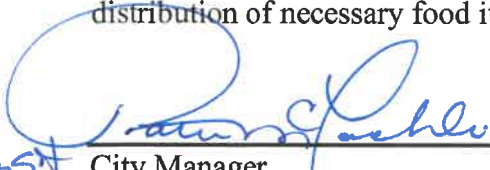
The effect of the economic shutdown has left many residents with little to no means of supporting themselves or family members. Fortunately, local non-profits already have a distribution structure in place and are able to expand their capacity to meet demand.

Justification:

While the economic hardship has impacted all residents of Key West, there are many whose main source of income has been eliminated. Working with established non-profits, who already have a distribution network in place, would be the most efficient and cost-effective method of immediately meeting the needs of residents.

Recommendation:

The Purchasing Specialist respectfully requests that City Manager Gregory Veliz approve this emergency declaration allowing for the use of City funds to support of local non-profits in their distribution of necessary food items to its residents.

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City Manager

5/1/2020
Date