

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2022-191

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FIRST 5 SONOMA COUNTY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that health and economic risks to vulnerable individuals, minority community members, and low-wage workers and their families has been significantly greater than that to people with adequate and stable income; and

WHEREAS, emerging research on the impacts of a guaranteed basic income, especially for families with young children, suggest significant upstream impacts on family socio-economic stability, housing stability, increased opportunity for upward mobility, all of which mitigate the potentially lifelong impacts of child poverty; and

WHEREAS, a 2021 United Ways of California study revealed that 52% of Sonoma County households with children under 6 struggled to cover basic needs; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2022, City Council passed resolution RES-2022-029 appropriating the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and approving the related spending plans; and

WHEREAS, included in that spending plan is the ARPA funded Santa Rosa Guaranteed Basic Income Program in the amount of \$1,008,000, \$960,000 of which is to be used for monthly payments of \$500 for 24 months to 80 Santa Rosa families, and \$48,000 of which is allocated as a 5% administrative fee to support dedicated First 5 Sonoma County staffing required to manage and administer ARPA programming, data and financial tracking, and reporting of the life of the ARPA funded program on the City's behalf; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Guaranteed Basic Income Program is to increase family financial security and mobility, and decrease child poverty by providing unrestricted monthly guaranteed financial support for 24 months, and to demonstrate the impacts achievable for families through the guaranteed income intervention in order to drive future investments in and sustainability of the approach, and to advance public policies that increase family economic mobility; and

WHEREAS, a Guaranteed Basic Income Coalition comprised of Sonoma County jurisdictions allocating funds for this regional effort and community service organizations assisting in the culturally responsive and linguistically inclusive implementation of the program was formed to ensure all eligible individuals learn of and apply for this opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Guaranteed Basic Income Coalition is unified around racial equity, addressing income inequality, and ensuring that ARPA resources are targeted to those at the margins who were most negatively impacted by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, First 5 Sonoma County invests in Sonoma County’s youngest children by funding programs and services that promote, support, and improve the early development of children from the prenatal stage through age five using Proposition 10 funds from a statewide ballot initiative passed in 1998 that added fifty cents per pack to cigarettes and other tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, First 5 Sonoma is an independent public agency that has administered over \$90 million in grants across the county over the last 22 years, including leveraging and administering the City’s Child Care Resiliency Fund grant program, the Santa Rosa Childcare Support Program Facility Fund, and the City’s Child College Savings Account Programs; and

WHEREAS, First 5 intends to continue leveraging their capacity as the lead agency for the City’s ARPA funds and General Funds directed at childcare, using Proposition 10 tobacco tax revenue to offset the administrative costs not covered by the 5% administrative cost allocation outlined in the Professional Service Agreement; and

WHEREAS, First 5 is also the contract agency to manage and administer the County of Sonoma’s Guaranteed Basic Income program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa approves a Professional Services Agreement with First 5 Sonoma County, in substantially the same form as Exhibit A to the resolution, subject to approval as to form by City Attorney, for administration of the City of Santa Rosa Guaranteed Basic Income Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,008,000.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 13th day of September, 2022.

AYES: (7) Mayor C. Rogers, Vice Mayor Alvarez, Council Members Fleming, MacDonald, N. Rogers, Sawyer, Schwedhelm

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
Deputy City Attorney

Exhibit A – First 5 Sonoma County Professional Services Agreement