

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2025-052
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING
SUBMITTAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 ACTION PLAN TO THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) requires state and local grantees to prepare an Action Plan annually to define how federal funds, including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investments Partnership Act (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grants will be spent in the coming year; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires jurisdictions to submit their plan 45 days prior to the start of the Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, HUD has not announced the award amounts for CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA programs to entitlement jurisdictions for Fiscal Year 2025/2026; and

WHEREAS, to remain in compliance with HUD's timeline staff has prepared a Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Action Plan (Plan) based on the City's Fiscal Year 2024/2025 allocations; and

WHEREAS, the City has delegated the responsibility for administering its housing programs to the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Rosa (Authority), which is staffed by the Department of Housing & Community Services; and

WHEREAS, the funding strategy for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 allocates 85% of CDBG funds for affordable housing purposes and administration and 15% to public services; and 100% of HOME funds for affordable housing purposes, including tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) and administration; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2025, a virtual community meeting was held to provide an overview of the application process for the Public Services Program, which includes homeless services, fair housing, and HOPWA programs and the process for the Plan; and

WHEREAS, staff will return to Council with funding recommendations and grant agreements for the Public Services Program once HUD announces the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 award amounts; and

WHEREAS, the draft Plan was made available to the public for the 30-day public comment period beginning March 14, 2025 through April 15, 2025 on the City's website; via email upon request; at the City Hall Annex, City Manager's Office and the Central Branch of the Sonoma County Library in downtown Santa Rosa; and was advertised in the Press Democrat, La Voz, through the City Connections Newsletter, to an opt-in email subscriber list, and the Sonoma County Homeless Coalitions' (Continuum of Care) email subscriber list; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Council of the City of Santa Rosa on April 15, 2025, to receive additional public comments on the Plan; and

WHEREAS, although HUD does not require a policy-making body to adopt the Plan, it has been Council's practice to authorize submittal of the Plan to HUD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa authorizes submittal of the Plan to HUD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council hereby authorizes staff to update the Plan once HUD has announced award amounts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council hereby authorizes the City Manager as the HUD-defined Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the City of Santa Rosa to execute the annual federal funding agreements with HUD and any additional forms or documents required by HUD to implement the Plan.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 15th day of April, 2025.

AYES: (5) Mayor Stapp, Council Members Bañuelos, Fleming, MacDonald, Rogers

ABSENT: (2) Vice Mayor Alvarez, Council Member Okrepkie

ABSTAIN: (0)

RECUSE: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney