

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2017-031

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA PROVIDING GAP FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 TO LEGAL AID OF SONOMA COUNTY FOR A TENANT STABILIZATION PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE FOR THIS PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Legal Aid of Sonoma County submitted a gap funding request for a Tenant Stabilization Project in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000); and

WHEREAS, the request is based on an increase in calls in Fiscal Year 2016/2017 from Santa Rosa residents for tenant stabilization assistance with issues like eviction defense, habitability standards, or retaliation advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the City does not currently fund a program that provides tenant stabilization assistance but there has been an increase in requests for this type of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa hereby approves the award of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to Legal Aid of Sonoma County for the proposed Tenant Stabilization Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requires Legal Aid to report back to Council during the 2017 budget season to identify how the dollars were spent and what the outcome data was for that \$20,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff bring forward a proposal in the FY 2017/2018 budget process for a Request for Proposal (RFP) to include, but not limited to, tenant-landlord mediation, eviction defense, Section 8 termination and habitability retaliation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council hereby appropriates \$20,000 from the General Fund unassigned fund balance and authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to pay \$20,000 to Legal Aid of Sonoma County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to complete any necessary budgetary and accounting adjustments to complete this transaction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council authorizes the City Manager, or his delegate, to enter into an agreement for services with Legal Aid of Sonoma County, as described in the organization's gap funding request, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 28th day of February, 2017.

AYES: (4) Mayor Coursey, Vice Mayor Tibbetts, Council Members Combs, Rogers
NOES: (2) Council Members Olivares, Schwedhelm
ABSENT: (1) Council Member Sawyer
ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Interim City Attorney