

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-187

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING AN OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR SAFE PARKING PROGRAM WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,949,739 IN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO HOMELESS SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025

WHEREAS, since January 1, 2022, the City has contracted with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa (Catholic Charities) for operation of the Safe Parking Program (Program) through annual agreements for calendar years 2022 and 2023 in the amounts of \$1,299,826, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Program, located in a portion of the City-owned parking lot at 55 Stony Point Road, is a housing-focused, low-barrier site providing up to 52 parking spaces for persons experiencing homelessness to safely park their vehicle or RV with access to basic services, such as food, sanitation, and shower facilities, and wrap-around services targeted at ending their homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the current operating agreement for 2023 is set to expire December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into a new operating agreement with Catholic Charities in the amount of \$1,949,739, with funds previously appropriated to the Homeless Services budget, to continue the Program for an eighteen-month period to align with the fiscal year (January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025); and

WHEREAS, the Program has been found in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan or Zoning. Specifically, the Program consists of the operation of an existing public facility involving a negligible expansion of the existing parking lot use. In addition, the Program implements the project site's Public Institutional General Plan and Zoning classifications, and General Plan policies, by providing a facility to support to the public. The Program is also exempt from Section 15269(c) of the Guidelines because the proposed actions are necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency under the City's Local Homeless Emergency Declaration and therefore are statutorily exempt from CEQA. Therefore, no further environmental review is required.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa approves and authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and execute an Operating Agreement for Safe Parking Program with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa (Agreement) in the amount of \$1,949,739 for the period January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, using the form attached as Exhibit A to the resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council authorizes the Director of Housing and Community Services, or designee, to execute the Operating Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to pay all proper costs and claims for this contract out of Fund 1276, Charge Key 00653- Safe Parking (\$784,390.97), and Fund 1209- Homeless Operations Charge Key 42143- Safe Parking (\$165,348.03) and Charge Key 42143- ERF Homeless Grant Program (\$1,000,000.00).

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 14th day of November, 2023.

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

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

Exhibit A - Operating Agreement for the Safe Parking Program