

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA 1) APPROVING THE CREATION OF A HOUSING FIRST FUND TO PROVIDE LANDLORD INCENTIVES, RISK MITIGATION, AND TENANT ASSISTANCE; 2) ALIGNMENT OF THE HOMELESS SERVICES CENTER, OPERATED BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA, WITH THE HOUSING FIRST MODEL; 3) ALIGNMENT OF THE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER, OPERATED BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES, WITH THE HOUSING FIRST MODEL; AND 4) AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 ADOPTED BUDGET WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND AND HOMELESS SHELTER OPERATIONS FUND

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2017, Council, confirmed its direction on homeless services programing, including but not limited to the creation of a fund to provide landlord incentives, risk mitigation, and tenant assistance (Housing First Fund); and

WHEREAS, staff has collaborated with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa (Catholic Charities) to develop a budget for a Housing First Fund estimated at \$534,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2017, Council also directed staff to complete an evaluation of all City-sponsored programs in alignment with Housing First as part of the Homeless System of Care Redesign, which is currently underway; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2017, by Resolution No. RES-2017-221, Council approved a Grant Agreement for Homeless Services Center (HSC) with Catholic Charities, in the amount of \$100,000, for the period of November 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, to expand the program's hours of operation as part of the City's Homeless Encampment Assistance Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2017, Council also directed staff to return with a budget and program to align HSC with the Housing First model for further consideration; and

WHEREAS, following Council's direction on July 11, 2017 and November 14, 2017, staff has collaborated with Catholic Charities to develop budgets to align HSC and the Family Support Center (FSC), also operated by Catholic Charities, with the Housing First model, which budgets are estimated to be an additional \$218,000 and \$100,000 annually, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the City's total current commitment to HSC and FSC for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 is \$202,520 and \$96,460, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to support Housing-First programming at HSC and FSC and the creation of a Housing First Fund in alignment with its priority to address homelessness in Santa Rosa and its Housing First Strategy for a combined total additional funding estimated at \$852,000 annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa approves the creation of a Housing First Fund (\$534,000) and Housing First programming at HSC (\$218,000) and FSC (\$100,000) for a combined total not to exceed \$852,000 annually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to amend the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 adopted budget to increase budgeted transfers by \$852,000 in Fund 1209 (Homeless Shelter Operations) and increase appropriations in Charge No. 340707 by this amount with the source of funds being from the General Fund fund-balance.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 30th day of January, 2018.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney