

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2019-147

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$1.6 MILLION REMAINING FROM AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PILOT PROGRAM NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY FOR CAPITAL AND PROGRAMMING IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SAMUEL L. JONES HALL HOMELESS SHELTER LOCATED AT 4020 FINLEY AVENUE

WHEREAS, the Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Shelter (Shelter) is a City-owned facility which has been operated by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa (Catholic Charities) since it opened in November 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Shelter's initial year-round 80-bed occupancy has increased over time with the consolidation of the Brookwood Shelter (40 beds) in 2009 and more recently, in November 2014, with Council's approval of a modification to the Conditional Use Permit allowing an increase in year-round beds from 120 to 138 plus 50 winter shelter beds between November and March; and

WHEREAS, the Shelter is funded collectively by the City of Santa Rosa, the County of Sonoma, and Community Foundation Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2017/2018, Council approved the consolidation of the year-round and winter shelter programs into a housing-focused shelter (Housing Focused Program) and approved additional beds to support shelter needs identified through the Homeless Encampment Assistance Pilot Program (HEAP Program) or during emergent situations, which was achieved under the flexibility provided by the proclamation of local homeless emergency without the need for a formal modification to the Conditional Use Permit; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Focused Program currently provides 213 year-round beds, 138 of which are set aside for individuals with highest vulnerability in conjunction with Coordinated Entry, plus up to 75 beds prioritized for individuals identified through the HEAP Program or during emergent situations; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2019, the Sonoma County Continuum of Care, Home Sonoma County approved \$1.2 million in State Homeless Emergency Aid Program (State HEAP) funds for the replacement of the roof at the Shelter, which has been identified by the Department of Transportation and Public Works as a Priority 1 need (currently critical, requiring immediate attention, 0-12 months); and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost to replace the roof is \$1.6 million, leaving a gap of approximately \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, staff has identified \$1.6 million remaining from an Affordable Housing Pilot Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) issued in 2016 as part of the City's Housing Action Plan to address the \$400,000 gap for replacement of the roof; and

WHEREAS, staff has identified additional capital improvements at the Shelter for use of the remaining NOFA funds of approximately \$1.2 million including costs associated with

modifying the large dorm to create three (3) smaller dorms: a 38-bed navigation center and two (2) smaller, dorms (15 and 18 beds) to provide increased privacy and accommodations for Shelter clients; and

WHEREAS, pending final cost estimates for the replacement of the roof and modifications to the large dorm, the remaining NOFA funds will be utilized for the implementation of a one-year pilot program providing enhanced services to assist with retention of Shelter clients and improve housing outcomes in alignment with the Council's Housing First Strategy and regional efforts through Home Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, the project has been found in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15301, the project is categorically exempt as it involves funding for repairs to an existing structure; and

WHEREAS, the terms and costs of said pilot program will be memorialized in a contract for Council consideration at a future Council meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa authorizes the expenditure of up to \$1.6 million for capital and programming improvements at the Shelter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council authorizes the expenditure of up to \$1.6 million in Key 42130 in order of priority as follows, for capital improvements associated with the replacement of the roof and modifications to the large dorm followed by programming improvements for the implementation of a pilot program, which terms and costs will be memorialized in a contract subject to Council consideration at a future Council meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Shelter will provide capacity for up to 208 beds as follows: 38-bed navigation center, 138 beds set aside for Coordinated Entry plus capacity for an additional thirty-two (32) cots for the City's HEAP Program or during emergent situations.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 24th day of September, 2019.

AYES: (6) Mayor Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Rogers, Council Members Combs, Fleming, Olivares, Sawyer

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (1) Council Member Tibbetts

ATTEST: _____
Acting City Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney