

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2023-075

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 ACTION PLAN, AND APPROVING GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES, FAIR HOUSING, AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) requires state and local grantees to prepare and submit an Annual Action Plan 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, a virtual community meeting was held on February 1, 2023 to provide an overview of the process for public services, fair housing, and HOPWA applications and the process for the Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Action Plan detailing the proposed use of CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and certain local funds was made available to the public on the City's website, via email upon request, at City Hall and the main branch of the Sonoma County Public Library in downtown Santa Rosa for the required 30-day comment period from March 24, 2023 through April 23, 2023. Availability of the draft Plan was advertised in the Press Democrat, La Voz, through the City Connections Newsletter, to an opt-in email subscriber list, and through the Continuum of Care's email subscriber list; and

WHEREAS, a hybrid public hearing was held on April 25, 2023 to receive additional public comments on the Plan and the recommended public services, fair housing, and HOPWA Grant Agreements; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations require the City to submit its Plan indicating how it anticipates to distribute CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA funds in the coming year by May 15 to HUD; and

WHEREAS, the City anticipates receiving federal funding in the following amounts:

Funding Source	Grant Amount	Program Income	Total
CDBG	\$1,324,261	\$60,000	\$1,384,261
HOME	\$765,722	\$60,000	\$825,722
HOPWA	\$518,964	-0-	\$518,964
Total	\$2,608,947	\$120,000	\$2,728,947

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 2023/2024 allocates 85% of CDBG funds to the Authority for affordable housing purposes and administration and 100% of HOME funds to the Authority for affordable housing purposes, including tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) and administration; and

WHEREAS, up to 15% of the CDBG allocation plus program income will be allocated to homeless organizations providing shelter and services, \$45,000 in local funds from Real Property Transfer Tax will be allocated to the federally mandated fair housing program, and \$503,395 in HOPWA funding will be allocated to providing housing assistance and related supportive services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families; and

WHEREAS, the recommended public services, fair housing, and HOPWA grant amounts for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 are as follows:

HOMELESS SHELTER AND SUPPORT SERVICES (CDBG)

Catholic Charities – The Family Center	\$96,000
Catholic Charities – Homeless Services Center	\$102,000
The Living Room Center	\$9,639

FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM (REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX)

Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California	\$45,000
The Living Room	\$29,231

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)

Face to Face	\$503,395
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WHEREAS, although HUD does not require a policy-making body to adopt the Plan, it has been Council’s practice to make the final determination on the annual Grant Agreements to nonprofit service providers and authorize submittal of the Plans to HUD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa authorizes submission of the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Action Plan, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council approves the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Grant Agreements for public services, fair housing, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS in substantially the form as attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it has been the Council’s practice to appropriate General Funds or American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the Homeless Services Center and Family Support Center and those amounts will be included in the Grant Agreements, if approved through the City Council’s budget process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council authorizes the Director of Housing & Community Services, or their designee, to execute the Grant Agreements and any future amendments that may be required thereto for public services, fair housing, and HOPWA.

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 Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Action Plan.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 25th day of April, 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: _____
Deputy City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney

- Exhibit A – Draft Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Action Plan
- Exhibit B – Grant Agreement with Catholic Charities – Homeless Services Center
- Exhibit C – Grant Agreement with Catholic Charities – The Family Center
- Exhibit D – Grant Agreement with The Living Room
- Exhibit E – Grant Agreement with Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California
- Exhibit F – Grant Agreement with Face to Face