

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2026-045

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING
SUBMITTAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 ACTION PLAN TO THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) requires state and local grantees to prepare an Action Plan annually to define how federal funds, including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investments Partnership Act (HOME) grants will be spent in the coming year; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires jurisdictions to submit their plan 45 days prior to the start of the Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, to remain in compliance with HUD's timeline staff prepared a Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Action Plan (Plan) based on the City's Fiscal Year 2025/2026 allocations as HUD had not announced award amounts for CDBG and HOME to entitlement jurisdictions for Fiscal Year 2026/2027; and

WHEREAS, following publication of the draft Plan for public comment, HUD announced the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 allocations as follows: \$1,268,543 for CDBG and \$620,063 for HOME; and

WHEREAS, the City has delegated the responsibility for administering its housing programs to the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Rosa, which is staffed by the Department of Housing & Community Services; and

WHEREAS, the funding strategy for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 allocates approximately 85% of CDBG funds for affordable housing purposes and administration and 15% to public services, and allocates 100% of HOME funds for affordable housing purposes, including tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) and administration; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2026, a virtual community meeting was held to provide an overview of the application process for the Public Services Program, which includes homeless services, fair housing, and the process for the Plan; and

WHEREAS, staff will return to Council with funding recommendations and grant agreements for the Public Services Program following submittal of the Plan to HUD; and

WHEREAS, the draft Plan was made available to the public for the 30-day public comment period beginning March 20, 2026 through April 20, 2026 on the City's website; via email upon request; at the City Hall Annex, City Manager's Office and the Central Branch of the Sonoma County Library in downtown Santa Rosa; and was advertised in the Press Democrat, La Voz, through the City Connections Newsletter, to an opt-in email subscriber list, and the Sonoma County Homeless Coalition's (Continuum of Care) email subscriber list; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Council of the City of Santa Rosa on April 21, 2026, to receive additional public comments on the Plan; and

WHEREAS, although HUD does not require a policy-making body to adopt the Plan, it has been Council's practice to authorize submittal of the Plan to HUD; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378, the proposed action is not a "project" subject to CEQA because it does not have the potential to result in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment; and

WHEREAS, in the alternative, the proposed action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the action may have a significant effect on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa authorizes submittal of the Plan to HUD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council hereby authorizes staff to update the Plan with the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 HUD award amounts.

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 Plan.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 21st day of April, 2026.

AYES: (4) Mayor Stapp, Vice Mayor Okrepkie, Council Members Alvarez, Rogers

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (3) Council Members Bañuelos, Fleming, MacDonald

ABSTAIN: (0)

RECUSE: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
Deputy City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney