

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HER DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION FUNDING ROUND THREE GRANT AWARD OF \$4,821,082.88 FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO FUND UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS OUTREACH AND HOUSING OPTIONS AND TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE RELATED DOCUMENTS TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS WITHOUT REQUIRING FURTHER CITY COUNCIL ACTION

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2023, the California Interagency Council on Homelessness announced a Notice of Funding Availability for the Encampment Resolution Funding Round Three ("ERF-3-R") Program, which seeks to fund actionable, person-centered local proposals that resolve the experience of unsheltered homelessness for individuals residing in encampments; and

WHEREAS, the City of San José ("City") Housing Department, in coordination with multiple stakeholders, including the California Department of Transportation, and Santa Clara Valley Water District, developed a comprehensive encampment resolution plan for the ERF-3-R Program grant application, and the City submitted the resulting ERF-3-R Program proposal to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness on April 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2024, the Housing Department received confirmation from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development ("HCD") of their intent to award the City's proposed ERF-3-R Program, and the Housing Department anticipates receiving the ERF-3-R Program award upon submitting a standard agreement to HCD in the amount of \$4,821,082.88 to fund the City's proposed collaborative ERF-3-R Program from October 2024 through June 2027; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the ERF-3-R Program is to transition every individual within the target area into permanent housing destinations through a means of targeted engagement, housing problem-solving, short-term rental assistance interventions, set-aside units at the Via del Oro Emergency Interim Housing site, and coordination with the County of Santa Clara's Office of Supportive Housing ("OSH") for participant placement into permanent supportive housing options; and

WHEREAS, timing was a significant factor in the selection of the Via del Oro Emergency Interim Site for the ERF-3-R Program grant application, which was before any plans for the Cherry Avenue Emergency Interim Housing site were completed or confirmed by City staff, and staff adjusted the planning for the build-out of the Cherry Avenue Emergency Interim Housing site to make complimentary clearings of encampments surrounding the Via del Oro Emergency Interim Housing site; and

WHEREAS, the Cherry Avenue Encampment Resolution ("CAER") Program mobilizes collaborative partners and a multidisciplinary team of community organizations experienced in providing unsheltered homelessness outreach, housing problem-solving, housing placement, person-centered service delivery, and trauma-informed care services; and

WHEREAS, the CAER Program will synchronize the Housing Department's Targeted Outreach and Engagement program, Emergency Interim Housing program, and the County's Permanent Supportive Housing program in order to deliver a diverse range of resources and housing pathways for up to 150 encampment individuals, and will swiftly move individuals from the project area into interim shelter and then into permanent housing options, while creating the space for our partnered jurisdictional entities to hold and restore the land to its intended public use through outreach and impact reduction coordination; and

WHEREAS, approval of the staff recommendation will allow the Housing Department to serve up to 150 individuals residing at the Cherry Avenue encampment and any additional encampments targeted by the ERF-3-R Program as set forth in the memorandum from the Director of Housing, Erik L. Soliván, dated November 19, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

The City Manager, or her designee, is hereby authorized to accept the Encampment Resolution Funding Round Three grant award of \$4,821,082.88 from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development to fund unsheltered homelessness outreach and housing options and to negotiate and execute related documents to accept grant funds without requiring further City Council action.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

MATT MAHAN
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, MMC
City Clerk