

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE APPROVING THE AWARD OF DIGITAL INCLUSION GRANTS, AUTHORIZING A \$1,000,000 PAYMENT TO CALIFORNIA EMERGING TECHNOLOGY FUND (“CETF”) FROM THE DIGITAL INCLUSION FUND TO DISTRIBUTE TO THE SELECTED GRANTEEES, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE THE FORM OF THE GRANT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE GRANTEEES AND CETF WITH THE CITY AS A THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY’S AGREEMENT WITH CETF TO CLARIFY THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRANT AWARDS

WHEREAS, in March 2016, the Council of the City of San José (“City”) unanimously approved San José’s *Smart City Vision*, and prioritized digital inclusion as one of the top five pillars of the *Smart City Vision*; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, The Mayor’s Office raised external funds to commission a study in partnership with Stanford University to better understand the digital divide in San José. Key findings of the study included: Only 45% of low-income families, making less than \$35,000 a year report having broadband access at home. At the same time, 70% of public school teachers report requiring their students to have online access to complete their homework assignments; and

WHEREAS, in November 2017, the City approved the Broadband and Digital Inclusion Strategy to promote economic development, digital inclusion, and support for Smart Cities and Internet of Things by negotiating an exchange of value with the telecoms to accelerate broadband internet access while simultaneously closing the digital divide for underserved communities. Policy, infrastructure, funding and staffing recommendations

include creation of a broadband team within the City Manager's Office to execute and realize the Strategy and the Smart City Vision; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the City approved agreements with telecommunications companies for limited small cell deployment and allocated small cell usage fee revenue to create the Digital Inclusion Fund. Shortly after, the City engaged Dalberg Advisors to assist in developing a plan to implement the Digital Inclusion Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Digital Inclusion Fund grants will enable residents to connect to the internet through appropriate devices, whether for homework, career opportunities, healthcare, or other quality of life outcomes and access to digital literacy programs; and

WHEREAS, working alongside the City of San José, Dalberg Advisors recommended California Emergency Technology Fund ("CETF") as the best organization to implement and manage the Digital Inclusion Fund; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2019, the City and CETF entered into an Agreement for the Digital Inclusion Partnership Grant Program for the purposes of disbursement of the City's grant awards and having CETF act in the capacity of fiscal agent for the Digital Inclusion Fund grant program; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2019, following a grant application process, CETF received a total of 30 applications from community-based organizations ("CBOs") requesting \$3,500,256 in funding for which \$1,000,000 is available; and

WHEREAS, each application was inventoried and reviewed by at least five people; one representative of the City Manager's Office; one CETF staff member, and three members of the Digital Inclusion Advisory Board using a content guide, which was voted on and approved by the Digital Inclusion Advisory Board in September 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to approve funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the first round of Digital Inclusion Fund grants to twenty-three San José CBOs in order to advance the City's digital inclusion partnership goal to extend technology's reach and empower all residents and communities, especially those who are historically under-represented or under-served;

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

1. The list of Digital Inclusion grantees and award amounts attached hereto as "Attachment A" is hereby approved.
2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to approve the form of the grant agreements between the grantees and the City's fiscal agent, California Emerging Technology Fund with the City as a named third-party beneficiary.
3. The City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute an amendment to the City's agreement with the California Emerging Technology Fund to clarify the administration of the grant awards.
4. A \$1,000,000 payment from the Digital Inclusion Fund to California Emerging Technology Fund to distribute the grant awards to the grantees pursuant to the agreement with California Emerging Technology Fund is hereby approved.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

SAM LICCARDO
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk

Attachment A
Digital Inclusion Grantees

1. Ace Charter Schools \$50,000
2. Alum Rock Union School District \$125,000
3. Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County \$100,000
4. Cristo Rey San José High School \$25,000
5. First Community Housing \$75,000
6. Goodwill of Silicon Valley \$25,000
7. Hoover PTA \$25,000
8. International Children Assistance Network, Inc. ("ICAN") \$20,000
9. Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley \$37,500
10. International Rescue Committee, Inc. ("IRC") \$10,000
11. Lit Lab \$37,500
12. Latinos United for New America ("LUNA") \$20,000
13. NPower, Inc. \$25,000
14. Rocketship Education dba Rocketship Public Schools \$25,000
15. Sacred Heart Community Service \$50,000
16. The San José Library Foundation \$150,000
17. San José Community Media Access Corp. \$5,000
18. City of San José Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services ("PRNS")
\$25,000
19. Step Up And Do Something! Inc. \$5,000
20. Street Code Academy \$5,000
21. Tech Exchange (The Oakland Public Education Fund) \$100,000
22. Third Street Community Center \$10,000
23. The Vietnamese Voluntary Foundation, Inc. ("VIVO") \$50,000