

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING TO (A) ACCEPT THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (HOPWA PSH) COMPETITIVE GRANT AWARD \$1,256,461 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING ACTIVITIES FOR LOW-INCOME PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES; AND (B) NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT AWARDED \$1,222,902 IN HOPWA PSH FUNDING TO THE HEALTH TRUST FOR THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH PROGRAM RETROACTIVE TO NOVEMBER 15, 2019

WHEREAS, the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Permanent Supportive Housing program's ("HOPWA PSH Program") primary purpose is to provide permanent supportive housing to participants and their families who are affected by human immunodeficiency virus ("HIV") or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome ("AIDS") through specialized models in outreach and service delivery, including efforts that target help to persons who have been homeless or are at extreme risk of becoming homeless; and

WHEREAS, the HOPWA PSH Program provides resources and incentives to devise long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the needs of the program participants and their families, including providing rent subsidies and case management supportive services to help clients secure and maintain housing as well as providing assistance with: housing search, advocacy, housing placement, development of activities of daily living, unit maintenance, resources, referrals, medical case management and nurse case management; and

WHEREAS, the HOPWA PSH Program is a joint collaboration with the project sponsor, The Health Trust, in which the project provided an array of supportive services including case management, substance abuse recovery, housing search, housing placement, public benefits counseling, and independent living education; and

WHEREAS, HOPWA PSH Program renewal grants are not automatically renewed, but rather are awarded through a competitive process; and

WHEREAS, the HOPWA PSH renewal grant ended on November 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, in July 2019, the City and its project sponsor, The Health Trust, applied for renewal of its HOPWA PSH funding to continue to support households with permanent housing and supportive services for another three years; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) evaluates whether renewal applicants are meeting threshold and program requirements to qualify for a renewal of their competitively awarded HOPWA PSH grant; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2019, HUD awarded a HOPWA PSH renewal grant of \$1,256,461 to the City, and gave permission to use this funding starting November 16, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City’s previous HOPWA PSH renewal grant of \$1,309,810 for 2016-19 funded the continued provision of Tenant-Based Rental Assistance to 19 households and supportive services to 75 households in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, given the decreased renewal grant award for the 2019-22 period, increased local housing costs, and increased personnel costs to keep up with inflation, the City and The Health Trust estimate that this next tranche of renewal funding should

be able to support 14 households with tenant-based rental assistance and 65 households with supportive services over three years; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to authorize the Director of Housing to accept the HOPWA PSH competitive grant award of \$1,256, 461 from HUD to continue supporting permanent supportive housing for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families; and

WHEREAS, given the integral role of The Health Trust in administering the HOPWA PSH Program and its ongoing ability to find homes and provide services for low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS, staff recommends awarding a three-year contract of \$1,222,902 to The Health Trust; and

WHEREAS, in order that these services may continue to be provided uninterrupted, staff requests that the Director of Housing be granted authorization to negotiate and execute the three-year grant agreement with The Health Trust and that the agreement be made retroactive to the date that HUD has named as permissible, November 16, 2019.

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

The Director of Housing is hereby authorized to:

- a. Accept the HOPWA PSH competitive grant award of \$1,256,461 HUD to continue supporting permanent supportive housing activities for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families; and

- b. Negotiate and execute a three-year grant agreement awarding \$1,222,902 in HOPWA PSH Program funding to the Health Trust for the Housing for Health Program retroactive to November 15, 2019.

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

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

SAM LICCARDO
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk