



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

Date: May 21, 2019

Item Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, AND RECEIPT OF, SB 2 PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS OF UNDERUTILIZED SITES WHICH MAY BE SUITABLE FOR REZONING FOR HIGHER-DENSITY, AFFORDABLE, OR WORKFORCE HOUSING.**

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 2 (SB 2), the “Building Homes and Jobs Act” became effective on September 29, 2017. It establishes a \$75 recording fee on real estate documents to increase the supply of affordable homes in California. SB 2 provides a formula for allocating this revenue, which will vary year to year depending on the number of real estate transactions. 2018 was the first year the fee was collected. Fifty-percent (50%) of the revenue collected for “Year One” are to be allocated for state-administered planning grants, and 50% for homelessness programs. Future funds collected after Year One may also be available for housing related needs but subject to a different allocation formula;

**Whereas**, the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) dated March 29, 2019, for its Planning Grants Program (PGP) pursuant to the Year One allocation; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Supervisors of The County of Sonoma desires to submit a project application to the 2019 PGP program to accelerate the production of housing as described in the Planning Grants Program NOFA and SB 2 Planning Grants Program Guidelines released by the Department for the PGP Program; and

**Whereas,** the Department is authorized to provide up to \$1.2 million under the SB 2 Planning Grants Program from the Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund for assistance to Counties (as described in Health and Safety Code section 50470 et seq. (Chapter 365, Statutes of 2017 (SB 2)) related to the PGP Program; and

**Whereas,** the grant proceeds will be used to fund an activity that falls into the State's Priority Policy Areas because it will fund staff and consultant work to identify underutilized sites which may be suitable for rezoning for higher-density, affordable, or workforce housing, including conducting the appropriate environmental analysis and rezoning such parcels for by-right housing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The Permit and Resource Management Department is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and submit to the Department the 2019 Planning Grants Program application released March 29, 2019 in the amount of \$310,000.

**SECTION 2.** In connection with the PGP grant, if the application is approved by the Department, the Director of the Permit and Resource Management Department is authorized to enter into, execute, and deliver a State of California Standard Agreement (Standard Agreement) for the amount of \$310,000, and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the PGP grant, the County of Sonoma's obligations related thereto, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the "PGP Grant Documents").

**SECTION 3.** The County of Sonoma shall be subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the Standard Agreement, the SB 2 Planning Grants Program Guidelines, and any applicable PGP guidelines published by the Department. Funds are to be used for allowable expenditures as specifically identified in the Standard Agreement. The application in full is incorporated as part of the Standard Agreement. Any and all activities funded, information provided, and timelines represented in the application will be enforceable through the executed Standard Agreement. The Board of Supervisors of The County of Sonoma hereby agrees to use the funds for eligible uses in the manner presented in the application as approved by the Department and in accordance with the Planning Grants NOFA, the Planning Grants

Program Guidelines, and 2019 Planning Grants Program Application.

**SECTION 4.** The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma hereby designates and directs the Director of the Permit and Resource Management Department to execute the County of Sonoma's Planning Grants Program application, the PGP Grant Documents, any amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary to effectuate this Resolution, on behalf of the County of Sonoma as required by the Department for receipt of the PGP Grant.

**ADOPTED May 21, 2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma by the following vote:**

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Zane:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**