



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: October 5, 2021

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF SONOMA COUNTY AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP-2)

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub.L. No. 117-2) ("ARPA") was signed into law. Section 3201 of ARPA established the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program ("ERA2"), and authorized the direct allocation of emergency rental assistance funds to states, the District of Columbia, units of local government, and territories. The ERA2 funds are intended to assist low-income households that have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic, are unable to pay for rent and utilities, and are at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing stability.
- B. California Assembly Bill No. 832 (2021-2022 Reg. Sess.) ("AB 832") established the State of California's program for administering its share of ERA2 funds (the "SRA2," "State Rental Assistance Program – 2," or "SRA2 Funds"). AB 832 amended Chapter 17 (commencing with Section 50897) of Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code. Health and Safety Code section 50897.1, subdivision (a)(1) authorizes the Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department") to administer the SRA2 Funds in accordance with state and federal law.
- C. The County of Sonoma and the Sonoma County Community Development Commission ("Locality") has been assigned an allocation of ERA2 funds from the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") in the amount of \$13,787,577.78 (such amount, the Locality's "Direct ERA2 Allocation").
- D. Locality plans to administer its Direct ERA2 Allocation, and acknowledges that the Direct ERA2 Allocation is subject to the requirements of ARPA and the Treasury's interpretive guidance, and to all such requirements as may be subsequently amended.
- E. Locality desires to receive an allocation of SRA2 Funds pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50897.2.1, subdivision (a)(1) or (2) (such allocation, a "Round 2 Block Grant Award"). Locality submitted its request for a Round 2 Block Grant Award to the Department in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 50897.2.1, subdivision (c)(1).

- F. Locality acknowledges that every Round 2 Block Grant Award is subject to state and federal requirements, including, without limitation, the requirements of AB 832 and the Department's guidelines, the relevant requirements of ARPA and the Treasury's interpretive guidance, and all such requirements as may be subsequently amended (collectively, the "Round 2 Block Grant Award Requirements").
- G. Locality further acknowledges that every Round 2 Block Grant Award is subject to the terms and conditions of a Department-approved STD 213, Standard Agreement ("Standard Agreement"), all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW to allocate the Round 2 Block Grant Award, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the "Round 2 Block Grant Award Documents").

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Sonoma County Community Development Commission (SCCDC) is hereby authorized and directed to accept a Round 2 Block Grant Award in a total amount not to exceed \$13,787,577.78.
2. SCCDC is hereby authorized and directed to enter into, execute, and deliver the Round 2 Block Grant Award Documents, which shall include a Standard Agreement in a total amount not to exceed \$13,787,577.78.
3. SCCDC is hereby authorized and directed to assume responsibility for administering the Round 2 Block Grant Award in accordance with all Round 2 Block Grant Award Requirements.
4. The Interim Executive Director of the SCCDC, or thier designee, is authorized to execute the Round 2 Block Grant Award Documents on behalf of the SCCDC for participation in the State Rental Assistance Program – 2.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.

The undersigned, Sheryl Bratton, County Administrator of Locality, does hereby attest and certify that the foregoing is a true and full copy of a resolution of the governing body adopted at a duly convened meeting on the date above-mentioned, and that the resolution has not been altered, amended, or repealed.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____