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Agency Counsel

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND

Resolution No. 2008 - 0013 _____C.M.S.

AN AGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO CONTRIBUTE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FUNDS TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND UNDER THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 TO PARTIALLY FUND A CONTRACT WITH GOODWILL INDUSTRIES TO EMPLOY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS TO ASSIST WITH BLIGHT ABATEMENT AT ILLEGAL ENCAMPMENT SITES IN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREAS

WHEREAS, blight conditions consisting of litter and debris at sites used for illegal encampment and illegal dumping are nuisances and health hazards for residents of Oakland's redevelopment areas; and

WHEREAS, blight conditions of litter and debris at sites of illegal encampment impede economic development by hindering business retention and attraction; and

WHEREAS, one of the primary goals of redevelopment projects in the City of Oakland is the elimination of blighting influences and the correction of environmental deficiencies in the project areas; and

WHEREAS, Oakland's Permanent Access to Housing (PATH) Strategy is a three to five year implementation strategy for the County-wide EveryOne Home Plan to end homelessness over the next fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, a pilot program aimed at providing employment for homeless persons living in illegal encampments will complement existing elements of the PATH Strategy; and

WHEREAS, ending homelessness would benefit all residents of the redevelopment areas by reducing the use of emergency services and creating an environment more conducive to economic expansion; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland wishes to enter into an agreement with Goodwill to provide employment to homeless individuals abating blight in the redevelopment project areas; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Shelter Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of \$25,000 are available to match the Agency contribution to the employment program; and

WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries currently operates a federally funded homeless employment program in the City of Oakland that can provide matching resources in the areas of recruitment, training and program implementation; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Redevelopment Agency entered into a Cooperation Agreement on July 1, 2004, which generally governs the provision of assistance and the payment of funds between the two agencies; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Redevelopment Agency hereby authorizes a contribution under the Cooperation Agreement of up to \$25,000 to the City to partially fund a contract with Goodwill Industries to employ homeless individuals to assist with blight abatement at illegal encampment sites in redevelopment project areas; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That these funds totaling \$25,000 shall be allocated from Agency funds, organizations and projects and moved to City funds, organizations and projects as detailed in the table below:

		Source of funds			Destination of funds		
Description	Amount	Fund	Org	Project	Fund	Org	Project
ORA funds for							
employment program	\$ 25,000	9450	88659	P207810	7780	78111	TBD

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Agency finds that, because of the magnitude and severity of the debris and litter from illegal encampment within the redevelopment areas, this program is necessary to effectuate the purposes of the respective redevelopment plans within the City of Oakland, and further finds that this program will assist with the elimination of blight within the project areas; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Agency finds that the employment program will benefit Oakland's redevelopment areas and serve a redevelopment purpose by providing job opportunities for homeless individuals, removing physical blight conditions in the project areas, and enhancing the aesthetic and functional appeal of the project areas for public use; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Agency Administrator is hereby authorized to take whatever action is necessary with respect to this funding consistent with this Resolution and its basic purposes.

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