



CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR KAPLAN

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING AND ALLOCATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000 FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND, REDEVELOPMENT DISSOLUTION FUNDS, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 TO ASSIST CO-APPLICANTS IN OBTAINING SITE PREPARATION DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SITE SURVEYS AND APPRAISALS, FOR CITY-OWNED LAND LOCATED AT 9418 EDES AVENUE AND 606 CLARA STREET WHICH MAY BE USED FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS UNDER THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HOMEKEY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, as of the most recent point-in-time count from February 2022, Oakland had 5,055 individuals experiencing homelessness, which represents approximately 52% of the total homeless population in Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, homelessness has long-term and serious consequences to the health and safety of those who experience it, and are at risk of health problems including life-long behavioral health challenges; and

WHEREAS, in response to the mounting challenges around homelessness, in July of 2020, the State of California launched its Homekey initiative, allocating funding to allow local public agencies to buy underused properties, and develop a broad range of housing types - including but not limited to hotels, motels, hostels, single-family homes and multifamily apartments, adult residential facilities, and manufactured housing - to convert commercial properties and other existing buildings and vacant land to permanent or interim affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Homekey has been lauded for allowing local jurisdictions to develop housing strategies that best fit the needs of their homeless populations, available resources, and market conditions; and

WHEREAS, Oakland is among the jurisdictions facing multiple extraordinary challenges when it comes to meeting its housing needs: the COVID-19 pandemic, gentrification and displacement, high rates of unemployment, and lack of sufficient affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the City’s top policy objective when surveying potential uses for city-owned land is utilizing land to address housing and shelter inequities, as outlined in the March 2016 report on the City’s Public Lands Policy Framework, and underscored in the August 2019 informational memorandum on the status of the Public Lands Policy Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland City Council adopted Resolution No. 89087 C.M.S. to authorize including the value of City-owned public land for the purpose of the local match as a part of Homekey applications, permit the City Administrator to obtain appraisals of City-owned property intended for Homekey projects, and dedicate multiple publicly-owned parcels to be used for deeply affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 89087 C.M.S also provided the City Administrator authority to complete any needed environmental review, land surveys, and geotechnical reports for City properties seeking affordable housing funding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council appropriates and allocates an amount not to exceed \$45,000 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Redevelopment Dissolution Funds 2022-2023 (Fund 1870, Project 1000386, Org 89929) to assist co-applicants in obtaining site preparation documentation, including but not limited to, site surveys and appraisals, for the City-owned site located at 9418 Edes Avenue and 606 Clara Street, which may be used for possible future projects under the State of California Homekey Program.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO,
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California