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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR THE 2024 FEDERAL "PATHWAYS TO REMOVING OBSTACLES TO HOUSING" GRANT, AND, IF AWARDED, ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE UP TO \$7 MILLION IN GRANT PROCEEDS TO PREDEVELOPMENT AND PROCESS STREAMLINING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND ALLOCATING \$5 MILLION FROM THE RESOURCES RESERVED FOR RAPID RESPONSE HOMELESS HOUSING PROJECTS AS MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE GRANT

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity ("NOFO") for the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing Grant ("PRO Housing Grant") dated August 13, 2024, per the authority granted by Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-12242); and

WHEREAS, the PRO Housing Grant NOFO seeks proposals for efforts to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation, including but not limited to further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans, improve housing strategies, and facilitate affordable housing production and preservation through planning or capital investments; and

WHEREAS, the PRO Housing Grant awards points in its scoring rubric for applications that contain a match of local funds equal to the amount of federal funding sought;

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has already made significant land use reforms to encourage the development of affordable housing, including the adoption of an affordable housing overlay, the reduction of parking standards, and upzoning of land near transit; and

WHEREAS, Oakland is currently home to 5,490 unhoused residents according to the 2024 Point in Time Count, and is currently subject to a shelter crisis as adopted via Resolution No. 13759 C.M.S.; and

WHEREAS, a key barrier to swift and cost-effective affordable housing development, as identified during community engagement for the Department of Housing and Community Engagement’s Strategic Plan, is the scarcity of predevelopment resources;

WHEREAS, the City desires to submit a PRO Housing Grant application package (“Application”), on the forms provided by HUD, for approval of grant funding for predevelopment and process streamlining for affordable housing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to submit an Application to HUD in response to the PRO Housing Grant NOFA in an amount not to exceed \$7 million and, if awarded, accept and appropriate up to \$7 million from the PRO Housing Grant for predevelopment and process streamlining for affordable housing; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That, if the PRO Housing Grant is awarded, the City Council hereby allocates up to \$5 million from the Rapid Response Homeless Housing Acquisition funds in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (1870), Create Rapid Response Homeless Project (1007110), as a local match for the PRO Housing Grant for the development and/or operation of housing for the homeless; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That, if awarded, the City Administrator is authorized to deposit PRO Housing Grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$7 million to a Grant Fund to be determined, Project to be determined, and appropriate said funds for predevelopment and process streamlining for affordable housing including, but not limited to, funds for a staff position for permit streamlining, a predevelopment loan program for potential projects, and a process streamlining consultant; and

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute and deliver any and all agreements, contracts, certifications, and other documentation required to accept the PRO Housing Grant, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is authorized to take any other action with respect to the PRO Housing Grant consistent with this Resolution and its basic purpose; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That prior to execution, all agreements shall be reviewed and approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney's Office and executed copies of each agreement shall be filed with the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:

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

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