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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION (1) ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT FROM THE KAISER PERMANENTE NATIONAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND AT THE EAST BAY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION DOLLARS ($1,000,000.00) FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2026, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2028 TO STAND UP A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERIM HOUSING PILOT PROJECT; AND (2) AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL TWO MILLION DOLLARS ($2,000,000.00) IN PHILANTHROPIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, homelessness is the result of decades of underinvestment in affordable housing, public health, mental health care, and education, as well as the rising cost of living without a commensurate increase in wages; and while there are innumerable, complex, and in some cases seemingly intractable reasons why people find themselves homeless—from systemic racism to the foreclosure crisis—the evidence-based solutions of providing dignified housing options and supportive services are surprisingly straightforward; and

WHEREAS, while evidence-based solutions are cost-effective, they are also expensive and need to be sustained over time; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count released in May, 2026, by the Alameda County Housing and Health Department found that homelessness in Oakland has declined 19.6 percent since 2024 -- with the number of people sleeping outside, in vehicles, or in other places not meant for human habitation falling from 3,659 to 2,695 -- representing a 26 percent decrease and a reduction of nearly 1,000 people on a single night and this number does not capture the total number of individuals experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, homelessness is dynamic – every day, new people fall into homelessness, while others exit homelessness to permanent housing each year; about 2,550 Oakland residents lose their housing, but only 1,500 people find a permanent home, the number of people experiencing homelessness keeps growing; and

WHEREAS, impacts are felt disproportionately across communities, including the fact that Black Oakland residents are hit hardest — Oakland makes up 74% of all Black homelessness in Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, Kaiser Permanente National Community Benefit Fund at the East Bay Community Foundation has awarded the City of Oakland $1,000,000.00 to stand up a Workforce Development and Interim Housing Pilot Project (WDIHPP) for work-ready, homeless individuals who want to establish a track record of strong work performance, move to shelter, and participate in workforce training to acquire post-program continued employment with no matching requirement by the City; and

WHEREAS, in the future, the City Administrator will return to City Council to recommend a process through which the grant funds will be awarded to community-based partners to implement temporary part-time work, case management and bridge to post-program work, and manage temporary rental housing gap assistance, housing placement and longer-term housing solutions; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council accepts and appropriates a grant from the Kaiser Permanente National Community Benefit Fund at the East Bay Community Foundation in the amount not to exceed one million dollars ($1,000,000.00) for the term of October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2028 to stand up a workforce development and interim housing pilot project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That said funding will be appropriated into Fund 2994-Social Services Grants, Org 02141– Homelessness, Project (TBD), and account 46411 - Other Grant: Private Party (Corporations, Foundations, Individuals); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council authorizes the City Administrator to accept and appropriate up to an additional two million in philanthropic and private sector funding for this project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to complete all required negotiations, certifications, assurances, agreements, amendments and documentation required to execute the agreement with the East Bay Community Foundation for the grant award and as necessary to secure the additional philanthropic and private sector funding for this project.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:_____

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

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