

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT OF THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FOCUS STRATEGIES TO CONDUCT AN EVALUATION OF THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, FOR A TERM OF MARCH 26, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$270,000

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the County's Homeless Prevention and Emergency Financial Assistance ("EFA") Program provides one-time financial assistance to eligible San Mateo County residents who are either experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of becoming homeless and is operated through an agreement with Samaritan House, which, in turn, works with the County's eight (8) Core Services Agencies to provide available financial assistance tailored to help stabilize the living situations of eligible applicants; and

WHEREAS, after a competitive bidding process, Focus Strategies was selected to conduct an evaluation of the EFA Program, which evaluation will include research and analysis from County and State data systems, interviews with key stakeholders, and surveys of EFA Program participants to identify (1) whether EFA Program recipients were successfully able to stabilize their housing situations, (2) best practices, (3) areas for improvement, and (4) recommendations to enhance the Program's effectiveness in preventing homelessness and supporting residents in need; and

WHEREAS, the proposed agreement with Focus Strategies has a term of March 26, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and includes a maximum fiscal obligation not to exceed \$270,000 (“Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed the proposed Agreement, examined it as to form and content, and desires to enter into the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the President of this Board of Supervisors is authorized and directed to execute the Agreement with Focus Strategies to conduct an evaluation of the County’s EFA Program for a term of March 26, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and a maximum fiscal obligation not to exceed \$270,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive, or designee(s), is authorized to execute amendments to the Agreement which modify the County’s maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

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