

**RESOLUTION NO. .**

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

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**RESOLUTION: A) AUTHORIZING AN ALLOCATION OF \$6,000,000 FROM THE SECOND TRANCHE OF SAN MATEO COUNTY’S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO VARIOUS SPECIFIED SAN MATEO COUNTY RECOVERY INITIATIVES RELATED TO HOUSING AND FOOD SECURITY; AND B) AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, OR DESIGNEE(S), TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS PROVIDERS TO IMPLEMENT THE \$6,000,000 IN SPECIFIED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDED SAN MATEO COUNTY RECOVERY INITIATIVES RELATED TO HOUSING AND FOOD SECURITY; AND C) DIRECTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, OR DESIGNEE(S), TO REPORT BACK ON PROGRESS QUARTERLY STARTING IN JULY OF 2022**

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

**WHEREAS**, since its emergence in early 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted public health and the economy on a global scale, in the country and in San Mateo County; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 public health emergency has both caused and magnified negative impacts on residents of San Mateo County, including with regard to public health; mental health and emotional development; food and housing insecurity; economic dislocation and small business viability; and childcare, among other areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 public health emergency continues to pose risks to public health and continues to cause negative impacts for our communities and there remains the need to respond to those risks and impacts and to undertake measure to assist in recovery from the negative public health and economic impacts of the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the County was allocated by the United States government \$148,897,819 in Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, with the second tranche of ARPA funds totaling \$74,448,909 expected to be received by the County on or about May 20, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, guidance from the United State Department of the Treasury stated that all ARPA funds must be incurred by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 21, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 public health emergency has created ongoing needs within the community that are eligible for ARPA funding and it is therefore appropriate for the County to develop a plan to allocate the second tranche of ARPA funds and implement that plan for programs and investments that meet such community needs; and

**WHEREAS**, expressed ARPA-eligible community priorities in San Mateo County include homelessness; housing; assistance to children and families; services for the most vulnerable residents including food and financial assistance; assistance to children and families; support for public WIFI access; and investments in economic recovery work; and

**WHEREAS**, the allocation plan for the second tranche of the County's ARPA funding, which is discussed at length in the staff report accompanying this Resolution, includes the following proposed expenditures for recommended programs in the priority areas described above along with an unallocated reserve for emerging issues ("Allocation Plan"):

Category	Amount	Detail
Housing	\$24,500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rent &amp; Utility Assistance - \$2,000,000</b></li> <li>• <b>Legal Assistance for Renters - \$2,000,000</b></li> <li>• ADU Help Center - \$250,000</li> <li>• Affordable Housing Expertise: schools &amp; faith communities - \$125,000</li> <li>• Affordable Housing experts: smaller/mid cities - \$125,000</li> <li>• ARPA Eligible Housing Related Needs - \$20,000,000</li> </ul>
Children and Families	\$9,195,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Out-of-school enrichment programs - \$2,500,000</li> <li>• 2023 summer enrichment - \$2,500,000</li> <li>• Childcare operating grants - \$4,095,000</li> <li>• Technical Assistance for childcare development - \$100,000</li> </ul>
Economic Recovery	\$5,000,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional small business and job seeker centers: North Fair Oaks - \$2,500,000 Coastside - \$2,500,000</li> </ul>
Vulnerable Populations Support	\$3,500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Second Harvest Food Bank - \$2,000,000</b></li> <li>• Unincorporated Area Financial Assistance - \$1,000,000</li> <li>• Pilot Full-Service Community Outreach - \$500,000</li> </ul>
Infrastructure	\$3,500,000	Public WIFI maintenance and operations
Unallocated Reserve	\$28,753,909	For emerging issues eligible for ARPA funding, additional funding as needed in specific areas, expansion of successful pilot programs currently underway
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$74,448,909</b>	

**WHEREAS**, this Board finds that all the above recommended expenditures and programs in the Allocation Plan, as further described in the staff report accompanying this Resolution, align with the community priorities and advance equity throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, there exists an immediate need to respond to the negative economic consequences of the pandemic by providing rental assistance through the County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program, legal and informational assistance for renters,

and funds to prevent food insecurity in San Mateo County and, as a result, this Board supports and approves the expenditures totaling \$6,000,000 and programs outlined in the Allocation Plan addressing those issues, as described at length in the staff report accompanying this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the immediate need for funds to help prevent homelessness through rental assistance from the County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program and informational and legal assistance for renters and to help prevent food insecurity by funding Second Harvest Food Bank, the Board desires to enter into agreements implementing the programs that address those issues described above and at more length in the staff report accompanying this Resolution, provided that the amounts of such agreements shall not exceed the expenditure amount set forth herein for that program (i.e., \$2,000,000 for rental assistance from the County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program, \$2,000,000 for informational and legal assistance for renters, and \$2,000,000 for the Second Harvest Food Bank), and further provided that all such agreements shall be on terms and conditions determined in consultation with the Office of the County Attorney.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that, once the second tranche of the County's ARPA funds is received from the United States government, an allocation of \$6,000,000 to prevent housing and food insecurity in San Mateo County is approved to fund the County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (\$2,000,000), informational and legal support for renters (\$2,000,000), and Second Harvest Food Bank (\$2,000,000), as described in this Resolution and in the staff report accompanying this Resolution.

**IT IS FURTHER DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that, the County Executive, or designee(s), is authorized and directed to negotiate and enter into all agreements that are necessary or appropriate to implement the additional funding for the County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (\$2,000,000), informational and legal support for renters (\$2,000,000), and Second Harvest Food Bank to prevent food insecurity (\$2,000,000), consistent with the findings and intent of the Board set forth in this Resolution, and as described in more at length in the staff report accompanying this Resolution, provided that such agreements shall not exceed the expenditure amount set forth herein for each program (i.e., \$2,000,000 for rental assistance from the County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program, \$2,000,000 for informational and legal assistance for renters, and \$2,000,000 for the Second Harvest Food Bank), and further provided that all such agreements shall be on terms and conditions determined in consultation with the Office of the County Attorney.

**IT IS FUTHER DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the remaining recommended allocations in the Allocation Plan are approved, provided, however, that such remaining recommended allocations, and any associated agreements implementing such allocations, will be returned to this Board for specific approval(s) subject to both ARPA eligibility and County contracting requirements, and subject to revision with this Board's approval to ensure effective and compliant use of San Mateo County ARPA funds. The County Executive, or designee(s), is directed to report back to the Board on the status of all allocations, programs, agreements, and expenditures pursuant to the Allocation Plan quarterly starting in July 2022.

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