RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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RESOLUTION: A) AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF $2,005,000 IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A $2,000,000 WORKING TOGETHER TO END HOMELESSNESS INNOVATION GRANT FUND AND $5,000 FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM; AND B) AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, OR DESIGNEE(S), ACTING IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SMCU COMMUNITY FUND FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE WORKING TOGETHER TO END HOMELESSNESS INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $5,000

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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, while broadly impacting the community, has had an especially devastating impact on some segments of the San Mateo County population, including homeless and unsheltered individuals, a population left uniquely vulnerable to the public health and related economic impacts of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the County has taken extensive steps to prevent the spread of the pandemic and to mitigate its impact, including, without limitation: funding, supporting, and coordinating testing, contact tracing, isolation, quarantine, and treatment for infected individuals; public health and safety communications and interventions; issuance and enforcement of health orders; health system response and vaccination programs; expansion of medical, social, and behaviorial health and outreach services for homeless individuals; and increasing interim and permanent housing options for homeless individuals; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic continues to pose public health risks and continues to cause negative impacts for our communities, especially homeless and unsheltered individuals, and 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 continues; and

WHEREAS, during and because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of homeless residents in San Mateo County living on the street, in cars, vans and recreational vehicles has increased to 1,092 individuals, according to the County's February 2022 point in time count, which is one indication of the impact of the pandemic and its negative economic consequences on these individuals and households; and

WHEREAS, at this stage of the pandemic, bold and collaborative efforts are needed to engage unsheltered residents in San Mateo County and help them successfully transition to interim or permanent housing, and to foster development of such efforts the County desires to establish the Working Together to End Homelessness Innovation Grant Program (WTEH Innovation Grant Program); and

WHEREAS, the WTEH Innovation Grant Program would be funded through an allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, which may be used to respond to the public health emergency and its negative economic consequences, including through assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness and others negatively impacted by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, WTEH Innovation Grant Program proposals must address one of the following three focus areas: (1) unsheltered residents living on the streets and in encampments; (2) vehicularly housed residents living in cars, vans, and RVs; and (3) economic self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, WTEH Innovation Grant Program grantees must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Applicants must either be (a) a government jurisdiction in San Mateo County or (b) an entity (i.e., community partner, non-profit, or other organization) serving homeless residents in San Mateo County partnering with a local government jurisdiction acting as fiscal agent for the entity;

- The proposal must assist individuals or groups of individuals experiencing, or who have experienced, homelessness in San Mateo County;

- The proposal must coordinate with current services provided to homeless residents by the County and other providers in San Mateo County;

- Applicants must provide some type of financial match or contribution to their proposed project;

- The proposal must test an approach to ending homelessness that has not yet been implemented at scale (i.e., at a level sufficient to address the scope of the homelessness issue) in San Mateo County or is proposed for an underserved

population or geographic area within the County where the service has not been offered;

- Grantees will be required to use Clarity HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) to document all services provided, unless HSA determines that the type of service being provided by a specific grant is not an HMIS qualified type of service;

- Grantees must agree to provide detailed performance metrics and participate in a "community of practice" where all grantees will share results, lessons learned, and best practices; and

- Funded projects must be eligible for ARPA funding and grantees must agree to comply with all applicable ARPA-related reporting and audit requirements; and

WHEREAS, WTEH Innovation Grant Program applications will be evaluated by an Advisory Committee comprised of County staff and community experts on homelessness based on criteria that includes, without limitation, the following:

- The extent of the need for the proposed project in the target service area;

- The experience and skills of the applicants to provide the proposed services;

- Whether the proposal tests an innovative and/or replicable approach to ending homelessness;

- The extent that the proposed project promotes equity; and

- Whether the budget is sufficient and appropriate for the proposed work and includes a match that reflects the scale of the project; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable procurement requirements under ARPA, County staff has selected SMCU Community Fund as the responsible provider to assist with administration of the WTEH Innovation Grant Program, and the Board

desires to enter into an agreement with SMCU Community Fund to administer the WTEH Innovation Grant Program, with a term ending December 15, 2022 and payment of administrative fees in an amount not to exceed $5,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board allocates $2,005,000 in ARPA funds for establishment of the $2,000,000 WTEH Innovation Grant Program and $5,000 for administration of the Program, in accordance with the Board's findings and intent set forth in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive, or designee(s), acting in consultation with the County Attorney, is authorized to enter into an agreement with SMCU Community Fund to administer the WTEH Innovation Grant Program with a term ending December 15, 2022 and an amount not to exceed $5,000, in accordance with the Board's findings and intent reflected in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive, or designee(s), is authorized to execute amendments to the agreement with SMCU Community Fund 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive, or designee(s), is authorized to apply any state and/or federal funds, to include those ARPA funds appropriated by the Board in this resolution, that may be made available for all or a portion of the monies expended on the WTEH Innovation Grant Program.

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