

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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RESOLUTION: (1) APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF \$5,180,249 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING FOR THE QUALIFYING POPULATIONS; (2) AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING (DOH) AND/OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE, CONSIDER AND INCORPORATE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN UNTIL THE END OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON MARCH 9, 2023, AND INCLUDE THE COUNTY'S RESPONSES TO SUCH COMMENTS; AND (3) AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF DOH OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT THE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN, THE RELATED CERTIFICATIONS, AND ALL UNDERSTANDINGS AND ASSURANCES CONTAINED THEREIN TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) AND TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION REQUIRED BY HUD AS A CONDITION OF ITS APPROVAL OF THE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN AS A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT OF THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR 2021-22

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

WHEREAS, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) authorized the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") to award more than \$5,000,000,000 nationally to local jurisdictions based on the program formula for the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the HOME program formula, HUD has allocated \$5,180,249 to the San Mateo County HOME Consortium subject to HUD's approval of a HOME-ARP allocation plan ("HOME-ARP Allocation Plan") for the use of the HOME-ARP funds; and

WHEREAS, the County must submit the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to HUD not later than March 31, 2023, as a substantial amendment of the Annual Action Plan for the Program Year 2021-22 originally approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 4, 2021 pursuant to Resolution Number 078146; and

WHEREAS, the HOME-ARP funds must be used to benefit the following populations (“Qualifying Populations”): (a) people experiencing homelessness; (b) people at risk of homelessness; (c) people fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking as defined by HUD; (d) other specific populations, including formerly homeless people who need housing assistance or services to remain stable in their housing, extremely low-income people who are severely rent-burdened; and very low-income people who face one of the conditions that would make them at risk of homelessness; and (e) veterans and veteran families who fall within one of the four other Qualifying Populations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to administration and planning, the HOME-ARP funds may be used for one or more of five activities (“Eligible Activities”) which would meet the needs of the Qualifying Populations: (a) production or preservation of affordable rental housing; (b) tenant-taxed rental assistance; (c) supportive services, homeless prevention services, and housing counseling; (d) purchase and development of non-congregate shelters; and (e) small operating and capacity building grants for nonprofit organizations and service providers to increase their ability to carry out HOME-ARP Eligible Activities for the Qualifying Populations; and

WHEREAS, DOH has engaged in stakeholder consultation, community meetings, needs assessment, and gap analysis before developing and proposing a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan published for public comment between February 9, 2023 and March 9, 2023, including individual and community meetings in November and December 2022, a study session convened by the County Housing and Community Development Commission (“HCDC”) on February 15, 2023, and a public hearing convened by HCDC on February 22, 2023 specifically to seek public comment on the proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan; and

WHEREAS, stakeholders identified unmet needs among the Qualifying Populations for all Eligible Activities but the need most consistently noted by stakeholders is the shortage of deeply affordable rental housing for the Qualifying Populations; and

WHEREAS, based on stakeholder consultation, community input and public comments to date, DOH has proposed a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan which would allocate \$4,403,212 (85%) of the total HOME-ARP allocation of \$5,180,249 to the development of affordable rental housing available to the Qualifying Populations; and proposed to allocate the balance of \$777,037 (15%) for the administration of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan as allowed by HUD; and

WHEREAS, DOH shall continue to seek public comment on the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan through March 9, 2023 and shall document any additional public comments and its response to the same in the final HOME-ARP Allocation Plan submitted to HUD by March 31, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors approves and accepts the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for the expenditure of \$5,180,249 for the development of affordable rental housing for the Qualifying Populations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of DOH and/or the Director's designee shall receive, consider and incorporate any public comments on the HOME-ARP allocation plan until the end of the public comment period on March 9, 2023 and include the County's responses to such comments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of DOH or the Director's designee is authorized and directed by not later than March 31, 2023 to submit the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, the related certifications, and all understandings and assurances contained therein to HUD and to take all necessary action required by HUD as a condition of its approval of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan as a substantial amendment of the Annual Action Plan for the Program Year 2021-22.

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