

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH UNITED HOPE BUILDERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000, FOR THE TERM OF MAY 18, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022, CONDITIONED ON UNITED HOPE BUILDERS ESTABLISHING AND OPERATING A MODULAR HOUSING MANUFACTURING PLANT IN EAST PALO ALTO AND PROVIDED THAT THE GRANT FUNDS MAY BE USED ONLY TO PAY FOR SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR THE PLANT'S MANUFACTURING LINE EMPLOYEES

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

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020, the San Mateo County Health Officer declared a local health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic and, on the same date, the County's Director of Emergency Services issued a proclamation of local emergency pursuant to Section 8630 of the California Government Code and Chapter 2.46 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, also related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and both of these actions were subsequently ratified by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and they remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 public health crisis throughout the State of California; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States proclaimed that, as of March 1, 2020, the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, some communities in San Mateo County have been especially negatively financially impacted by the economic hardships wrought by the COVID-19 public health crisis, including the lower income communities in East Palo Alto, as well as immigrants and those reentering the workforce after incarceration; and

WHEREAS, many of these communities have traditionally been underrepresented in the manufacturing sector of the economy and the County has a strong interest in creating employment opportunities, in general, and manufacturing employment opportunities, in particular, in these communities; and

WHEREAS, the County has a strong and longstanding interest in increasing the availability of affordable housing for extremely low-income County residents; and

WHEREAS, United Hope Builders intends to collaborate with indieDwell, a certified B corporation, to establish a plant in East Palo Alto that will manufacture affordable modular housing and that United Hope Builders anticipates will employ up to eighty manufacturing line employees and United Hope Builders anticipates that the plant will open in late 2021 or early 2022; and

WHEREAS, the manufacturing plant in East Palo Alto will be owned by United Hope Builders, indieDwell, and the employees of that plant; and

WHEREAS, United Hope Builders has requested assistance from the County with salary and benefits expenses for the manufacturing line employees at the manufacturing plant during the initial stages of the plant's operations; and

WHEREAS, the creation and sustaining of diverse employment opportunities, including in the manufacturing sector, that are available to all San Mateo County residents, including those County residents not traditionally represented in the manufacturing sector, are essential to the health, welfare, diversity, and long-term sustainability of communities throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has worked in collaboration with other government agencies, nonprofit organizations, community organizations, and other stakeholders to develop and implement actions to address and recover from the severe economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency and this Board has determined that it is appropriate to enter into a grant agreement with United Hope Builders pursuant to which the County will award a grant of \$500,000 to United Hope Builders, conditioned on United Hope Builders establishing and operating a modular housing manufacturing plant in East Palo Alto and provided that the grant funds may be used only to pay salaries and benefits for the plant's manufacturing line employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the President of this Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute a grant agreement with United Hope Builders in the amount of \$500,000, for the term of May 18, 2021 through December 31, 2022, conditioned on United Hope Builders establishing and operating a modular housing manufacturing plant in East Palo Alto and

provided that the grant funds may be used only to pay for salaries and benefits for the plant's manufacturing line employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager or designee is authorized to execute contract amendments which modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the contract's fiscal provisions.

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