

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
TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH WEHOPE FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT
NOT TO EXCEED \$258,000 IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO FUND
THE ACQUISITION OF A MOBILE HYGIENE STATION TO SERVE UNHOUSED
INDIVIDUALS IN SAN MATEO COUNTY**

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 public health emergency has both caused and magnified negative impacts on residents of San Mateo County, with broad and continuing effects, impacting households, small businesses and nonprofit organizations and exacerbating disparities for vulnerable populations and communities, particularly among the unhoused; and

WHEREAS, to help address these issues, the County has received State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”). ARPA funds can be used, among other applications, to respond to the pandemic-related public health emergency and its negative economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, the County has taken extensive steps over the past three years to address and respond to the pandemic and its negative economic consequences; and

WHEREAS, the homeless population in San Mateo County has been impacted by the pandemic and its negative economic consequences, requiring emergency assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness, either individual-level assistance (e.g., rapid rehousing services) or assistance for groups of individuals, among other interventions and services; and

WHEREAS, WeHOPE is a nonprofit organization that provides services to individuals experiencing homelessness in San Mateo County, including through its Mobile Homeless Services which aims to meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness through initiatives that include access to free showers, laundry, safe parking for vehicle dwellers, virtual medical assessments, and comprehensive case management to assist in securing permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, in connection with its Mobile Homeless Services program, WeHOPE has requested assistance to fund the acquisition of a mobile hygiene station (also known as Dignity on Wheels) that includes showers, bathrooms and laundry facilities for unhoused individuals in San Mateo County that are living in encampments, streets, or other facilities which lack hygiene equipment; and

WHEREAS, the mobile hygiene station consists of a truck, custom built trailer, generator, water tank and custom vehicle wrapping in order to deliver services to those in need, for which the total cost is \$258,000; and

WHEREAS, given the continuing need for these mobile services among the unhoused, a community in the County that has been disproportionately impacted by the

pandemic and its negative economic consequences, the County desires to enter into a grant agreement with WeHOPE to fund the acquisition of the mobile hygiene station; and

WHEREAS, an agreement has been presented to this Board under which the County would provide funding to WeHOPE in the amount of \$258,000 for the acquisition of the mobile hygiene station and WeHOPE has agreed that the unit will be dedicated to serving unhoused individuals in the County and will travel weekly to East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Redwood City, Pescadero and the Coast area to reach those in need (“Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement will be funded by ARPA funds, and/or may ultimately be covered by reimbursement from funds provided through other state and/or federal funds that may be made available in connection with the County’s response to the pandemic or otherwise.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board authorizes and directs the President of the Board to execute the Agreement with WeHOPE for a total amount not to exceed \$258,000 in ARPA funds to fund the acquisition of a mobile hygiene station to serve unhoused individuals in San Mateo County.

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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive, or designee(s), is authorized to apply state and/or federal funds, to include those appropriated by ARPA, that may be made for all or a portion of the monies expended on the Agreement.

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