

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE (GA) PROGRAM BY INCREASING THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE GRANT TO THE SAME LEVEL AS THE CALWORKS GRANT, CONSISTENT WITH THE STATUTORY FORMULA, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2019

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

WHEREAS, state law requires counties to provide support for indigent county residents who do not qualify for other financial assistance, and counties meet this requirement by providing financial assistance through the General Assistance (GA) program; and

WHEREAS, the County's GA program provides financial assistance to individuals who have no minor children and whose income and property do not exceed certain limits by providing such individuals with vouchers for essential services and a minimal cash grant; and

WHEREAS, the Welfare and Institutions Code 17000.5 permits the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to set the County's GA grant levels according to a statutory formula, which requires GA to be based on and subject to the same annual adjustment as CalWORKs grant levels; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.30.050 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, the Human Services Agency (HSA) is responsible for proposing changes to the rules and regulations concerning policies and procedures for GA program administration to the Board of Supervisors for approval; and

WHEREAS, the California State Department of Social Services (CDSS) has advised counties that the maximum aid payment to CalWORKs families will be increasing effective October 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, HSA recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve modifications to the County's rules and regulations for General Assistance program administration by increasing the General Assistance grant to align with the State's CalWORKs grant, consistent with the statutory formula, effective November 1, 2019; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the GA standard of aid shall be adjusted as follows:

Effective November 1, 2019

- From \$391 to \$550 for individuals who live alone, in shared housing, or who are homeless.
- From \$341 to \$480 for individuals residing in a drug & alcohol treatment facility.
- From \$461 to \$648 for individuals residing in a board & care facility.

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