

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 20-__

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO LOW-INCOME TENANTS EXPERIENCING HARDSHIP DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THROUGH THE CITY'S RENTAL HOUSING RELIEF PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AGREEMENT WITH BAY AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES (BACS) TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 makes funds available to qualified cities for certain community development activities, and the City of Hayward is a qualified by entitlement to receive such funds pursuant to said act; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has allocated an additional \$1,191,514 of CDBG funds to the City of Hayward through the third round of Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the City plans to reallocate \$492,913 in unspent or uncommitted CDBG entitlement funds; and

WHEREAS, City Council authorized the allocation of HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for emergency rent relief in April 2020, creating a program administered by BACS to allocate one-time payments of up to \$2,500 to eligible low-income Hayward residents facing hardship due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in July 2020 City Council authorized an amendment to the agreement with BACS to allocate up to \$388,000 in HOME Investment Partnership funds increase the amount of funding available for rent relief; and

WHEREAS, the Rental Housing Relief Program has already provided funding to over 350 households, almost all of whom make at or below fifty percent of the area median income, and continued need for funding still exists; and

WHEREAS, staff proposes to utilize approximately \$745,700 of CDBG funds allocated to the City to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Staff anticipates that said funds would subsidize rents for a minimum of 250 more eligible individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby authorizes utilizing up to \$745,700 of the City's CDBG CARES Act funds to help pay for emergency rental assistance for eligible low-income Hayward residents experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 through the City's Rental Housing Relief Program administered by BACS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to provide and implement the rent relief payments contemplated by this resolution and to negotiate, have prepared, and execute any and all documents necessary to complete the activities contemplated by this resolution, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2020

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
 MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____
 City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward