

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 20-\_\_

Introduced by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP FUNDS FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR 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 City of Hayward participates in a consortium of cities in Alameda County that share federal HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds, and which helps provide funding for affordable housing programs; and

WHEREAS, the City receives an allocation of federal HOME Investment Partnership funds each year, through the consortium; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released several waivers and suspensions of federal regulations to enable cities to expend HOME funds to reduce the risk of displacement and homelessness due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, City Council authorized the allocation of HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for emergency rent relief in April, 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, the rental subsidies will be administered by BACS directly to landlords on behalf of tenants to bridge the gap between what tenants can pay and their actual rent to preserve housing stability for as many people as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Rental Housing Relief Program has already provided funding to almost 100 residents, ninety-five percent 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 \$388,000 of HOME program funds that were allocated to the City to help pay for rental subsidies and can be expended on emergency tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA); and

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WHEREAS, staff anticipates that said funds would subsidize rents for a minimum of 150 eligible individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby authorizes utilizing \$388,000 of the City's HOME program 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:

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City Attorney of the City of Hayward