

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF HOME FUNDS FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO EMANCIPATED AND FORMER FOSTER CARE YOUTH THROUGH ABODE SERVICES' PROJECT INDEPENDENCE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A RENTAL HOUSING SUBSIDY GRANT AGREEMENT

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;

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

WHEREAS, Project Independence is a program implemented by Abode Services that serves emancipated youth or youth ages 18 and older, in Alameda County who have aged out of the foster care system;

WHEREAS, Project Independence provides affordable housing and comprehensive support services, such as education, and vocational training, employment placement, financial literacy training, and mental and physical healthcare services;

WHEREAS, Staff proposes to utilize \$379,716 of HOME program funds that were allocated to the City to help pay for rental subsidies for emancipated and former foster care youth through the Project Independence program;

WHEREAS, The rental subsidies will be used by Abode Services to pay a portion of the Project Independence program participants' rent;

WHEREAS, Staff anticipates that said funds would subsidize rents for a minimum of ten (10) individuals per year provided they comply with the provisions of the Project Independence program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby authorizes utilizing \$379,716 of the City's HOME program funds to help pay for rental subsidies for emancipated and former foster care youth in Alameda County through the Project Independence program.

