RESOLUTION NO. 22709 (N.C.S.)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALINAS CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT NUMBER 2 TO THE COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE ROUND 2 WITH THE UNITED WAY OF MONTEREY COUNTY AND THE EXECUTION OF A NEW COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED WAY OF MONTEREY COUNTY FOR HOUSING STABILIZATION

- **WHEREAS**, in 2021, through the United Way of Monterey County's (UWMC) administration of funds, initially allocated to the County of Monterey, the City was awarded two rounds of U.S. Department of Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) funds, totaling more than \$15,000,000; and
- **WHEREAS**, in July of 2022, the City executed Amendments Number 1 and 2, to allow for a necessary administrative transfer of funds between the City's two rounds of funding and to allow UWMC to meet a designated expenditure milestone; and
- **WHEREAS,** through Amendments Number 1 and 2, the City also received and an additional \$647,451 in ERAP Round 1 funds; and
- **WHEREAS,** the City's ERAP is experiencing a decline in support requests from eligible applicants and its Community Impact Grant for Emergency Rental Assistance Round 2 Agreement (ERAP R2) has a current balance of \$1,151,863 and is set to expire on September 30, 2023; and
- **WHEREAS,** UWMC has requested that the City transition \$870,000 of its current ERAP R2 balance to establish a newly allowed Housing Stabilization Program; and
- **WHEREAS,** under the proposed Amendment Number 2, the remaining balance of the City's current ERAP R2 fund allocation, \$281,863, will remain available to support residents under its original intended use to resolve rental and utility arrears through July 31, 2024; and
- **WHEREAS,** entering into a new UWMC Community Impact Agreement for Housing Stabilization will allow the City to provide Housing Stabilization support through to July 31, 2025 while diversifying the scope of services and additional resources available to renters, landlords, and service providers; and
- **WHEREAS**, the new UWMC Community Impact Agreement for Housing Stabilization will further bolster the City's partnership with the Housing Authority of the County of Monterey (HACM) to house families that have been issued a housing voucher but are unable to afford security deposits required to obtain permanent housing; and
- **WHEREAS,** the City will allocate funds to support a full-time Housing Navigator and the implementation of a rapid rehousing pilot program operated by the Salinas Outreach and Response Team (SORT); and

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salinas City Council authorizes the City Manager or designee to execute Amendment Number 2 to United Way Monterey County Community Impact Grant Agreement for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program Round 2; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Salinas City Council authorizes the City Manager or designee to execute a new UWMC Community Impact Grant Agreement for Housing Stabilization.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of June 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Barrera, Gonzalez, McShane, Osornio, Sandoval and Mayor Craig

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Rocha

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED:

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ATTEST:

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Patricia Barayas

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Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk