## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (N.C.S.)

## A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUBGRANTEE FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SALINAS AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY FOR THE UNITED WAY HOUSING STABILIZATION PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, through the United Way 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 with an expiration date of September 30, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, since January 2023, the City has experienced a decline in arrears assistance requests from eligible applicants for ERAP activities, and the City identified \$1,151,863 of ERAP funds which could remain unspent by the end of the term; and

**WHEREAS**, UWMC created a new Housing Stabilization (HS) fund to reclassify existing ERAP funds, extend the term of the funding and focus on assisting renters in accessing and securing stable housing through the provision of landlord incentives, security deposits, rental application fees and other moving costs; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 20, 2023, the City Council approved Resolution No. 22709 to execute a new Community Impact Grant Agreement which reclassified \$870,000 of ERAP available funds to provide HS services, and extend the term of the funds, and

**WHEREAS**, on October 1, 2023, the City executed a new Community Impact Agreement with UWMC to reclassify \$870,000 of ERAP funds to a new HS fund which allows the City to expand and diversify its scope of available services and supports to renters, landlords, and service providers through June 30, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** the City allocated \$539,000 of its HS funds to establish a Homeless Housing Navigation and Stabilization Program (HHNSP) to be managed within the City's internal homeless services platform; and

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of its HS program, the City is now seeking to execute the proposed \$331,000 subgrantee Funding Agreement with HACM to support Section 8 Housing Choice voucher households with vital security deposit and initial moving cost assistance otherwise unavailable in our community; and

**WHEREAS,** the City seeking to execute the proposed \$331,000 subgrantee Funding Agreement to assist in fulfilling HACM's request as the City has determined that directing HS funds to support HACM aligns with the program's objectives; and

**WHEREAS,** by entering into a subgrantee Funding Agreement with HACM the City will provide additional financial assistance for households currently holding a Section 8 Housing Choice voucher that are unable to afford required security deposits and other initial moving costs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Salinas City Council, on behalf of the City of Salinas, hereby authorizes the City Manager or designee to execute a subgrantee Funding Agreement between the City of Salinas and the Housing Authority of the County of Monterey for the United Way Housing Stabilization Program in an amount not to exceed \$331,000 and initiate and execute any modifications or other necessary amendments to the Funding Agreement as needed; and

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:	
NOES:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	
	APPROVED:
	Kimbley Craig, Mayor
ATTEST:	
Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk	