

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALINAS CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (CNCS)

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps VISTA is the national service program designed specifically to fight poverty. Rather than providing cash grants, the VISTA program places individuals with a sponsoring organization to engage in a year of full-time service to create or expand programs designed to bring individuals and communities out of poverty; and

WHEREAS, VISTA sponsor organizations are required to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MA) with CNCS; and

WHEREAS, in February 2017, the City Council approved Resolution No. 21129 (N.C.S.) authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (MA) with CNCS for the placement of five (5) VISTA Members (“VISTAs”) to facilitate programs and projects in support of the preparation and implementation of the Alisal Vibrancy Plan; and

WHEREAS, the term of the VISTA placement is for one year. VISTAs fall under a service category created under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, and are not employees of City. CNCS provides VISTAs with a small living allowance based on an area’s cost of living; and

WHEREAS, the City’s financial obligation under the terms of the MA includes a cost-share payment of \$25,656 for two (2) VISTA members; and

WHEREAS, in July 2017, CNCS informed the City that an amendment to the MA was required to reflect the annual living allowance increase to the City’s cost share obligation for two VISTAs from \$25,656 to \$31,992, an additional \$6,336 dollars; and

WHEREAS, all other terms and obligations of the MA remain unchanged; and

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

WHEREAS, the preparation and implementation of the Alisal Vibrancy Plan (AVP) is a 2016-2019 City Council Strategic Plan objective and current staffing is not adequate to implement EDE action items targeting the Alisal and the preparation of the AVP without the support of the VISTAs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALINAS

That the City Manager, or his designee, is authorized to

1. execute a First Amendment to the MA (Exhibit “A”) with CNCS;
2. appropriate \$6,400 to the Community Development department budget of the General Fund (1000.30.311-63.6010) to cover the 2017-2018 annual living allowance increase to the City’s

- VISTA cost-share; and
3. execute future amendments required to reflect extensions to the MA term and annual increases to the City's cost-share obligation.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of February, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk