

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS (CAL ICH) FOR FUNDING UNDER THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION FUNDING PROGRAM, ROUND 3, THIRD DISBURSEMENT (ERF-3-R) FOR ACTIONABLE, PERSON-CENTERED LOCAL PROPOSALS THAT RESOLVE THE EXPERIENCE OF UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS FOR PEOPLE RESIDING IN ENCAMPMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno wishes to apply for and receive an allocation of funds through the Encampment Resolution Funding Program, Round 3, Third Disbursement (ERF-3-R); and

WHEREAS, the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (hereinafter referred to as Cal ICH) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on November 27, 2023, for ERF-3-R funding. The Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Program was initially authorized in 2021 through Assembly Bill (AB) 140 (Chapter 111, Statutes of 2021), which allocated \$50 million for what would become the first round of funding. SB 197 (Chapter 70, Statutes of 2022) amended the program and AB 178 (Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022) allocated an additional \$300 million for Round 2 of ERF funding. Senate Bill 197 (Chapter 70, Statutes of 2022) authorized ERF-3-R, which allocated \$400 million for a third round of funding. The \$400 million for this third round was appropriated by SB 101 (Chapter 12, Statue of 2023); and

WHEREAS, Cal ICH was created in 2017 to oversee the implementation of Housing First policies, guidelines, and regulations to reduce the prevalence and duration of homelessness in California. CAL ICH is mandated to coordinate funding while also

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promoting systems integration to increase efficiency and effectiveness of the homelessness response system at the state and local level; and

WHEREAS, by addressing the safety and wellness of people within encampments, resolve critical encampment concerns, and transition individuals into interim shelter with clear pathways to permanent housing or directly into permanent housing, using data informed, non-punitive, low-barrier, person-centered, housing first, and coordinated approaches and authorizing the city manager to sign all required implementing documents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno (City) wishes to submit an application to obtain an Cal ICH allocation of ERF-3-R funding in the amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The City shall submit to Cal ICH an application to participate in the Encampment Resolution Funding Program, Round 3, Third Disbursement in response to the NOFA issued on November 27, 2023, which will request a funding allocation for the following activities: \$10,000,000.00 to enhance services to address the immediate crisis of experiencing unsheltered homelessness in identified encampment area, to continue to support people living in the encampment as they pursue paths to safe and stable housing and result in sustainable restoration of public spaces to their intended uses while safeguarding the needs of unhoused people seeking shelter located in the encampment area.

2. If the application for funding is approved, the City hereby agrees to use the ERF-3-R Program funding for eligible activities in the manner presented in the application as approved by Cal ICH and in accordance with program regulations cited above.

3. The City authorizes the City Manager, or designees, to execute in the name of the City the application, the Standard Agreement, any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto, and accept funding from Cal ICH, as well as any other documents required by Cal ICH for participation in the ERF-3-R Program, and any amendments thereto.

4. This resolution shall be effective upon final approval.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, TODD STERMER, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2023.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2023
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2023
Mayor Veto: _____, 2023
Council Override Vote: _____, 2023

TODD STERMER, CMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ANDREW JANZ
City Attorney

By: _____
Angela M. Karst Date
Senior Deputy City Attorney