

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FUNDED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) TO AID IN THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS

WHEREAS, in 2021, the City of Fresno (City) was awarded American Rescue Plan Act funding in the amount of \$170,808,029. Of this funding, approximately \$100,000,000 was identified as a resource to provide grant funding to local Community Based Organizations (CBOs) for projects that aid in the recovery of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, through a formal request for proposals process, 7 proposals were submitted, totaling \$185,354 through the City's Planet Bids portal. All proposals were vetted for eligibility based on each agency's self-identified ARPA category determination. Of eligible ARPA categories, priorities were identified by City Council via an anonymous survey; and

WHEREAS, The City Manager is now recommending seven Community Based Organizations for an award of ARPA funding totaling \$100,000.

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

1. The Council of the City of Fresno authorizes the City Manager or his or her designee to enter into agreements in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A"

with the seven Community Based Organizations awarded ARPA funds for programs and services identified in the proposals as follows:

a. Trans-e-motion in the amount of \$10,000. This agreement will provide training healthcare professionals, informational sessions, visibility campaigns, and surveying within the Transgender community.

b. BlaQueer Fresno in the amount of \$20,000. This agreement will provide outreach to the African American LGBTQ+ community, hold informal sessions and events. Provide an informational series geared toward shedding light on disparities within the LGBTQ+ community, with a special emphasis on sexual health, mental well-being, interpersonal relationships, and capacity building.

c. Casita Feliz in the amount of \$13,500. This agreement will provide outreach to the Latinx LGBTQ+ community in Fresno, CA at events. Events will be geared to build LGBTQ+ community, collaboration, and support around Cinco De Mayo, Hispanic Heritage Month, Dia de Muertos events.

d. Dulce Upfront Labs in the amount of \$13,600. This agreement will provide help with strengthening BIPOC + LGBTQ+ connections through wellness, healing, performances, education, and engagement.

e. South Tower Land Trust in the amount of \$25,000. This agreement will provide funding for a 1-day Queer Housing Summit at the Tower Theatre to enhance community learning and engagement, while fostering communal understanding, and sculpting a pragmatic vision for inclusive housing solutions.

f. LGBTQ Fresno in the amount of \$12,740. This agreement will provide a combination of youth-led activities and social enrichment, to create a

supportive environment where adolescents can thrive. Strengthen the community with Social gatherings, inclusive meetings, peer support, digital inclusion, and outings.

g. Oasis Legal in the amount of \$5,160. This agreement will provide free and low-cost culturally responsive legal services and social services navigation to LGBTQ+ immigrants and asylum seekers. Funds will be used to track and report on serving LGBTQ+ immigrant population in Fresno.

2. All agreements authorized hereunder shall be reviewed and approved as to form by the City Attorney's Office prior to execution by the City Manager or his or her designee.

3. Any agreement which materially deviates from the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A" shall not be subject to the delegation hereby provided.

4. If any of the proposals set forth under Section 1 above require an environmental assessment or finding of exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City Manager or their designee shall complete the applicable review pursuant to CEQA and bring the agreement before Council for further review and adoption.

5. This resolution shall be effective upon final approval.

Attachment: Exhibit A – Sample ARPA Grant Agreement

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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 _____ 2024.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

TODD STERMER, CMC
City Clerk

By: _____ Date
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ANDREW JANZ
City Attorney

By: _____ Date
Kristi M. Costa
Deputy City Attorney