

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT'S FY24 PATHWAYS TO REMOVING OBSTACLES TO HOUSING (PRO HOUSING) GRANT TO FUND THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY IMPLEMENTING DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on August 13, 2024, pursuant to its FY24 Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) competitive grants program (Grant Program); and

WHEREAS, HUD is authorized to provide funding to state and local governments, multijurisdictional entities, and metropolitan planning organizations, under the PRO Housing Grant Program, pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-12242, approved March 9, 2024), which appropriates \$100 million for competitive grant funding for the identification and removal of barriers to affordable housing production and preservation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno (City) is an eligible local government and may receive up to \$7 million under this PRO Housing Grant Program to administer one or more eligible activities; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to submit a grant application under the PRO Housing Grant Program for \$7 million to leverage funds currently held in the City's Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) to be used to significantly increase the production and preservation of

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affordable housing units in the City's affordable housing pipeline; and

WHEREAS, the PRO Housing Grant Program application requires the City's application be published for public comment and heard at a public hearing with a minimum of 15 days' notice; City's authorization to enter into a contract with HUD; and other City assurances and certifications regarding PRO Housing Grant Program funds; and

WHEREAS, as of the City of Fresno Council meeting held on October 10, 2024, the City has met the PRO Housing Grant Program application publishing requirement of 15 days' notice for public comment and public hearing; and

WHEREAS, HUD determined the NOFO does not constitute a major Federal action having an individually or cumulatively significant effect on the human environment under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the City's PRO Housing Grant Program application submittal and any acceptance of PRO Housing grant funds are exempt from NEPA in accordance with 24 C.F.R. sections 58.34(a)(2)-(3) because these activities are related to "information and financial services" and "administrative and management activities"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the City's PRO Housing Grant Program application submittal and any acceptance of PRO Housing grant funds do not constitute a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) because these activities are related to the "creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment"; and

WHEREAS, the City in administering any awarded PRO Housing grant will conduct further environmental review as necessary under NEPA and CEQA.

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

1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

2. The Council of the City of Fresno, California, approves submission of the City's grant application under HUD's FY24 PRO Housing Grant Program in response to its solicitation for applications and authorizes acceptance of PRO Housing grant funds in an amount up to \$7 million to administer one or more eligible activities.

3. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized and directed to sign all reasonably required implementing documents subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney and accept the FY24 PRO Housing grant funds.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

AYES :  
NOES :  
ABSENT :  
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024  
Mayor Approval/No Return: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024  
Mayor Veto: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024  
Council Override Vote: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

TODD STERMER, CMC  
City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
ANDREW JANZ  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tricia Herrera Date  
Deputy City Attorney