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### ITEM(S)

#### **File ID 20-001510 (1-T)**

\*\*\*RESOLUTION - Amending the Housing Retention Grant Program (Subject to Mayor's Veto).

### **Contents of Supplement: Resolution.**

#### **Item(s)**

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE HOUSING  
RETENTION GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2020, the Council created the COVID-19 Housing Retention Grant Program (Program) through Resolution 2020-105 (Resolution); and

WHEREAS, the Council appropriated \$1.5 million from the Fresno COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund to fund the Program grants as set forth in the Resolution; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2020, the Council amended the Resolution to increase one-time assistance grant awards to individuals from \$500 to \$1,500, and to increase household assistance grants from \$1,000 to \$3,000 through Resolution 2020-122; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2020, through Resolution 2020-199, the Council amended the Resolution to extend the Program's period of housing assistance from June 2020 through December 2020; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide further relief to individuals and households, the Council desires to amend the Resolution to increase funding to the Program and increase maximum grant awards to individuals and households.

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

1. Resolution 2020-105 is amended to appropriate an additional \$3.5 million, for a total of \$5 million, from the Fresno COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund to fund additional Program grants. The additional Program funding may be released immediately to the Administrators in an amount mutually agreed upon and consistent with the roughly

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proportionate distribution of the initial \$1.5 million Program funding.

2. Grant awards to individuals shall be increased from \$1,500 to \$3,000, and grant awards to households shall be increased from \$3,000 to \$4,500 in order to cover housing related expenses. Applicants previously awarded grant funds may re-apply and may be awarded grant funds if they meet Program criteria.

3. Administrator shall prioritize any backlog of applicants prior to considering new applications. Funding awards are discretionary, and an Applicants' submission of an application does not guarantee financial assistance. The Program does not provide for an appeal process and the City and Administrators' determination on awards of Program funds is final.

4. At least 80% of Program funds shall go directly to recipients.

5. City and Administrator shall meet regularly to ensure all funding will be committed by December 30. The City reserves the right to repayment of funds that will not be committed by December 30.

6. The City Controller is directed to immediately pay out all funds previously allocated under this Program, subject to later audit and recapture.

7. City Administration shall be authorized and directed to enter updated agreements with Program Administrators consistent with this Resolution, subject to approval by the City Attorney's Office.

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

I, YVONNE SPENCE, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

AYES :  
NOES :  
ABSENT :  
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Mayor Approval: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020  
Mayor Approval/No Return: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020  
Mayor Veto: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020  
Council Override Vote: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

YVONNE SPENCE, CRM MMC  
City Clerk

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
Senior Deputy City Attorney