

Resolution No.

STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AWARD OF MULTIPLE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR THE 2025-26 ENTREPRENEURSHIP ECOSYSTEM BUILDING PROGRAM

The Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Building Program supports the City's ongoing efforts to expand inclusive economic opportunities consistent with the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and Economic Development Strategic Action Plan (2022); and

The initiative is designed to strengthen Stockton's entrepreneurial ecosystem by investing in local organizations that provide direct technical assistance, business training, and capacity-building for low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs and small businesses, in accordance with HUD regulations; and

The program seeks to address gaps in business support services, including guidance to formalization, enhancing digital and operational capacities, improving access to financial resources, and technical support; and

On September 4, 2025, the City issued a Request for Proposals (PUR 24-006) for community-based organizations providing entrepreneurs and small business support services to low- and moderate-income persons within the City; and

After evaluating and scoring the proposals, the City negotiated contracts with the top three organizations to provide technical assistance to local entrepreneurs and small businesses; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council approves the following findings pursuant to Stockton Municipal Code section 3.68.070 in support of an exception to the competitive bidding process:

- a) Due to the specific nature of the project and industry, use of the Request for Proposal process is appropriate since it relies on evaluation of a service provider's established professional experience, conduct, and performance as it relates to business support services and programming.
- b) The scope involves a specialized field, and its success requires

experienced professionals who have successfully implemented and performed such services.

2. The City Council approves a CDBG Professional Services Agreement in the amount \$102,500 to A Tavola Together Foundation, attached as Exhibit 1, incorporated by reference.

3. The City Council approves a CDBG Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$71,540 to Uptima Entrepreneur Cooperative, attached as Exhibit 2, incorporated by reference.

4. The City Council approves a CDBG Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$123,250 to the San Joaquin Small Business Development Center, operated by the California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce, attached as Exhibit 3, incorporated by reference.

5. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to take whatever actions are necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED March 31, 2026.

CHRISTINA FUGAZI
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

KATHERINE ROLAND, CMC, CPMC
City Clerk of the City of Stockton