

Resolution No. 2019-08-20-1404

## **STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL**

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### **RESOLUTION APPROVING AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR A REGIONAL STRATEGIC HOMELESSNESS PLAN, A CITY STRATEGIC HOMELESSNESS PLAN, AND AN APPLICATION FOR HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDS**

In response to the large homeless population residing in the City of Stockton and San Joaquin County the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors established a county-wide Homelessness Task Force (HTF) in 2015, which included collaboration between state and local government, homeless service providers, various service organizations, and the City of Stockton; and

The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) created the Continuum of Care program to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness and made competitive funding available for transitional or permanent housing, rental assistance, supportive services, rehousing services, and operation of the local Continuum of Care Program; and

The creation of the Continuum of Care program and the efforts of the HTF led to the formation of the San Joaquin Continuum of Care (SJCoC) which secured funding for a Program Administrator position, completion of Unsheltered Point-in-Time counts, and the delivery of services and programs. The SJCoC identified the completion of a county-wide strategic homelessness plan as a priority; and

In Spring 2019, through a draft legislation, significant funding was proposed in the Governor's Budget for homeless services that required that a regional allocation application be submitted by December 1, 2019. This resulted in Council adopting Motion 2019-05-21-1103 authorizing the allocation of up to \$50,000 to the SJCoC for development of a strategic plan and directed the City Manager to identify potential funding for the strategic plan; and

The enacted legislation, through Assembly Bill 101 (AB 101), for the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program changed the application timeline to February 2020 and changed the application requirements. Counties and cities with populations over 300,000, including Stockton, are eligible to receive funding and funds may be used for planning activities (up to five percent of the City's program allocation can be used for the development of a strategic homelessness plan); and

A strategic homelessness plan is required for the City of Stockton, and a strategic homelessness plan is required for SJCoC prior to applying for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program funds; and

Partnering with the SJCoC to complete a strategic homelessness plan for the region and for the City will ensure a coordinated design for services and programs; and

To plan and operationalize these funds the City will need additional capacity and expertise and is recommending that the City budget and appropriate anticipated funds to procure consulting services; and

Staff recommends budgeting \$125,000 of the anticipated Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program funds to procure consulting services for the development of a regional strategic plan, a City strategic plan, and for completing the City's application for state funds; and

SJCoC anticipates receipt of competitive grant funds, to support the development of a strategic plan, but funding decisions are not anticipated until September 2019; and

The City recommends moving forward with the development of a regional strategic plan and City strategic plan to meet the grant funding application deadline; and

Should SJCoC planning funds become available in September 2019, Council is asked to authorize the reimbursements to offset City expenditures; now, therefore,

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

1. The City Council hereby authorizes a revenue appropriation of state Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program funds in the amount of \$125,000.

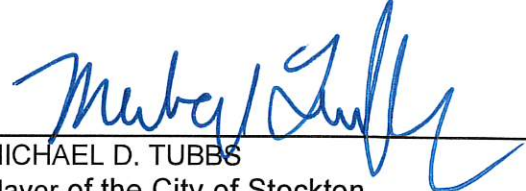
2. The City Council hereby authorizes the expense appropriation of \$125,000 from the state Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program funds for consulting services to develop a regional strategic homelessness plan for SJCoC, to develop a strategic homelessness plan for the City of Stockton, and to complete an application for state Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program funds.

3. The City Council hereby authorizes the receipt of reimbursements from the SJCoC, for strategic homeless planning, when funds become available.

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4. The City Council authorizes the City Manager to take all actions necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED August 20, 2019.

  
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MICHAEL D. TUBBS  
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

  
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ELIZA R. GARZA, CMC  
City Clerk of the City of Stockton

