

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-230

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA,
APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE ENCAMPMENT
RESOLUTION FUND GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,569,511**

WHEREAS, the City of San Bernardino has received an Encampment Resolution Fund Round 3 (ERF-3-R) grant of \$4,569,511 from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to address the needs of individuals residing in a 5.2-mile prioritized encampment area along Waterman Avenue; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2023, the Mayor and City Council authorized the City Manager to apply for and enter into Agreements for grant funding and to take all actions necessary to obtain emergency assistance from State and Federal agencies to implement preventative measures and protect and preserve the City within the scope of the local Homelessness Emergency Declaration

WHEREAS the ERF-3-R project aims to transition 110 individuals from the prioritized area, placing 60 into permanent housing and 50 into interim housing with supportive services that facilitate a transition into permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, this area encompasses two state right-of-way regions, including State Route (SR) 18 and Interstate 210 (I-210), and extends into maintenance tunnels, pedestrian passageways, and surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, The City identified numerous partners in the proposal for EFR funds to provide the resources, staffing, and capacity needed to service the population of unsheltered homeless within the City; and

WHEREAS, The City seeks to enter into agreements with these pre-identified partners to provide outreach, shelter, housing, and employment services to the target population through the use of the ERF grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the project will focus on comprehensive services to promote individual wellness, stability, and success, improving the quality of life for the unhoused population and the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS the term of the ERF-3 funding starts with the award announcement and extends until June 30, 2027, with a focus on achieving sustainable and measurable impacts on homelessness;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and City Council of the City of San Bernardino hereby accept the ERF-3 award of \$4,569,511.

SECTION 3. The Mayor and City Council approve the execution of the ERF-3-R Agreement between the City of San Bernardino and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

SECTION 4. The City Council hereby approves the Homeless Resource Service Agreement with VARP, Inc. (Gibson House) in the amount of seven hundred seventy-one thousand six hundred dollars (\$771,600) to provide supportive interim housing services.

SECTION 5. The City Council hereby approves the Homeless Resource Service Agreement with VARP, Inc. (Gibson House) in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to provide prevention and diversion services.

SECTION 6. The City Council hereby approves the Homeless Resource Service Agreement with Community Action Partnership (CAPS) in the amount of four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) to provide service coordination - mobile showers and laundry services.

SECTION 7. The Mayor and City Council finds this Resolution is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty, as in this case, that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

SECTION 8. The Mayor and City Council hereby grant the Director of Finance and Management Services the authority to make necessary amendments to the budget in relation to the Encampment Resolution Fund grant to ensure effective management and implementation of the grant funds.

SECTION 9. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

SECTION 10. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** by the City Council and signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk this 4th day of December 2024.

Helen Tran, Mayor
City of San Bernardino

Attest:

Genoveva Rocha, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Sonia Carvalho, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO) ss
CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO)

I, Genoveva Rocha, CMC, City Clerk, hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of Resolution No. 2024-230, adopted at a regular meeting held on the 4th day of December 2024 by the following vote:

<u>Council Members:</u>	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
SANCHEZ	_____	_____	_____	_____
IBARRA	_____	_____	_____	_____
FIGUEROA	_____	_____	_____	_____
SHORETT	_____	_____	_____	_____
REYNOSO	_____	_____	_____	_____
CALVIN	_____	_____	_____	_____
ALEXANDER	_____	_____	_____	_____

WITNESS my hand and official seal of the City of San Bernardino this ____ day of _____ 2024.

Genoveva Rocha, CMC, City Clerk