RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 312776

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO CREATING A FLEXIBLE FUNDING POOL FOR HOMELESSNESS AND AUTHORIZING ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE OF HOMELESS EMERGENCY AID PROGRAM FUNDS FOR A FLEXIBLE FUNDING POOL AND DIVERSION PROGRAMMING.

WHEREAS, the State of California Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) is a block grant program designed to provide direct assistance to localities to address the homelessness crisis throughout California; and

WHEREAS, the HEAP funds are intended to provide one-time flexible block grant funds to address the City of San Diego's immediate homelessness challenges; and

WHEREAS, the HEAP funds must be expended on one-time uses that address homelessness, including prevention, criminal justice diversion programs to homeless individuals with mental health needs, and emergency aid; and

WHEREAS, the City applied for \$14,110,397.95 of HEAP funds and the City's application was approved on September 27, 2018, awarding the full amount; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego City Council (Council), by adoption of Resolution R-312127 on December 5, 2018, allocated the HEAP funds to various programmatic expenditures, including rental assistance or subsidies and diversion services; and

WHEREAS, the Council's allocation of \$2,000,000 of HEAP funds for rental assistance or subsidies could be used to create a flexible funding pool for housing solutions and to expand the landlord engagement and rapid rehousing programs administered by the San Diego Housing Commission (Housing Commission); and

WHEREAS, a flexible funding pool is intended to be a replenishable and flexible pool of funds, managed by a single entity, deployed in innovative ways to expedite and increase the opportunity for homeless households to access and maintain stability in available housing; and

WHEREAS, the Council conditioned any use of HEAP funds for flexible housing spending pool programs be returned to the Council for approval of the program prior to expenditure; and

WHEREAS, City staff and the Housing Commission have developed a flexible funding program (Flexible Funding Pool) for use by the City's population of individuals experiencing homelessness to fund a variety of low-level interventions to remove barriers to successful reentry into stable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Commission will act as the fiscal manager of the Flexible Funding Pool to provide a variety of interventions that can increase a homeless household's opportunity to transition back into housing; and

WHEREAS, City staff anticipates the annual expenses for the Flexible Funding Pool will not exceed \$1,000,000 and desires to allocate the remaining \$1,000,000 of HEAP funds set aside for this purpose as follows: \$500,000 to Diversion programs and the remaining \$500,000 to be allocated to either the Flexible Funding Pool or Diversion programs, based on the demonstrated need of participants; and

WHEREAS, Diversion programs include interventions that help to resolve homelessness for an individual before he or she becomes chronically homeless, connecting people with existing resources through their personal networks, and providing immediate alternate housing and connecting clients to services and financial assistance so they can return to permanent housing; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to create a Flexible Funding Pool program through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) to be administered by the San Diego Housing Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to expend HEAP grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 from Fund 600001 consisting of up to \$1,000,000 for the purpose of establishing and implementing a Flexible Funding Pool program; \$500,000 for the purpose of Diversion programming; and \$500,000 to be used to supplement one or both programs.

APF	PROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney
Ву	Heather M. Ferbert
	Deputy City Attorney

HMF:soc 11/22/19

Or.Dept: Mayor's Office Doc. No.: 2205358

I certify that the foregoing Remeeting of	esolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this 0 2019
	ELIZABETH S. MALAND City Clerk
	By Linda Pryin Deputy City Clerk
Approved: 12/12/19 (date)	KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor
Vetoed:(date)	KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

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(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.) KEVIN L. FAULCONER								
AUTHENTICATED BY:		Mayo		an Diego, California.				
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