RESOLUTION NO. 2024-181

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN, 2020-2025 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, AND THE 2024-2025 ACTION PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND FILE ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM; AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET (CEQA EXEMPT)

WHEREAS, the Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, authorized pursuant to Title 2 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended (Act), authorizes grants to states and localities to fund a range of affordable housing activities, including building, buying, and rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elk Grove (City) became eligible as a participating jurisdiction for the HOME Program in the 2024-2025 program year, resulting in an award of \$359,306.20 in HOME funding to the City; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to, and reviewed by this City Council, amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan, 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan, and 2024-2025 Action Plan, which describe the proposed use of HOME funding for the 2024-2025 program year and the process for obtaining public input; and

WHEREAS, the City has held, with proper notification and after a mandatory 30-day public comment period, a public hearing on September 25, 2024, to receive comments and proposals from the public regarding the amendments to the Citizen Participation plan, Consolidated Plan, and Action Plan and the proposed use of HOME funds; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to, and reviewed by this City Council, nonstate grantee certifications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including those regarding tenant based rental assistance, eligible activities and costs, and subsidy layering (Certifications); and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to, and reviewed by this City Council an application on Standard Form 424 (Application) to HUD for a HOME Investment Partnerships Program grant in the amount of \$359,306.20.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby finds the amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan, 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan, and 2024-2025 Action Plan exempt from CEQA pursuant to the following finding:

<u>Finding</u>: The amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan, 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan, and 2024-2025 Action Plan are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

<u>Evidence</u>: The adoption of the amendments of the Citizen Participation Plan, 2020-20205 Consolidated Plan, and 2024-2025 are projects under CEQA; however, they qualify for an exemption as follows:

- Capital Projects are exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, which specifically exempts "the creation of government funding mechanisms or other fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project." Adopting the Action Plan allocates funding for these projects but does not fully commit these funds. The commitment of the funds does not occur until the award of a construction contract. Therefore, no further environmental review is required at this time.
- 2. The Public Service Programs currently funded under the Action Plan are exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), which exempts activities under the Common Sense Exemption that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The programs provide services to the public within existing facilities. No new development or construction that would alter the community's built form is proposed for public service activities. Therefore, the Action Plan qualifies for this exemption and no further review is required for these programs.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby:

- Approves the amendments to the City of Elk Grove Citizen Participation Plan, 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan, and the 2024-2025 Action Plan as presented, certifying that the City of Elk Grove has and will continue to conduct its activities in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations governing the CDBG and HOME Programs; and
- 2. Authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to execute and file the amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan, 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan and 2024-2025 Action Plan, along with any required Certifications and the SF-424, that are required to receive HOME funding for and on behalf of the City of Elk Grove, and to make minor changes to those documents where necessary.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby amends the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget to:

- 1. Appropriate the 2024-2025 HOME funds in the amount of \$359,306.20, or such other final amount as determined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
- 2. Appropriate a City match allocation of \$140,693.80 from the unallocated fund balance of Fund 231, Affordable Housing Fund.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove this 25th day of September 2024

BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN, MAYOR of the CITY OF ELK GROVE

ATTEST:

JONATHAN P. HOBBS, CITY ATTORNEY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CERTIFICATION ELK GROVE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2024-181

STATE OF CALIFORNIA) COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO) ss CITY OF ELK GROVE)

I, Jason Lindgren, City Clerk of the City of Elk Grove, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove at a regular meeting of said Council held on September 25, 2024 by the following vote:

- AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Singh-Allen, Brewer, Robles, Spease, Suen
- NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
- ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
- ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Jason Lindgren, City

City of Elk Grove, California