HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

RESOLUTION NUMBER HA- 1900

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE February 22, 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AND THE SAN DIEGO HOUSING COMMISSION FOR OVERSIGHT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO'S COVID-19 HOUSING STABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (PROGRAM), AUTHORIZING THE SAN DIEGO HOUSING COMMISSION TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FEDERAL AND STATE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS AND CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM, AND APPROVING RELATED ACTIONS.

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on December 27, 2020, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) was signed into law that includes \$25 billion for emergency rental assistance program funds for state, local and tribal governments in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego (City) directly received \$42,333,563 in federal COVID-19 relief funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury (Federal Funds) and an additional \$44,877,753.57 in COVID-19 relief, as approved by Senate Bill (SB) 91 (State Funds); and

WHEREAS, SB 91 provides the City three (3) options for accessing and administering funds: (a) the City can transfer the Federal Funds to the State for administration of both the Federal and State Funds and local landlords and tenants may access the funds through a partnership with Local Initiatives Support Corporation (Option A); (b) the City can receive a

block grant from the State and directly administer funds (Option B); or (c) the City can administer a local program with the Federal Funds and the State will administer the State Funds (Option C); and

WHEREAS, City and the San Diego Housing Commission (Housing Commission) staff recommend Option B that provides for local administration of the Federal and State Funds, which helps with timely distribution and limits potential confusion for at-risk households because the funds are available through one program; and

WHEREAS, the City must obligate sixty-five percent (65%) of the Federal Funds no later than September 30, 2021, and expend all Federal Funds no later than December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City must obligate at least sixty-five percent (65%) of the State Funds no later than June 1, 2021, or must provide a plan to expend all of the State Funds no later than August 1, 2021, unless the City can demonstrate a plan to allocate all of the State Funds within the federal timeline; and

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution R-313256 authorized the allocation of \$5 million dollars in CARES Act Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for rental assistance on October 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, households must meet the following requirements to be eligible for the City's Housing Stability Assistance Program (Program): tenant has a City address; the household income is at or below 80 percent of area median income (AMI), with a priority for households at or below 50 percent of AMI; the household has an obligation to pay rent; the household does not currently receive any rental subsidies; at least one member of the household has a reduction of income or other financial hardship attributable to COVID-19; and the household experiences or is at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Housing Commission desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Housing Commission to administer the Program and abide by federal and state requirements, a copy of which is included in the backup materials accompanying this Resolution; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego, as follows:

- The Housing Commission President & Chief Executive Officer (President & CEO), or designee, is authorized and directed to sign the MOU.
- 2. The Housing Commission is authorized to amend the Housing Commission Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for an amount not to exceed \$92,211,316.57 in Coronavirus Relief Funds and CARES Act funds, as allocated by the City for this Program.
- 3. The President & CEO, or designee, is authorized to modify the Program, if necessary, without further action by the Board of Commission of the Housing Commission (Housing Commission Board) or the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego (Housing Authority), but only if and to the extent that such changes comply with the terms of the MOU, are necessary to fulfill funding requirements, and comply with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requirements.
- 4. The President & CEO, or designee, is authorized to substitute approved funding sources with any other available funds as deemed appropriate, contingent upon budget availability, without further action by the Housing Commission Board or the Housing Authority, but only if and to the extent funds are determined to be available for such purposes and upon the advice of Housing Commission General Counsel.

5. The President & CEO, or designee, is authorized to execute any documents and instruments that are necessary and appropriate to implement this Resolution, in a form approved by Housing Commission General Counsel, and to take such actions necessary and appropriate to implement these approvals without further action of the Housing Commission Board or the Housing Authority.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, General Counsel

By <u>/s/ Katherine A. Malcolm</u> Katherine A. Malcolm Deputy General Counsel

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Passed and adopted by the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego on <u>February 22, 2021</u>, by the following vote:

	Yeas		Nays	Excused	Not Present
Joe LaCava	\boxtimes				
Jennifer Campbell	\boxtimes				
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Monica Montgomery Steppe	\boxtimes				
Marni von Wilpert	\boxtimes				
Chris Cate	\boxtimes				
Raul Campillo	\boxtimes				
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		Jennifer Campbell Chair of the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego, California Richard C. Gentry Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego, California			

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of RESOLUTION NO. <u>1900</u> passed and adopted by the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego, California on <u>February 22, 2021</u>.

By:

Scott Marshall

Deputy Secretary of the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego, California