

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO SIGN AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ("CDBG") PROGRAM, THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ("HOME") PROGRAM, AND THE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM COOPERATION AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING FINAL RULE AND ANY OTHER SUCH DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the CDBG program is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities for persons of very-low and low-income; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the HOME program is to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing for very-low and low-income families and households; and

WHEREAS, in June 1993, Contra Costa County as the Urban County representative and the cities of Antioch, Concord, Pittsburg, and Walnut Creek joined together as a consortium for purposes of participating in the HOME program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brentwood joined the consortium under an approved Cooperation Agreement (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Agreement to continue the City's participation in the consortium, and to include any Federal Law updates, were approved by the City Council by previous action through Fiscal Year 2017; and

WHEREAS, along with extending the Agreement for federal years 2024-2026, changes in federal law, require that the Agreement be amended to reflect new regulatory requirements that streamline the planning and application processes for various HUD grants, including CDBG, HOME, and Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") program; and

WHEREAS, specifically, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") is requiring Urban Counties and participating municipalities such as Brentwood to amend their cooperation agreements by including reference to the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Final Rule (the "Rule"); and

WHEREAS, HUD released the Rule to equipment communities receiving HUD funding with the data and tools that will help them meet long-standing fair housing obligations in their use of HUD funds; and

WHEREAS, the Rule adds stricter regulations for the County to develop assessment plans, which includes setting goals and priorities in fair housing, discrimination, and other landlord/tenant issues; and

WHEREAS, the amendment details the applicability of the Rule and describes the compliance requirements that the parties to the Agreement must follow; and

WHEREAS, there is now before the City Council the Amendment to the Agreement for its consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Brentwood approves and authorizes the City Manager or designee to sign an amendment to the Agreement to extend the Agreement and provisions related to the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Final Rule, as well as any other such documents necessary for the implementation of the Agreement.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Brentwood at a regular meeting held on the 24th day of October, 2023 by the following vote: