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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF FY2020-21 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT APPLICATIONS TO ALAMEDA COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ALAMEDA COUNTY FOR THE PROPOSED USE OF FY2020-21 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS PROJECTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,717.50

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is one of the longest-running programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, the program funds activities such as affordable housing, antipoverty programs, and infrastructure development that benefit low-income people or contribute to the elimination of blight; and funds are allocated to localities based on formulas that reflect population, measures of poverty, age of housing stock, etc.; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet administrative requirements of the program in a cost-effective manner, the cities of Albany, Emeryville, Piedmont, Dublin, Newark, and the unincorporated portions of Alameda County are consolidated as a single "Alameda County Urban County" grantee; and staffing for the "Urban County" is provided by Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, a requirement for using CDBG funds, with few exceptions, is that it must be demonstrated that the funds are serving very low or low income people or households; and another stipulation of this program is that across the Urban County cities collectively, no more than 15% of CDBG funds can be applied toward services; and

WHEREAS, examples of past projects funded through Albany's CDBG allocation include: Support of the Meals on Wheels program for seniors, the Alameda County 2-1-1, accessible curb ramps and Homeless Outreach and Engagement; and

WHEREAS, the City's allocation, based on information released by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is \$115,319; and

WHEREAS, the County estimates that Albany will receive \$398.50 in program income revenue resulting from the sale of real property previously improved with CDBG funds; and

WHEREAS, of Albany's CDBG allocation, revenues will be assigned as follows: \$38,474 to Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program, \$25,643.50 to Sidewalk Improvements replacing deficient curb ramps at 32 corners along Solano Avenue between Madison Street and Masonic Avenue, \$45,000 to Homeless Outreach and Engagement Program, \$6,600 to general administration; and

WHEREAS, additional Urban County Community Services funds in the amount of \$85,000 are allocated by the County towards housing counseling services provided by ECHO Housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Albany City Council authorizes the submission of FY2020-21 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project applications to Alameda County and authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Alameda County for the proposed use of FY2020-21 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds projected in the amount of \$115,717.50.

NICK PILCH, MAYOR



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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

ALBANY, The 1st day of June, 2020, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Barnes, Maass, McQuaid, Nason and Mayor Pilch

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this

2nd day of June, 2020.

Anne Hsu

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