

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 21-208

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – 2**

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub.L. No. 117-2) ("**ARPA**") was signed into law. Section 3201 of ARPA established the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program ("**ERA2**"), and authorized the direct allocation of emergency rental assistance funds to states, the District of Columbia, units of local government, and territories. The ERA2 funds are intended to assist low-income households that have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic, are unable to pay for rent and utilities, and are at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing stability.
- B. California Assembly Bill No. 832 (2021-2022 Reg. Sess.) ("**AB 832**") established the State of California's program for administering its share of ERA2 funds (the "**SRA2**," "**State Rental Assistance Program – 2**," or "**SRA2 Funds**"). AB 832 amended Chapter 17 (commencing with Section 50897) of Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code. Health and Safety Code section 50897.1, subdivision (a)(1) authorizes the Department of Housing and Community Development (the "**Department**") to administer the SRA2 Funds in accordance with state and federal law.
- C. Santa Barbara County ("**Locality**") received an allocation of ERA2 funds from the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("**Treasury**") in the amount of \$16,610,602.80 (such amount, the Locality's "**Direct ERA2 Allocation**").
- D. Locality plans to administer its Direct ERA2 Allocation, and acknowledges that the Direct ERA2 Allocation is subject to the requirements of ARPA and the Treasury's interpretive guidance, and to all such requirements as may be subsequently amended.
- E. Locality desires to receive an allocation of SRA2 Funds pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50897.2.1, subdivision (a)(1) or (2) (such allocation, a "**Round 2 Block Grant Award**"). Locality submitted its request for a Round 2 Block Grant Award to the Department in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 50897.2.1, subdivision (c)(1).
- F. Locality acknowledges that every Round 2 Block Grant Award is subject to state and federal requirements, including, without limitation, the requirements of AB 832 and the Department's guidelines, the relevant requirements of ARPA and the Treasury's interpretive guidance, and all such requirements as may be subsequently amended (collectively, the "**Round 2 Block Grant Award Requirements**").
- G. Locality further acknowledges that every Round 2 Block Grant Award is subject to the terms and conditions of a Department-approved STD 213, Standard Agreement ("**Standard Agreement**"), all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW to allocate the Round 2 Block Grant Award, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the "**Round 2 Block Grant Award Documents**").

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. Locality is hereby authorized and directed to accept a Round 2 Block Grant Award in a total amount not to exceed \$30,000,000.
- 2. Locality is hereby authorized and directed to enter into, execute, and deliver the Round 2 Block Grant Award Documents, which shall include a Standard Agreement in a total amount not to exceed \$30,000,000.

- 3. Locality is hereby authorized and directed to assume responsibility for administering the Round 2 Block Grant Award in accordance with all Round 2 Block Grant Award Requirements.
- 4. George Chapjian, Director, Community Services Department, or designee, is authorized to execute the Round 2 Block Grant Award Documents on behalf of the Locality for participation in the State Rental Assistance Program – 2.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of November, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

The undersigned does hereby attest and certify that the foregoing is a true and full copy of a resolution of the governing body adopted at a duly convened meeting on the date above-mentioned, and that the resolution has not been altered, amended, or repealed.

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO
CLERK OF THE BOARD

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA:

By: Sheila de la Guerra
Deputy Clerk

By: Bob Nelson
Bob Nelson
Chair, Board of Supervisors

NOTICE AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Notice.** The Department is providing this template Authorizing Resolution as informational guidance only. The Department encourages each Locality to consult with legal counsel during the development of its own formal, legally binding authorizing resolution for participation in the State Rental Assistance Program – 2.
 - a. Please note, however, that any limitations or conditions on the authority of the signatory or signatories to execute the Round 2 Block Grant Award Documents may result in the Department rejecting the Locality's authorizing resolution.
2. **Accuracy, Verification.** The Department will verify that the Locality's authorizing resolution comports with the legal authority and composition of the Locality's governing body. Locality must timely notify the Department, in writing, of any factors that limit its ability to provide an authorizing resolution which is materially in line with this template.
3. **Dollar Amounts of Round 2 Block Grant Awards.** The Department recommends identifying an authorized dollar amount that is at least triple the anticipated award (based on current formula calculations). Award amounts are subject to change. If the Locality is ultimately awarded an amount in excess of the amount identified in the Locality's authorizing resolution, the Department will require a new authorizing resolution from the Locality.
4. **Authorized Signatory or Signatories, Designee.** Locality may designate an authorized signatory by title only. In addition, the Locality may authorize multiple signatories, so long as there is clarifying language as to whether the signatories are authorized to execute the Round 2 Block Grant Award Documents individually or collectively. In addition, the Locality may authorize a designee of the authorized signatory to execute the Round 2 Block Grant Award Documents. In such case, the Locality must append a supporting document (e.g., memorandum, meeting notes of official action), which indicates the name and title of the designee who is authorized to legally bind the governing body.
5. **Vote Count.** Please fill out the field by every voting category (i.e., Ayes, Nays, Abstain, Absent). If none, please indicate zero (0) for that field. The vote count must comport with the legal authority and membership of the Locality's governing body.
6. **Certification of Authorizing Resolution.** The individual who certifies the authorizing resolution (i.e., the attestor) cannot also be authorized to execute the Round 2 Block Grant Award Documents on behalf of the Locality.