

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2021

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AND RATIFYING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE’S COMMUNITY FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BACKHOE LOADER

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) administers a grant program that provides funding to develop essential community facilities that provide an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Bragg City Council approved City of Fort Bragg Budget for FY 2020/21 on June 29, 2020 which included the replacement of a backhoe equipment as a top priority in FY 2020/21; and

WHEREAS, in order to secure this USDA funding, the City of Fort Bragg seeks to enter into an agreement on a first come first served applicant basis; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires that the Grantee match their determined percentage of the project cost, of which the full purchase amount has been identified in the Maintenance and Purchases budget for FY 2020/21; and

WHEREAS, the City received notice that USDA funds were still available for the current fiscal year requiring expedited application submittal by June 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this backhoe loader costs \$140,000 and may be eligible for reimbursement of up to 75% under the USDA Community Facility Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, based on all the evidence presented, the City Council finds as follows:

1. This funding will provide a reliable response equipment for members of the Public Works Department.
2. This funding will satisfy a priority identified in the City of Fort Bragg’s Budget for FY 2020/21 to replace one backhoe loader in the fleet and equipment division.
3. Expedited submittal by staff was prudent to ensure timely application on behalf of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby approve, ratify and confirm the City’s submittal of United States Department of Agriculture’s Community Facility Grant Program application to assist with the cost of the purchase of one fully equipped Caterpillar Backhoe Loader.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the USDA agreement and any amendments thereto in connection with the Community Facility Grant Program.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 14th day of June 2021, by the following vote:

**AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:
RECUSED:**

**BERNIE NORVELL
Mayor**

ATTEST:

**June Lemos, CMC
City Clerk**