

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2022

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) UTILITY
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg was awarded funding from the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) to fund a Utility Bill Assistance Program, which is currently funded by two 2020 CDBG-CV grants: #20-CDBG-CV1-00124 and #20-CDBG-CV2-3-00108 for a Utility Bill Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, CDBG requires that the Utility Bill Assistance Program must be administered by approved Program Guidelines that are compliant with CDBG and State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is authorized to sign Amendment / Revision requests and submit to HCD on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City requested that HCD approve Amendments / Revisions to the contracts to allow the City to update Program Guidelines to increase the total amount of subsistence payment(s) per household from \$500 to \$1,000 without increasing the overall program budget, thereby decreasing the total number of households that may receive subsistence payments; and

WHEREAS, HCD has approved the requested Amendments / Revisions to both contracts; and

WHEREAS, upon approval of Amendments / Revisions, HCD requires Program Guidelines to be updated; and

WHEREAS, the Program Guidelines have been updated to allow households to apply for up to \$1,000 in utility subsistence payments; first-time applicants may apply for one-time payment(s); previous applicants may apply a second time and, if eligible at the time of application, may receive a second subsistence payment(s) so long as the total amount paid under both applications does not exceed \$1,000; and

WHEREAS, there is no impact to the General Fund. The Utility Bill Assistance Program is fully funded by the State of California's Housing and Community Development Community Development Block Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Utility Bill Assistance Program Guidelines.

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 24th day of October, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

**ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
RECUSED:**

BERNIE NORVELL
Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, MMC
City Clerk