

RESOLUTION NO. XXX-2023

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2022/2023-15 OF \$36,000 TO FUND THE CARE RESPONSE UNIT (CRU) THROUGH THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR AND AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF A SEPARATE LINE ITEM WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET TO ACCOUNT FOR CRU COSTS

WHEREAS, the Care Response Unit (CRU) was established in May of 2022 as part of a grant through the Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Services Project, funded through the California Department of Health Care Services; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds are through March 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is currently being sought to keep the CRU program in effect, but will probably not be awarded until July 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of CRU is to reduce the number of homeless individuals and the number of homeless camps in Fort Bragg; and

WHEREAS, the intent was to lower the amount of time police officers were spending on calls involving the homeless, instead using CRU to connect the homeless to resources to stop the cycle of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, statistics showed arrests of homeless dropped by 53% from 157 to 74, despite total arrests for the Police Department increasing by 39% from 299 to 417 for the analyzed time periods; and

WHEREAS, percentage of arrests of homeless people also lowered from 53% to 18% of total arrests; and

WHEREAS, CRU opened 485 cases serving 140 different people; and

WHEREAS, CRU successfully reconnected ten homeless individuals with family or friends in other areas through the use of the Homeward Bound bus ticket program; and

WHEREAS, CRU facilitated in getting three people suffering from substance abuse into in-patient rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the loss of the CRU program would negatively impact the quality of life for the residents of Fort Bragg; and

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

1. The adjustments to the FY 2022-23 budget have been identified, as shown in Exhibit A.

2. There are sufficient funds available in the Police Department salary savings fund to cover the budget amendment.
3. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are made a part of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby amend the previously adopted FY 2022-23 budget to incorporate the changes enumerated in Exhibit A, and authorize the City Manager to (1) execute a transfer of \$36,000 from Police Department salary savings in Account No. 110-4200 to Account No 110-4202;

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 February 27, 2023, by the following vote:

**AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
RECUSED:**

BERNIE NORVELL
Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, MMC
City Clerk