

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2024

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL
ACCEPTING FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$10.3 MILLION FOR THE MUNICIPAL BROADBAND PROJECT, AND
APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2024/25-03 OF \$8,376,309 FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2024/25**

WHEREAS, the Fort Bragg City Council identified the need for residents, businesses and visitors to have access to reliable and affordable broadband in order to contribute to the economic prosperity, educational excellence, and overall quality of life for the community; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2022, the City was awarded \$479,529 in Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) grant program funds from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to bring the 2021 Fort Bragg Digital Infrastructure Plan to construction level detail; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2023, the City applied for Federal Funding Account (FFA) grant program funds from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to construct last mile digital infrastructure and implement the City’s Municipal Broadband Project; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2024, the CPUC approved Resolution T-17839, which included the approval of the City of Fort Bragg’s application in the amount of \$10.3 million; and

WHEREAS, in the adopted fiscal year 2024-25 budget, funding for the Broadband Project only identified \$1.7 million – the entirety of the City’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2024 Council reallocated the ARPA funds to serve other community priorities in support of housing and economic development initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the FFA grant funds in the amount of \$10.3 million are identified for the capital improvement program – Broadband; and

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

1. The adjustments to the FY2024/25 Budget have been identified and are necessary, as shown in Exhibit A.
2. FFA grant funds will be deposited with the City on a reimbursement basis according to FFA terms.
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 Fort Bragg does hereby accept \$10.3 Million in FFA grant funds, and does hereby amend the previously adopted FY 2024-25 Budget to incorporate the changes enumerated in Exhibit A, and authorizes the City Manager to execute amendment.

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 28th day of October 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
RECUSED:

BERNIE NORVELL
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Sanchez
City Clerk