

RESOLUTION NO. XX-2023

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING STAFF TO APPLY FOR A COMMUNITY RESILIENCE CENTER GRANT THROUGH THE STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WITH ANY AWARDED FUNDS INTENDED TO BE USED TO INCREASE THE COMMUNITY'S RESILIENCY TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND EMERGENCIES

WHEREAS, climate change continues to create new and challenging emergencies for communities across California; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg and the surrounding community provide critical services for the entire Mendocino Coast during emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg and City Council identified being prepared for emergencies and disasters as one of their strategic goals for Fiscal Year 23/24; and

WHEREAS, underserved communities including minorities, the elderly, and disabled individuals are typically more negatively impacted during emergencies; and

WHEREAS, this grant would provide funding opportunities for underserved populations on the Mendocino Coast to increase their resiliency during emergencies and events related to climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Memorial building at Harold O. Bainbridge Park represents an ideal location for the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and a temporary evacuation center; and

WHEREAS, the funds awarded from this grant would allow the City to develop and retrofit the Veterans Memorial building ensuring it is seismically safe and prepared to withstand emergencies for an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements to the Veterans Memorial building would expand its potential to be used as an active community center, training facility, and meeting hall; and

WHEREAS, improvements to the Veterans Memorial building will allow the veterans of the Mendocino Coast to receive more effective care and services; and

WHEREAS, this grant would fund a staff member responsible for assisting in the City's emergency planning process as well as coordinating with underserved populations and the community in developing plans to increase their community resilience; and

WHEREAS, funding would be used to update the City's Emergency Action Plan and Continuity of Operations Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby authorize staff under the direction of the City Manager to apply for

the Community Resilience Center grant and the authority to execute all related documents if awarded.

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 11th day of September 2023, by the following vote:

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

**BERNIE NORVELL
Mayor**

ATTEST:

**Cristal Munoz
Acting City Clerk**