

RESOLUTION NO. -2026

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE
CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A COMMUNITY RESILIENCY
CENTER PLANNING OR IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FOR THE C.V. STARR
COMMUNITY CENTER PHASE III PROJECT, BIND THE CITY IN
CONNECTION WITH THE APPLICATION AND GRANT AWARD, AND
EXECUTE RELATED DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS, Community Resilience Centers may provide cooling and heating, clean-air refuge, emergency shelter, food and water distribution, medical support, communications access, backup power, emergency preparedness services, and other critical community resources during emergencies; and

WHEREAS, outside of emergencies, Community Resilience Centers are intended to provide year-round community programs, including recreation, workforce development, education, health services, food programs, training, and community gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg owns and operates the C.V. Starr Community Center, which serves residents of Fort Bragg and communities throughout the Mendocino Coast; and

WHEREAS, the C.V. Starr Community Center Phase III Master Plan, completed in 2016, provides a foundation for the development of additional community, recreation, and emergency-response facilities at the Center; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to update and advance the Phase III Master Plan to incorporate current Community Resilience Centers Program requirements, including emergency shelter space, clean-air refuge, emergency food preparation and distribution, medical support, potable water storage, communications, backup power, energy resilience, accessibility, and year-round community programming; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project would strengthen the City's ability to prepare for and respond to wildfires, extreme heat, severe storms, flooding, earthquakes, extended power outages, poor air quality, and other emergencies affecting Fort Bragg and the Mendocino Coast; and

WHEREAS, the Community Resilience Centers Program permits eligible applicants to apply for a Planning Grant or an Implementation Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to authorize the City to pursue the grant category determined to be most appropriate and competitive based on the readiness of the C.V. Starr Community Center Phase III project and the final Community Resilience Centers Program guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Community Resilience Centers Program requires a public agency serving as the Lead Applicant to provide evidence of a passed formal resolution or other documentation demonstrating delegated authority to bind the agency in the grant application,

including authorization to apply for and accept a Community Resilience Centers Planning or Implementation Grant and authority to execute all related documents if awarded; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that pursuing Community Resilience Centers funding for the C.V. Starr Community Center Phase III project is consistent with the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, General Plan, Strategic Plan, and priorities related to public safety, emergency preparedness, resilient infrastructure, community health, recreation, civic engagement, and equitable access to public services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby:

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY

The City Council authorizes the City of Fort Bragg to apply to the California Strategic Growth Council, or its designated administering agency, for a Community Resilience Centers Planning or Implementation Grant for the C.V. Starr Community Center Phase III Community Resilience Center project.

SECTION 2. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The City Council designates the City Manager, Isaac Whippy, or the City Manager's authorized designee or successor, as the City's Authorized Representative for the Community Resilience Centers Program.

The Authorized Representative is granted full authority to represent and bind the City of Fort Bragg in connection with the Community Resilience Centers grant application and any resulting grant award.

SECTION 3. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT

If awarded, the Authorized Representative is authorized to accept a Community Resilience Centers Planning or Implementation Grant on behalf of the City of Fort Bragg and to agree to and comply with all applicable grant terms, conditions, assurances, and program requirements.

SECTION 4. AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS

The Authorized Representative is authorized to negotiate, execute, acknowledge, and submit all documents necessary or appropriate to apply for, accept, administer, and complete the grant-funded project, including, but not limited to:

1. Grant applications and supporting materials;
2. Grant agreements and amendments;
3. Certifications, assurances, and declarations;
4. Partnership and project coordination documents;
5. Requests for payment and reimbursement;
6. Progress, financial, and performance reports;
7. Budget and project-scope documents; and

8. Any other documents required by the California Strategic Growth Council or its designated administering agency.

SECTION 5. GRANT ADMINISTRATION

The Authorized Representative is authorized to take all actions necessary to implement and administer the grant and complete the grant-funded project in accordance with the Community Resilience Centers Program requirements, applicable laws, the City's adopted budget, and City policies.

SECTION 6. NO GENERAL FUND COMMITMENT

Acceptance of a grant pursuant to this Resolution shall not obligate the City to provide an unbudgeted General Fund contribution or local match unless such expenditure is separately authorized by the City Council or otherwise included in the City's adopted budget.

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 10th day of August 2026, by the following vote:

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

JASON GODEKE
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Paoli
City Clerk