

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2025

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT BRAGG APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 2025/26-01 TO ALLOCATE \$58,000 FROM THE PROJECTED FY 2024-25 GENERAL FUND SURPLUS (UNASSIGNED RESERVES) TO SUPPORT FOOD BANK SERVICES FOR FORT BRAGG RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, the Fort Bragg Food Bank has long served as a vital resource for residents facing food insecurity, providing essential nutritional support to individuals, families, children, and seniors throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, recent federal funding cuts have severely impacted the operational capacity of the Food Bank, resulting in reduced distribution frequency and diminished quantities of food per household—at a time when community need is growing; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank has formally appealed to the Fort Bragg City Council, highlighting the urgent impacts of these reductions, including an increase in food insecurity, families forced to skip meals, seniors choosing between food and medication, and children going to school hungry—all of which threaten the health and stability of Fort Bragg’s most vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank has proposed the establishment of an ongoing funding mechanism, and while long-term solutions will require further policy discussion, the City Council finds it prudent and necessary to act immediately to prevent further disruption of services through a one-time infusion of funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg projects a one-time General Fund surplus of approximately \$350,000 for Fiscal Year 2024–25, with at least \$150,000 available in unassigned reserves after accounting for other authorized uses; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that allocating \$58,000 from these unassigned reserves is a fiscally responsible and mission-consistent action to address an urgent need, ensuring continued food access for Fort Bragg residents; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation shall be subject to a funding agreement that ensures the funds are used solely for services benefiting residents within the City of Fort Bragg and are not used to support operations outside the City’s jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg as follows:

1. Budget Amendment FY 2025/26-01 (Exhibit A) is hereby approved to appropriate \$58,000 from the General Fund’s unassigned reserves, derived from the projected Fiscal Year 2024–25 surplus, to support Food Bank operations serving Fort Bragg residents.

2. The City Manager is authorized to execute a funding agreement with the Fort Bragg Food Bank specifying eligible uses, service area requirements, measurable deliverables, reporting protocols, and safeguards to ensure the funds are used solely for the benefit of City residents.
3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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 14th day of July 2025, by the following vote:

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

JASON GODEKE
Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Paoli
City Clerk