RESOLUTION NO. 2021-0001
Adopted by the Housing Authority of the City of Sacramento
February 16, 2021

Approval of Sacramento Emergency Rental Assistance (SERA) Phase 2 Program

BACKGROUND

A. WHEREAS, On January 5, 2021, the United States Department of the Treasury (Treasury) notified eligible jurisdictions regarding the availability of Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) funding to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

B. WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento received a direct allocation of $15,270,933.50 of federal ERAP funds from the Treasury; and

C. WHEREAS, on February 12, 2021, the City of Sacramento submitted the Expression of Intent to receive State ERAP funds of $16,435,224 from the State Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH), Housing and Community Development (HCD) department; and

D. The proposed action is not a project requiring review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is Categorically Excluded under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) pursuant to 24 CFR 58.35(b)(2).

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All of the evidence having been duly considered, the facts as presented and stated above, including the environmental facts and findings, as stated above, are found to be true and correct.

Section 2. The Sacramento Emergency Rental Assistance Program (SERA) Phase 2 Program and use of $31,706,158, comprised of $15,270,934 of Treasury funds and $16,435,224 of State HCD funds (SERA Funds) are approved for administration of the SERA Phase 2 Program including the allocation of up to 10 percent of the SERA Funds for administrative expenses to operate the SERA Phase 2 Program, including a minimum of $500,000 for contracts with Community-Based Organizations to assist with community outreach and application assistance (Administrative Cost).
Section 3. The Executive Director, or her designee, is authorized to enter into an agreement with the City of Sacramento for the SERA Funds to provide financial assistance to eligible households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 4. The Executive Director, or her designee, is authorized to amend the Housing Authority budget in the amount of the SERA Funds to be used for the SERA Phase 2 Program.

Section 5. The addition of thirty-two (32) full time employees and contracts with Community-Based Organizations to support the Housing Authority’s administration of the SERA Phase 2 Program is approved.

Section 6. The Executive Director, or her designee, is authorized to negotiate, enter into and execute any contracts and related documents deemed necessary by the Executive Director, or her designee, including temporary staffing contracts in the aggregate not to exceed the Administrative Cost, in a form approved by the Housing Authority’s Office of the General Counsel for the purpose of administering the SERA Phase 2 Program.

Adopted by the Housing Authority of the City of Sacramento on February 16, 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Ashby, Guerra, Harris, Jennings, Loloee, Schenirer, Valenzuela, Vang, and Mayor Steinberg

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attest by Secretary:

Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk

The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Housing Authority.