

RESOLUTION 2020-081

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AMENDING THE CITY'S FY 2019/20 COVID-19 HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY INCREASING THE GRANT AMOUNT UP TO \$2,000 PER HOUSEHOLD FOR ELIGIBLE SAN PABLO RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8558 provides for a "State of Emergency" or a "Local Emergency" when conditions as "air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, sudden and severe energy shortage, plant or animal infestation or disease, the Governor's warning of an earthquake or volcanic prediction, or an earthquake, or other conditions, other than the conditions resulting from a labor controversy," which conditions are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of any single entity or of a particular political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat;

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630 authorizes the City Council to proclaim the existence of a "Local Emergency;" and to review the continuing need for such proclamation until the emergency is terminated;

WHEREAS, following declarations of emergency by the State of California, Contra Costa County and the Federal government, the City Council of the City of San Pablo adopted Resolution 2020-034 on March 16, 2020 proclaiming the existence of a local emergency due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, which declaration of emergency has been extended and the orders of the Director of Emergency Services confirmed pursuant to Resolution Nos. 2020-042, 2020-051, 2020-055, 2020-060, 2020-68 and 2020-077;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-28-20, which authorizes local jurisdictions to suspend the evictions of residential and commercial tenants for the non-payment of rent if the non-payment is due to the COVID-19 pandemic through May 31, 2020, which was extended 60 days by Executive Order N-66-20;

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, pursuant to Resolution No. 2020-043, the City Council for the City of San Pablo added "Explore protections for tenants who may be potentially displaced from current COVID-19 pandemic impacts" to the City Council's Priority Workplan; and on April 20, 2020, the City Council provided direction to City staff regarding an urgency ordinance and other actions to address evictions and rental increases during COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2020, the City Council of the City of San Pablo adopted Resolution 2020-054 establishing the FY2019/20 COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program (Housing Program) which provides one-time grants of up to \$1,000 per household for eligible San Pablo residents to help pay for rent, mortgage or utility payments due to a job

loss or reduction in work hours caused by COVID-19 and appropriating \$250,000 in Low-Income Housing Funds to fund the Housing Program;

WHEREAS, the City received 210 applications by the Housing Program application deadline of May 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, to maximize the benefit to San Pablo Residents, the proposed resolution amends the Housing Program Guidelines by increasing the maximum grant amount to \$2,000 per household to eligible San Pablo Residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of San Pablo does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Approval of Amendment. The City Council hereby approves amending the City of San Pablo Fiscal Year 2019/20 COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program Guidelines by increasing the maximum grant amount from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per household to eligible San Pablo Residents as follows:

	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person
80% or lower of AMI	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,600.00
50% or lower of AMI	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,800.00
30% or lower of AMI	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,000.00

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of June, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Kinney, Pineda, Xavier,
Pabon-Alvarado and Cruz

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ATTEST: APPROVED:

/s/ LaTanya Fisher
LaTanya Fisher, Acting Deputy City Clerk

/s/ Arturo M. Cruz
Arturo M. Cruz, Mayor