

RESOLUTION NO. 4136-2018

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL DECLARING A SHELTER CRISIS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 8698.2

WHEREAS, California's Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. and the members of the California Legislature have recognized the urgent and immediate need for funding at the local level to combat homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature have provided funding to local governments and Continuums of Care under the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) as part of SB 850 and the 2018-19 Budget Act (Chapter 48); and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature require jurisdictions seeking an allocation through the HEAP to declare a Shelter Crisis pursuant to Government Code § 8698.2; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Continuum of Care received an allocation of block grant funding for the HEAP in the amount of \$4,921,968; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Point in Time Count found that 1,238 persons within Mendocino County were homeless and 1,078 persons were living without shelter as of January 26, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Point in Time Count found that 90 persons within the City of Fort Bragg were homeless and 47 persons were living without shelter as of January 26, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg finds that the number of homeless is significant, and these persons are without the ability to obtain shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Danco Group successfully constructed 25 units for the Cottages at Cypress in 2014 utilizing Tax Credits and USDA 515 funding and has identified a new project to construct additional affordable units for work force housing, senior housing and permanent supportive housing designated for homeless seniors, families and/or veterans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg in collaboration with Danco desires to apply for HEAP funds from the Mendocino County Continuum of Care to contribute sufficient funding to make the project competitive for Tax Credit financing; and

WHEREAS, an additional affordable housing facility within the City of Fort Bragg will contribute to the solution to the City's Shelter Crisis by increasing the housing inventory; and

WHEREAS, based on all the evidence presented, the City Council finds as follows:

1. That a Shelter Crisis pursuant to Government Code § 8698.2 exists in Mendocino County and Fort Bragg and that lack of shelter poses a threat to the health and safety of those unsheltered persons.
2. That construction of additional affordable housing, including permanent supportive housing units designed for homeless seniors, families and veterans, will help alleviate the Shelter Crisis in Fort Bragg.

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

1. Declare that a Shelter Crisis pursuant to Government Code § 8698.2 exists in Mendocino County and Fort Bragg.
2. Authorize the City's participation in the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP).
3. This declaration shall expire six months after adoption unless reauthorized by the City Council.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Lee, seconded by Councilmember Turner, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 13th day of November, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cimolino, Lee, Norvell, Turner and Mayor Peters.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
RECUSED: None.



LINDY PETERS
Mayor

ATTEST:



June Lemos, CMC
City Clerk