

RESOLUTION NO. 4287-2020

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

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

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature 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 HEAP in the amount of \$4,921,968 based on the 2017 Mendocino County Point in Time Count; 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 City of Fort Bragg in collaboration with the Danco Group (Danco) applied for and received HEAP funds in the amount of \$3,000,000 from the Mendocino County Continuum of Care to contribute to a 69-unit affordable housing project, the Plateau Housing Project, which will provide twenty (20) permanent supportive residential cottage units, twenty-three (23) affordable senior residential cottages, twenty-five (25) two-story workforce/family residential duplex units and one (1) manager's unit. This project will contribute to the solution to the City's Shelter Crisis by increasing the low-income housing inventory; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2018, the Fort Bragg City Council adopted Resolution No. 4136-2018 declaring a shelter crisis that expired six months after adoption unless reauthorized by City Council; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2019, the Fort Bragg City Council adopted Resolution No. 4159-2019 continuing the shelter crisis; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2019, the Fort Bragg City Council amended Resolution No. 4159-2019, so that Councilmember Albin-Smith could vote in the affirmative and establishing that the shelter crisis would expired one year from adoption; and

WHEREAS, Danco has secured the additional funding to construct the Plateau Housing Project. Funding sources include federal and state tax credit equity, solar tax credit equity, a California Infill Infrastructure grant, the HEAP funding from the Mendocino County Continuum of Care, the \$250,000 commitment from the City of Fort Bragg Redevelopment Agency Housing Successor, and other developer loans; 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 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. Reauthorize the declaration that a Shelter Crisis pursuant to Government Code § 8698.2 exists in Mendocino County and Fort Bragg.
2. This reauthorization shall expire one year after adoption unless reauthorized by the City Council.


The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Peters, seconded by Councilmember Albin-Smith, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 27th day of July, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Albin-Smith, Morsell-Haye, Norvell, Peters and Mayor Lee.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
RECUSED: None.



WILLIAM V. LEE
Mayor

ATTEST:



June Lemos, CMC
City Clerk