



AGENDA SUMMARY EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: Authorization to Apply for ERF-2-R Funds

DEPARTMENT: Economic Development

PREPARED BY: Jeff Davis

PRESENTED FOR: Action Information only Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

Approve authorizing staff to apply for funding and the execution of a Grant Agreement and any Amendments thereto from Encampment Resolution Funding Program, Round 2, Second Disbursement (ERF-2-R) Application.

FISCAL IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact Included in Budget Additional Appropriation

COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION

Effective Governance

DISCUSSION

Under the authority of Chapter 7 of Part 1 of Division 31 of the California Health and Safety Code (HSC) (sections 50250 et seq.), the Encampment Resolution Funding Program (Program) was established to increase collaboration between the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH), Local Jurisdictions, and Continuums of Care for the following purposes: Assist Local Jurisdictions in ensuring the safety and wellness of people experiencing homelessness in encampments. Provide grants to Local Jurisdictions and continuums of care to resolve critical encampment concerns and transition individuals into safe and stable housing. Encourage a data-informed, coordinated approach to address encampment concerns. The ERF Program was initially authorized in 2021 through Assembly Bill (AB) 140 (Chapter 111, Statutes of 2021), which allocated \$50 million for what would become the first round of funding. SB 197 (Chapter 70, Statutes of 2022) amended the program and AB 178 (Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022) allocated an additional \$300 million for Round 2 of ERF funding.

The Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Program will fund actionable, person-centered local proposals that resolve the experience of unsheltered homelessness for people residing in encampments. Resolving these experiences of homelessness will necessarily address the safety and wellness of people within encampments, resolve critical encampment concerns, and transition individuals into interim shelter with clear pathways to permanent housing or directly into permanent housing, using data-informed, non-punitive, low-barrier, person-centered, Housing First, and coordinated approaches.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

- City Attorney
- City Clerk/Information Technology
- Community Services
- Development Services
- Finance
- Fire
- Human Resources
- Police
- Public Works