

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CHULA VISTA AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF
CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2021
ALLOCATION FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF TREASURY FOR AN EMERGENCY RENTAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)

WHEREAS, in January 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 virus, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, various states of emergency were declared by the United States (March 13, 2020), the State of California (March 4, 2020), the County of San Diego (February 19, 2020), and the City of Chula Vista (March 17, 2020 pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 2020 -065) because of the threat to public safety (to persons and property including both physical and economic harm) as result of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and the San Diego County Department of Public Health have all issued recommendations and orders, including, but not limited to, social distancing, staying home if sick, canceling or postponing large group events, working from home, and other precautions to protect public health and prevent transmission of this communicable virus that continues to the present; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact and financial hardship faced by low-income households as a result of COVID-19 has affected their ability to pay for housing and basic needs, placing them at risk of homelessness during this period where it is critical to self-quarantine, self-isolate, or otherwise remain in their homes to reduce the transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2020, the President of the United States signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (the “Act”), more commonly known as the HR-133, which authorizes \$25 billion in emergency rental relief, and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2021, the U.S. Department of the Treasury (“Treasury”) launched the \$25 billion Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) established by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the ERAP assists low-income households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista submitted an application to Treasury and the application was successful, resulting in a direct allocation from Treasury in the amount of \$8,161,123.90.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista that it (1) authorizes the acceptance of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 funding for an Emergency Rental Assistance Program from the U.S. Department of Treasury; (2) acknowledges and ratifies the submission of the terms and use of funds by the City Manager; and (3) authorizes the appropriation of such funds in the City's Housing Authority Fund in fiscal year 2020/2021 with expenditures made in accordance with the U.S. Treasury Department's funding requirements (presented as Attachment 1 to the staff report for this item), subject to modifications that may be necessary or appropriate to assure expenditure of all available funds in a qualified and timely manner.

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