

*Before the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California*

**RESOLUTION NO. 23 – 088**

- Resolution of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors: )  
 )  
 a. authorizing staff to apply to the )  
 Prohousing Incentive Pilot (PIP) )  
 Program administered by the )  
 California Department of Housing and )  
 Community Development; and )  
 b. authorizing the Housing and )  
 Community Development Director or )  
 designee to accept PIP Program funds, )  
 if awarded, and execute all required )  
 Agreements and related documents )  
 necessary to implement the program; )  
 and )  
 c. finding that these actions are either not )  
 a “project” as defined by the )  
 California Environmental Quality Act )  
 (CEQA) or, if they are viewed as a )  
 project, are exempt from CEQA under )  
 the “common sense” exemption. )

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50470 et. seq, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (California HCD) is authorized to issue Guidelines as part of an incentive program known as the Prohousing Incentive Pilot Program (PIP); and

**WHEREAS**, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors desires to submit a PIP grant application package (Application) for approval of grant funding for eligible planning and implementation activities related to housing and community development as a result of meeting eligibility criteria including, but not limited to, Prohousing Designation; and

**WHEREAS**, CA HCD issued its PIP Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Guidelines and Application on December 15, 2022, with \$25,705,545 in supportive statewide funding available;

**WHEREAS**, the County’s PIP Application to the HCD may result in a PIP Program award in an amount not to exceed \$1,450,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors has found that applying for the PIP Program, accepting grant funds, and taking any acts necessary to effectuate so doing, are either not a “project” as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in CEQA Guidelines section 15378, or, if viewed as a project, nevertheless exempt from CEQA under the “common sense” exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Monterey County Board of Supervisors hereby resolves as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The County of Monterey Housing and Community Development Director is hereby authorized and directed to apply to the California HCD in response to the NOFA, and to apply for the PIP grant funds in a total not to exceed \$1,450,000;

**SECTION 2.** In connection with the PIP grant, if the Application is approved by the California HCD, the Housing and Community Development Director of the County of Monterey is authorized and directed to enter into, execute, and deliver on behalf of the Applicant, a State of California Agreement (Standard Agreement) for \$1,450,000, and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the PIP grant, the Applicant's obligations related thereto, and all amendments thereto; and

**SECTION 3.** The Applicant shall be subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the Guidelines, and the Standard Agreement provided by California HCD after approval. The Application and any and all accompanying documents are incorporated in full as part of the Standard Agreement. Any and all activities funded, information provided, and timelines represented in the Application will be enforceable through the fully executed Standard Agreement. Pursuant to the Guidelines and in conjunction with the terms of the Standard Agreement, the Applicant hereby agrees to use the funds for eligible uses and allowable expenditures in the manner presented and specifically identified in the approved Application.

**SECTION 4.** The Monterey County Board of Supervisors finds that these actions do not have the potential to cause either a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment, and hence, are either not a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as that term is defined in CEQA Guidelines section 15378, or, if viewed as a project, these actions are nevertheless exempt from CEQA under the "common sense exemption" set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3), because "[i]t can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activit[ies] in question may have a significant effect on the environment."

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Church, Lopez, and Root Askew

NOES: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Adams

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting on March 14, 2023.

Dated: March 14, 2023  
File ID: RES 23-039  
Agenda Item No. 35

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

  
Emmanuel H. Santos, Deputy