

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ (CM)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR \$5,000,000 TO THE U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GOOD JOBS CHALLENGE PROGRAM TO FUND THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK PROGRAM; AND IF AWARDED, TO EXECUTE A STANDARD AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO; AND ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND**

**WHEREAS**, EDA's American Rescue Plan Good Jobs Challenge Program aims to get Americans back to work by building and strengthening systems and partnerships that bring together employers who have hiring needs with other key entities to train workers with in-demand skills that lead to good-paying jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, if awarded, the City will use the funding to bring back the Opportunity to Work (OTW) program; and

**WHEREAS**, the OTW program will provide participants 18-25 years old with the skills necessary to be job ready and seek gainful employment in the public works field.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the City Council hereby authorizes the submittal of a \$5,000,000 grant application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) American Rescue Plan Good Jobs Challenge Program to fund the Opportunity to Work Program.

2. That the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Watsonville, is hereby authorized and empowered to conduct all negotiations, and execute all necessary grant related documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, and so on, which may be necessary for the Good Jobs Challenge Program.

3. That the City Manager of the City of Watsonville is authorized and directed, if said grant is awarded, to appropriate \$5,000,000 to the Special Grants Fund.

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