

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE ACCEPTING THE \$481,327 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH JUSTICE INTERVENTION SERVICES (BHJIS) PROJECT GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES (DHCS) FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 15, 2022 THROUGH FEBRUARY 14, 2023 TO SUPPORT COLLABORATIVE PLANNING, CAPACITY BUILDING, STRATEGIC PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND FIRST-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAUMA INFORMED MULTIDISCIPLINARY CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER PRO TEMPORE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AND APPROPRIATING SUCH FUNDS TO THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND (0260)

WHEREAS, the City of Watsonville submitted an application to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for a Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Services Project Grant which was due on December 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Services (BHJIS) Project provides health crisis intervention training and programs for law enforcement and other first responders, and /or fund social workers, counselors, case managers, and peer support specialist to embed within local law enforcement during emergency responses; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the task of reducing violence within the City, the City and its many collaborators wish to establish a Trauma Informed Multidisciplinary Critical Incident Response Team (MDT); and

WHEREAS, the City of Watsonville was awarded a \$481,327 Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Services (BHJIS) Project grant from the California Department of Health Services (DHCS) for the period of February 15, 2022 through February 14, 2023 to support collaborative planning, capacity building, strategic program development and first-year implementation of the Trauma Informed Multidisciplinary Critical Incident

Response Team; and

WHEREAS, this funding is intended to address critical intervention points through which individuals with mental and substance use disorders can be diverted from criminal justice involvement.

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

1. This action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This Resolution is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq. and the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 15000 et. seq.), including without limitation, Public Resources Code section 21065 and California Code of Regulations 15378 as this is not a “project” that may cause a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect, physical change in the environment and if a “project,” is exempt under the “common sense” exception (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15061(b)(3)) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this action may have a significant effect on the environment.

2. That the \$481,327 BHJIS Project grant from the California Department of Health Services (DHCS) BHJIS Project is hereby accepted for the period of February 15, 2022 through February 14, 2023 to support collaborative planning, capacity building, strategic program development and first year implementation of the Trauma Informed Multi-Disciplinary Critical Incident Response Team.

3. That the City Manager Pro Tempore of the City of Watsonville is hereby authorized and directed to execute in the name of the City of Watsonville, any and all documents required by the California Department of Health Services including any extensions or amendments thereof in order to implement the grant consistent with the

Resolution with minor revisions that may be approved by the City Manager Pro Tempore and the City Attorney.

4. That the \$481,327 is hereby appropriated into the Special Grants Fund (0260)
