

RESOLUTION NO. 84-22

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,
CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE
TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AND EXECUTION OF
ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, cities across California and the U.S. are developing efforts addressing climate change that prioritize policies, resources, and tailor regulatory tools to specific areas experiencing high levels of cumulative pollution and negative health impacts to advance environmental justice and community revitalization, and that are each unique and crafted based on community-identified concerns and solutions; and

WHEREAS, in cities across California and the U.S., low-income, disadvantaged communities experience significant economic and health disparities as well as face disproportionate impacts of pollution, urban blight, and the adverse effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond recognizes that the built environment is an important determinant in community health, and is committed to improving the safety, resiliency, and health for all Richmond residents; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2012, the City Council adopted the Richmond General Plan 2030 to guide the City's sustainable growth and development. The General Plan provides a comprehensive framework for developing a healthy city and neighborhoods. The City of Richmond is one of the first cities in the country to include a comprehensive element dedicated to community health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2017, the City Council adopted the Climate Action Plan serving as a framework of policies and programs on how the City will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the impacts of climate change on public health, infrastructure, ecosystems, and public spaces in our community; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 12-20, adopting the Richmond Resilience Roadmap (Roadmap), a Transformative Climate Community program planning grant funded project. The Roadmap, which is the result of a larger community outreach and engagement process, explores nine potential projects that can advance the Strategic Growth Council's sustainable communities objectives, such as improving air quality, improving water quality, reducing GHG emissions, improving transportation, and strengthening community resiliency to the impacts of climate change focused in three of Richmond most environmentally-burdened neighborhoods, as identified by CalEnviroScreen- Coronado, Iron Triangle, and Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the State Strategic Growth Council's Transformative Climate Community program to utilize climate investments to improve health and economic disparities through funding from the Cap-and-Trade Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, TCC Program, administered by the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) and Department of Conservation, issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Round 4 of the TCC Program for implementation of grant funded activities, up to thirty-five million (\$35,000,000), that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through the development and implementation of neighborhood-level transformative climate community plans that include multiple, coordinated GHG emissions reduction projects that provide local economic, environmental, and health benefits to disadvantaged communities ("TCC Grant"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond, along with co-applicants and partners including but not limited to, Groundwork Richmond, GRID Alternatives, LifeLong Medical, Pacific West Communities, Inc, The Trust for Public Land, and Urban Tilth, are jointly submitting a TCC implementation grant application for the Richmond Rising: Healthy, Connected, and Climate

Strong (RR) Project focused on implementing certain projects identified in the Resilience Roadmap and other City plans, including the Urban Greening Master Plan, Pedestrian Plan, and Bicycle Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, as required by the Grant Guidelines, the RR Project will focus on the needs of those community members who are over-burdened and live in low-wealth areas, as well as people of color, youth, and people with disabilities, low-income residents, and seniors; and

WHEREAS, efforts will include community engagement and investment in community initiatives that are innovative and may involve coordination with local and regional plans; and

WHEREAS, if selected, agreements with the State of California Strategic Growth Council and the Department of Conservation will be needed and the City of Richmond will be responsible for compiling and submitting all invoices and reporting requirements for the RR Project, whose goals, progress metrics, and environmentally conscious strategies promote health and economic development; and

WHEREAS, for any specific projects which fall under the scope of the City's Pedestrian Plan, Urban Greening Master Plan, Climate Action Plan, and solar installation projects, CEQA review has been completed and no further review under CEQA is required; and

WHEREAS, for all other projects which will utilize TCC grant funds and have not completed CEQA, CEQA review will be completed prior to committing to or funding the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond does hereby resolve, declare, determine and order as follows:

Section 1. The City Manager or their designee is authorized and has authority to apply, accept, and appropriate a Transformative Climate Communities Implementation Grant and execute all related documents, if awarded.

Section 2. The City Manager or their designee is authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding, as approved to form by the City Attorney, with project partners to facilitate the grant application and verify the partners' commitments toward project implementation.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held June 21, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Jimenez, Johnson III, McLaughlin, Willis, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt.
NOES: None.
ABSTENTIONS: None.
ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

THOMAS K. BUTT
Mayor

Approved as to form:

DAVE ALESHIRE
Interim City Attorney



State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 84-22**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on June 21, 2022.

Pamela Christian
Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond