

RESOLUTION NO. 74-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE CENTER 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 Community Resilience Center (CRC) 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 May 26, 2023, Community Resilience Center (CRC) Program, administered by the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC), issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Round 1 of the CRC Program with approximately \$5 million in Planning Grant funding, approximately \$9.6 million in Project Development Grant funding, and approximately \$84 million in Implementation Grant funding available to fund planning, development, construction, and upgrades of local facilities to serve as Community Resilience Centers, providing shelter and resources during climate and other emergencies, including extreme heat events and poor air quality days. The program will also fund ongoing year-round community services and programs, such as information and resource distribution and workforce development trainings, that build overall community resiliency. Community-serving locations may include schools, libraries, community and youth centers, health clinics, places of worship, independent living centers, and more; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond, along with co-applicants and partners including but not limited to, RCF Connects, Richmond Housing Authority (RHA), other Nystrom United Revitalization Effort (NURVE) partners, and possibly other partners are jointly submitting a CRC grant application for the City’s Community Centers; and

WHEREAS, NURVE is a collaborative and comprehensive revitalization effort of the Nystrom neighborhood between the RCF Connects, the [City of Richmond](#), [Contra Costa County](#), community residents, [Bay Area LISC](#), [West Contra Costa Unified School District](#), [National Park Service](#), [Richmond Housing Authority](#) (RHA), Santa Fe, Coronado, and Iron Triangle neighborhood councils, among other community entities.

WHEREAS, as required by the Grant Guidelines, the Richmond application 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 will be needed and the Lead Applicant will be responsible for compiling and submitting all invoices and reporting requirements for the Richmond project, whose goals, progress metrics, and environmentally conscious strategies promote health and economic development; and

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 and accept a Community Resilience Center 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 on July 11, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bana, Jimenez, Robinson, Zepeda, Willis,
Vice Mayor McLaughlin, and Mayor Martinez.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN

CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

EDUARDO MARTINEZ
Mayor

Approved as to form:

DAVE ALESHIRE
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. 74-23**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on July 11, 2023.



Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond