

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-08

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, adopting the allocation of \$1,000,000 in HOME and \$1,175,489 in HOME-ARP funding for Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) Gravelly Lake Commons 25-unit affordable housing development.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) into law, which provides over \$1.9 trillion in relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) set aside some \$5 billion in ARP funds for the HOME-American Rescue Plan (“HOME-ARP”); and

WHEREAS, ARP authorized the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to allocate HOME-ARP funds to states, units of local government, insular areas, and consortia of units of general local government that qualified for an allocation of HOME funds in Fiscal Year 2021, pursuant to the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended (42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2021, HUD allocated HOME-ARP funds to 651 grantees using the HOME formula established at 24 CFR 92.50 and 92.60; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood has entered into an agreement with the City of Tacoma for participation in their Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) Consortium Programs; and,

WHEREAS, through the Tacoma-Lakewood HOME Consortium Agreement, the City of Lakewood is eligible to receive HOME funds and HOME-ARP funds; and

WHEREAS, in connection therewith, the City Council provided for a Community Services Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, through the Tacoma-Lakewood HOME Consortium, the City of Lakewood has been awarded \$1,175,489 in one-time HOME-ARP funding; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive HOME-ARP federal dollars, HUD requires participating jurisdictions and consortia members to submit an amendment to its FY 2021 Annual Action Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Tacoma, as lead member of the Tacoma-Lakewood HOME Consortium, has completed and submitted such HOME-ARP amendment in support of the development of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, through the Tacoma-Lakewood Consortium, the City of Lakewood receives annual allocations of HOME funds to be used in support of the development of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tacoma, as lead member of the Tacoma-Lakewood HOME Consortium, has completed and submitted its FY 2023 Annual Action Plan to include Lakewood's annual allocation of HOME funding in support of the development of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the HOME program limits expenditure of funds to the development of eligible affordable housing activities; and

WHEREAS, the HOME-ARP limits expenditure of funds to specific eligible activities, including (1) development and support of affordable housing, (2) tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA), (3) provision of supportive services, and (4) acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood and Pierce County are experiencing a lack of safe, decent, affordable housing available to low-income households; and

WHEREAS, Living Access Support Alliance ("LASA") has requested award of \$1,000,000 in HOME funds and \$1,175,489 in HOME-ARP funds in support of its development of 25 units of affordable rental housing located at the corner of Gravelly Lake Dr. SW, 59<sup>th</sup> Street SW and Fairlawn Drive SW, commonly known as Gravelly Lake Commons; and

WHEREAS, upon HUD's review and approval, contracts would then need to be prepared for Tacoma-Lakewood HOME Consortium members; and

WHEREAS, in connection with such funding allocations-application process, it is appropriate that the City Council adopt an allocation of \$1,000,000 in HOME funds and \$1,175,489 in HOME-ARP federal funds in support of LASA's Gravelly Lake Commons 25-unit affordable rental housing development.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES, as Follows:

Section 1. That approval of award of \$1,000,000 in HOME federal dollars and \$1,175,489 in HOME-ARP federal dollars in support of Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) Gravelly Lake Commons, which will construct 25 units of affordable rental housing for low-income Lakewood households, is hereby adopted.

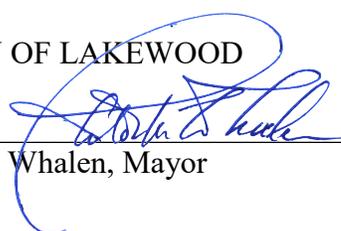
Section 2. The City Manager or designee is authorized to execute all necessary agreements between HUD and the City of Lakewood, and the City of Lakewood and LASA, in support of this Resolution.

Section 3. The approval of funding award is contingent on the project being funded at a level of no less than \$10,000,000 by June 1, 2024 or the contract will be terminated by the City of Lakewood and all funding will be returned to the City of Lakewood for reallocation.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2023.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

  
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Jason Whalen, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Briana Schumacher, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney