

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE HOME AGREEMENT WITH HOPE SOUTH FLORIDA, INC. TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND EXPAND THE ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT BASE TO INCLUDE PERSONS FINANCIALLY IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 HEALTH EMERGENCY AND INCREASE THE TOTAL FUNDING FOR PROGRAM YEARS 2020-2021 AND 2021-2022 FROM \$815,896.00 TO \$1,123,682.24.

WHEREAS, Community Development programs are funded in part by federal funding made available through the Home Investment Partnership Act ("HOME") Program, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, HOME funds are used to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing, with primary attention given to rental housing for very low-income and low-income families; and

WHEREAS, recent data from the U.S. Census American Community Survey estimates that 57% of Hollywood renters are cost-burdened, and there exists a deficit in the supply of rental units affordable to those in the very-low income band; and

WHEREAS, the leading cause of homelessness in Broward County is the lack of jobs/employment/financial capacity; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Health Emergency has caused an additional financial impact on Hollywood residents; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Division seeks to reduce the incidence of homelessness in Hollywood by providing the appropriate type of financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, an eligible and recommended use of HOME funds is to provide Tenant-Based Rental Assistance ("TBRA") in accordance with 24 CFR Section 92.209; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2014, the City Commission passed and adopted Resolution No. R -2014-047, which authorized the execution of a Home Agreement with Hope South Florida, Inc. ("HOPE") to provide TBRA to individuals and households that have been referred as part of the Broward County Continuum of Care system; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2015, the City Commission passed and adopted Resolution No. R-2015-140, which authorized the execution of a First Amendment to the Agreement to increase the total amount of HOME funding allocated for TBRA to \$341,000.00 and to extend the term of the agreement to September 30, 2018, with the City maintaining the right to renew beyond that date; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2016, the City Commission passed and adopted Resolution No. R-2016-222, which authorized the execution of a Second Amendment to the Agreement to increase the total amount of HOME funding allocated for TBRA to \$439,000.00; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2018, the City Commission passed and adopted Resolution No. R-2018-258, which authorized the execution of a Third Amendment to the Agreement to increase the total amount of HOME funding allocated for TBRA to \$596,065.00 and to extend the term of the agreement to September 30, 2019, with the City maintaining the right to renew beyond that date; and

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2019, the City Commission passed and adopted Resolution No. R-2019-221, which adopted a five year consolidated plan for federal program years 2019/2020 through 2023/2024, adopted a one year action plan and projected use of funds for federal program year 2019/2019, which included an allocation of \$219,831.00 for TBRA activities; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2019, the City Commission passed and adopted Resolution No. R-2019-288, which authorized the execution of a Fourth Amendment to the Agreement to extend the term of the agreement to March 31, 2020, with the City maintaining the right to renew beyond that date; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2020, the City Commission passed and adopted Resolution No. R-2020-011, which authorized the execution of a Fifth Amendment to the Agreement to increase the total funding for program years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 from \$596,065.00 to \$815,896.00; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Division recommends continuing the availability of TBRA funding to current recipients who were referred by the Broward County Continuum of Care system, making funding available to households whom suffered a financial impact due to the COVID-19 Health Emergency, increasing the total funding amount from \$815,896.00 to \$1,123,682.24 and extending the term to September 30, 2022, with the City maintaining the right to renew beyond that date; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2021, the Community Development Advisory Board recommended approval of the attached sixth amendment to the agreement; and

WHEREAS, funds to support the Agreement are in Account Number 111.1601201.55400.583230.001327.000.000, and this amount is sufficient to support the proposed Sixth Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2: That it approves and authorizes the execution, by the appropriate City officials, of the attached Sixth Amendment to the HOME Agreement with Hope South Florida, Inc., together with such non-material changes as may be subsequently agreed to by the City Manager and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the City Attorney.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY for the use and reliance
of the City of Hollywood, Florida, only.

DOUGLAS R. GONZALES
CITY ATTORNEY