

RESOLUTION NO 14-004

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CHALLENGE GRANT OF UP TO \$15,295 TO MATCH OTHER CITIES OF MONTEREY COUNTY IN SEEKING A LONG TERM SOLUTION TO HOMELESSNESS IN OUR AREA.

WHEREAS, Homelessness is a fact of life in Monterey County - as well as elsewhere - and a failure to address the issue simply causes the continuation of unnecessary suffering for those who seek a way out of homelessness, and

WHEREAS, While there are some individuals who are homeless by choice or due to mental condition, there are also others who are homeless due to circumstances beyond their control, and

WHEREAS, There are a significant number of homeless individuals who are sleeping, eating, and conducting other functions in doorways, parks, parked cars, and elsewhere and who would like to find a safe place to rest or find a way out of homelessness, and

WHEREAS, the presence of unaddressed homelessness can – and sometimes does – lead to criminal activity by or against them, and

WHEREAS, There are many individuals, churches, and other social service groups who attempt to help the homeless of our communities, and

WHEREAS, These individuals, churches, and other social service groups – while doing their best – are simply not funded sufficiently to address the problem on a long term basis in a meaningful way on their own, and

WHEREAS, in the enactment of this ordinance, the city followed the guidelines adopted by the state of California and published in the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15000, et seq.: and

WHEREAS, enactment of the ordinance action – in and of itself - does not constitute a “project” as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby adopts a “Challenge Grant” of \$15,295 – representing approximately \$1.00 for each resident of Pacific Grove – to be paid out only if at least two other cities in Monterey County approve a similar measure to fund efforts to develop a long-term program to assist the homeless who desire assistance.

SECTION 2. If at least two other Monterey County cities adopt a resolution of this type, such funds will be released to an agency or group to be identified later, so that that agency or group can undertake a regional effort to assist those suffering from homelessness.

SECTION 3. No money from this fund may be spent for salaries for City employees, but may be used to purchase property, supplies, insurance, or to provide services for homeless individuals and to develop a LONG TERM solution to homelessness.

SECTION 4. The City Manager and his staff are directed to attempt to identify other cities which may wish to assist in this effort and work with other public agencies and private entities to bring such an effort to completion.

SECTION 5. Throughout this project the City will abide by all laws, ordinances, codes, and regulations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE this 5th day of February, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Kampe and Councilmembers Cohen, Cuneo, Fischer, Huitt, Lucius and Miller.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVED:



BILL KAMPE, Mayor

ATTEST:



DAVID CONCEPTION, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



DAVID C. LAREDO, City Attorney