

RESOLUTION NO. M-2384

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, IN SUPPORT OF
AND APPROVAL OF THE USE OF SHB 1406 FUNDS FOR THE LOW INCOME HOUSING INSTITUTE'S
UNITY COMMONS PHASE 2 PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) intends to break ground on the Unity Commons Phase 2 project, a 63-unit multi-family rental project servicing homeless seniors located at 2828 Martin Way (the Project) by January 2023; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2021, LIHI requested SHB 1406 funds from the Regional Housing Council (RHC) due to a number of unforeseen difficulties, including rapidly rising construction costs; and

WHEREAS, SHB 1406 funds are a regionally pooled funding source derived from Thurston County and the cities of Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, and Yelm; and

WHEREAS, the RHC approved LIHI's request contingent upon LIHI demonstrating a need for the funding; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2021, the Olympia City Council approved a conditional award letter to LIHI committing up to \$300,000 in SHB 1406 funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, LIHI has demonstrated the need for the SHB 1406 funding by means of a Sources and Uses Statement, Operating Pro-forma, and letters of commitment from other funders, and the RHC has approved a commitment to LIHI of up to \$1,741,380 in pooled SHB 1406 funds for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia has previously committed \$150,000 from the Olympia Home Fund to the Project's construction, along with the land initially sold to LIHI for Phase 1 of the Unity Commons project; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council supports the use of SHB 1406 funds for LIHI's Unity Commons Phase 2 Project and considers it to be in the best interest of the residents and community of the City of Olympia to approve the transfer of all funds accrued by the City of Olympia under SHB 1406 in the years 2021 and 2022 to Thurston County as the lead agency for the RHC;


NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

1. The Olympia City Council approves and supports the use of SHB 1406 funds for LIHI's Unity Commons Phase 2 Project.
2. The City Manager is authorized to cause all funds accrued under SHB 1406 by the City of Olympia in the years 2021 and 2022 to be transferred to Thurston County as the lead agency for the Regional Housing Authority.


PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this 18th day of October 2022.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CITY ATTORNEY