

RESOLUTION NO. M-2545

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, THE CITY OF LACEY, AND THURSTON COUNTY (ACTING, TOGETHER WITH THE CITY OF TUMWATER, THE CITY OF YELM, THE CITY OF RAINIER, THE CITY OF TENINO, AND THE TOWN OF BUCODA AS A QUALIFIED URBAN COUNTY) TO FORM A HOME CONSORTIUM TO PARTICIPATE AND RECEIVE FUNDS UNDER THE NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT

WHEREAS, Congress enacted the National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as implemented by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which authorizes units of general local government to form a consortium to obtain funding as a participating Jurisdiction under the HOME program; and

WHEREAS, Thurston County, acting as the “Qualified Urban County” comprised of the City of Tumwater, the City of Yelm, the City of Rainier, the City of Tenino, and the Town of Bucoda, (the County), and the City of Olympia and the City of Lacey (the Cities) want to form and maintain a consortium to receive and administer federal funds under the HOME Investments Partnership (HOME) Program.

WHEREAS, the Cities and the County are not individually eligible to receive a formal allocation in the HOME program; and

WHEREAS, obtaining funding under the HOME program will increase the ability of the Cities and the County to provide affordable housing for residents with incomes at or below 80 percent of the area median income; and

WHEREAS, this HOME consortium is part of the local response to the need for low-income housing that maximizes the impact of federal and local affordable housing resources like the City of Olympia Home Fund and Supportive and Affordable Housing (1406); and

WHEREAS, HUD has specified the minimum provisions that must be included within any intergovernmental agreement for the cooperating bodies to qualify as a consortium; and

WHEREAS, NAHA requires that a consortium select one member to act in a representative capacity for all members and to assume overall responsibility for the program; the County has been selected to act in this capacity for the Cities and the County; and

WHEREAS, the Consortium is formed for the purpose of receiving Community Development Block Grant entitlement funds as an Urban County that does not include the City of Olympia. The City of Olympia will continue to administer its own independent CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, HUD has specified that the program year for the HOME Interlocal must coincide with the program year of the Urban County, Community Development Block Grant Interlocal for Thurston County, which begins September 1, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES as follows:


1. The Olympia City Council hereby approves the form of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Olympia, the City of Lacey, and Thurston County (as the Qualified Urban County) to form a HOME consortium and the terms and conditions contained in that Interlocal Agreement.
2. The City Manager is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Olympia the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement, and any other documents necessary to execute that Agreement, and to make any minor modifications as may be required and are consistent with the intent of the Agreement, and to correct any scrivener's errors.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this 16th day of July 2024.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY