

Resolution No. 2025-XXX N.C.S.
of the City of Petaluma, California

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PETALUMA TO ACCEPT A FEMA FISCAL YEAR
2024 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER GRANT PROGRAM SUBAWARD**

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma plans to build a new Public Safety Center, including an Emergency Operations Center (EOC), at the Petaluma Fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maintains an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) grant program, through which State Administrative Agencies (SAA) apply for funding on behalf of state and local units of government; and

WHEREAS, California’s SAA is the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES); and

WHEREAS, in October 2024, Cal OES notified the City of Petaluma of a grant subaward of up to \$637,195 for pre-construction activities related to the new EOC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Petaluma as follows:

1. Declares the above recitals to be true and correct and are incorporated into this resolution as findings of the City Council.
2. Finds The proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, in that applying for a grant does not meet CEQA's definition of a “project,” because the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and because the action does not commit the City to a definite course of action (See *City of Irvine v. County of Orange* (2013) 221 Cal 4th 846, 865 (County’s decision to apply for state funding for potential jail expansion was not project approval). Further CEQA analysis will be performed once the City obtains the grant funds and determines how to use the funds.
3. Authorizes the City Manager or her designee to execute all documents necessary to accept the Fiscal Year 2024 Emergency Operations Center grant subaward.

Under the power and authority conferred upon this Council by the Charter of said City.

REFERENCE:

I hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was introduced and adopted by the Council of the City of Petaluma at a Regular meeting on the 6th day of January 2025, by the following vote:

Approved as to
form:

City Attorney

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor