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4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Commissioners Of The Sonoma County Community Development Commission, Resolution of Alignment with the Upstream Investments Initiative

Whereas, the County of Sonoma is sponsoring a community-wide strategic initiative called Upstream Investments with the following mission: To facilitate the implementation of prevention-focused policies and interventions that increase equality and reduce monetary and societal costs for all residents of Sonoma County.

Whereas, the Upstream Investments vision for all residents of Sonoma County is that poverty is eliminated and all people have an equal opportunity for quality education and good health in nurturing home and community environments.

Whereas, the Upstream Investments Initiative is designed to target the following factors:

Social and economic factors

Poverty and racial/ethnic disparities
Community conditions
Public opinion, public policy, and laws

Family and individual factors

Family dysfunction
Negative peer influences
Early antisocial behavior

Whereas, the Upstream Investments Initiative seeks to promote four community goals:

1. The whole community is engaged in supporting the healthy development of children.
2. Community members have access to education and training and are adequately prepared for the challenges of the future.

3. All community members are well sheltered, safe, and socially supported.
4. Sonoma County has a thriving diverse economy that produces economic security for all.

Whereas, the Upstream Investments Initiative seeks to expand funding for Model Upstream Programs and also seeks to promote organizational practices that support the Upstream Vision.

Whereas, the Upstream Investments Strategic Initiative promotes the implementation of outcomes-based practices including Evidence-Based Practices, Promising Practices, and Emerging Practices.

Whereas, Twenty-six indicators of success will inform the community about the success of Upstream Investments.

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| 1. Reduced child maltreatment | 14. Reduced homelessness |
| 2. Reduced youth binge drinking | 15. Reduced juvenile arrests |
| 3. Reduced youth drug use | 16. Reduced adult arrests |
| 4. Reduced youth depression | 17. Reduced domestic violence |
| 5. Reduced youth tobacco use | 18. Reduced gang membership |
| 6. Reduced teen births | 19. Improved youth connectedness |
| 7. Reduced obesity | 20. Reduced poverty |
| 8. Improved pre-school attendance | 21. Reduced unemployment |
| 9. Improved 3 rd grade reading | 22. Improved health insurance rates |
| 10. Improved 3 rd grade math | 23. Reduce hip fractures |
| 11. Improved high school completion | 24. Increase fruit and vegetable consumption |
| 12. Improved higher education | 25. Increase physical activity |
| 13. Improved housing affordability | 26. Increase dental care for children |

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Community Development Commission shares the Upstream Investments mission, goals, commitment to improving the indicators of success, and vision and has aligned its organizational practices with the Upstream Investments Initiative as follows:

The Sonoma County Community Development Commission's mission is dedicated to promoting decent and affordable housing, revitalizing communities, and supporting public services that increase economic stability for County residents. Our mission is

directly aligned with the Upstream mission to increase equality and reduce monetary and societal costs for all residents of Sonoma County.

The following Upstream Indicators of Success are promoted by the Sonoma County Community Development Commission's practices and programs:

- Improved housing affordability
- Reduced homelessness
- Reduced poverty
- Reduced unemployment
- Improved health insurance rates

The Sonoma County Community Development Commission will encourage the submission of its relevant funded programs to the Portfolio of Model Upstream Programs upon authorization by the Board of Commissioners.

The following organizational goals reflect Upstream principles:

- **Affordable Housing:** Increase and preserve the housing stock that is affordable, safe, and accessible for low-, very low-, and extremely-low families and individuals, including those with special needs and those who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.
- **Homelessness:** Promote effective and proven strategies for homelessness prevention and intervention county-wide. Setting direction for homeless and housing services in the Housing First Model through the Sonoma County Continuum of Care with an emphasis on coordinated intake, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing for homeless adults, families, and transition age youth.
- **Non-Housing Community Development:** a) Assist in creating and/or replacing infrastructure systems and public facilities that meet the needs of lower income people, people with disabilities, and other special needs subpopulations county-wide; and b) Promote the well-being and economic integration of lower income persons through non-housing services, self-sufficiency programs, job training, and economic development assistance for micro-enterprises to increase job opportunities in the Sonoma County.
- The Sonoma County Community Development Commission's funding policies state that in reviewing funding applications and formulating recommendations for funding amounts in the Public Services category, the staff and the Community Development Committee will utilize principles consistent with Sonoma County's Upstream Investments policies. Specifically, funding proposals that are evidence-based, outcomes oriented, and collaborative will be given a higher priority for funding.

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Commissioners:

Rabbitt: Aye Zane: Aye Gore: Aye Carrillo: Aye Gorin: Aye

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

So Ordered.