

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET TRANSFER OF \$75,000.00 FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 001-1900-519-4800 ("OTHER PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES AS DESIGNATED") TO ACCOUNT NUMBER 001-1900-519-8200 ACCOUNT FOR DISTRIBUTION IN RESPONSE TO THE SHARP INCREASE IN FOOD INSECURITY IN THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISTRIBUTE THE \$75,000.00 THROUGH THE MONROE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR FOOD SERVICES; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY RELATED DOCUMENTS AND BUDGET TRANSFERS/ADJUSTMENTS, UPON CONSENT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the on-going government shutdown has created a sharp increase in food insecurity throughout our community; and

WHEREAS, recent updates from our local non-profit partners underscore the urgency. The local *Loaves and Fish Food Pantry* has reported a 30% increase in clients, with many new families seeking assistance for the first time. Their operating costs have also risen approximately \$5,000 per month, meaning that even modest City support could make a tremendous difference through the holidays and beyond; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the *Loaves and Fish Pantry*, other local partners such as *Cooking with Love*), *Star of the Sea Foundation* and the *Bahama Village Little Food Pantry* are also facing growing demand; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Continuum of Care (CoC), which

serves as the umbrella organization for the nonprofit providers of homelessness prevention, food pantry services, and related social-service support is uniquely positioned to carry out a transparent, credible, and efficient allocation process, ensuring that funds reach the agencies with the greatest capacity to serve the most residents in need.

WHEREAS, the City does not maintain internal staff or expertise in this specialized area of human-services programming, and there is an increased risk that a City-run allocation process could inadvertently result in inequitable or ineffective distribution.

WHEREAS, the allocation of funds by the City to the Monroe County Continuum of Care (CoC) serves a public purpose by supporting and bolstering the admirable efforts of local worthy organizations to ensure City residents have consistent access to food during this challenging time; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Key West for the Commission to actively respond to the increased needs of our community in their time of need; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Commission hereby authorizes the

City Manager to execute a budget transfer of \$75,000.00 from Account Number 001-1900-519-4800 ("Other Promotional Expenses as Designated") to account number 001-1900-519-8200 to be designated as Grant & Aid funding to help ensure City residents have consistent access to food in their time of need and serves a public purpose in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Key West.

Section 2: That the City Commission hereby directs the City Manager to disburse \$75,000.00 in Grant & Aid funding from Account Number 001-1900-519-8200 to the Monroe County Continuum of Care (CoC), the umbrella organization for nonprofit providers of homelessness prevention, food pantry services, and related social-service support. These funds shall be used by the CoC exclusively for food services.

Section 3: That the Commission hereby directs the City Manager to execute any necessary related documents and/or budget transfers/adjustments, upon consent of the City Attorney.

Section 4: That this resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and the authentication by the signature of the Presiding Officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held
this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the
Commission on _____ day of _____, 2025.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2025.

Mayor Danise Henriquez	_____
Vice Mayor Donald "Donie" Lee	_____
Commissioner Lissette Carey	_____
Commissioner Aaron Castillo	_____
Commissioner Monica Haskell	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Greg Veliz	_____

DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KERI O'BRIEN, CITY CLERK