

RESOLUTION NO. R-20-1442

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY
AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY RENTAL AND MORTGAGE
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO BE ESTABLISHED IN RESPONSE
TO COVID-19 TO SUPPORT MAPLE VALLEY RESIDENTS AND
FAMILIES WHO QUALIFY FOR THESE SERVICES BY
PROVIDING FUNDING TO BOTH VINE MAPLE PLACE AND
MAPLE VALLEY FOOD BANK**

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed a State of Emergency in response to COVID-19 in all counties in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Mayor of Maple Valley declared a State of Emergency within the City of Maple Valley in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Washington issued a Stay Home Stay Healthy Proclamation through May 4, 2020 in which all residents are ordered to stay home except for those providing essential services pursuant to his Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic has led to a number of Maple Valley residents who have experienced lay-offs or reduction in their work, impacting their income and ability to pay their mortgage or rent; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Washington established a moratorium on evictions through June 4, 2020, but this moratorium does not relieve residents from owing rent or mortgage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Maple Valley has established relationships with both Vine Maple Place and the Maple Valley Food Bank through its Human Services Grants; and

WHEREAS, both Vine Maple Place and the Maple Valley Food Bank currently have rental and housing assistance programs in place assisting Maple Valley residents with rental and mortgage assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City will realize approximately \$50,000 in savings from community events that are not going to take place as a result of COVID-19 restrictions which can be used to fund an Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Maple Valley would like to establish an Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program in response to COVID-19 by providing funding to both Vine Maple Place and Maple Valley Food Bank to support Maple Valley residents who qualify for these services through programs already developed by these organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Establish Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program. The City Council hereby authorizes an Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program in response to COVID-19 to be established which would provide funding of \$50,000.00 in total, with \$30,000.00 Maple Valley Food Bank to and \$20,000.00 to Vine Maple Place, to support Maple Valley residents who qualify for these services.

Section 2. Authorization. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute contracts with both Vine Maple Place and Maple Valley Food Bank to provide the emergency funds through the Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY, WASHINGTON, AT A SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING THEREOF THIS 22ND DAY OF APRIL 2020

CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY

Sean P. Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shaunna Lee-Rice, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM;

Patricia Taraday, City Attorney