

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PLUMAS COUNTY

RESOLUTION No. 22- 8737

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR FEATHER RIVER COLLEGE AFFORDABLE STUDENT
HOUSING GRANT FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Feather River College received a 2022-2023 California Community College Chancellor's Office Planning Grant to study and submit the Affordable Student Housing Grant application due in January 2023; and

WHEREAS, the devastating impact on Plumas County from the Camp Fire (2018), North Complex Fire (2020), and Dixie Fire (2021) exacerbated a lack of affordable housing in Plumas County. The Dixie Fire, being California's largest single fire in history burning 963,309 acres, destroyed or damaged over 1,100 housing units in Plumas County and adjacent areas, resulting in a severe lack of affordable housing for both permanent county residents and Feather River College students ; and

WHEREAS, Feather River College has a long history of providing affordable student housing through three existing student housing complexes: on-campus Hillside Apartments operating since the 1970's (143 bed capacity), the Meadows Apartments added in 2014 (28 bed capacity), and the Pines Apartments added in 2016 (48 bed capacity); and

WHEREAS, Feather River College has responded to student housing demand by increasing availability, operating at an average of 17 beds above ideal capacity since 2012; and

WHEREAS, the need for student housing remains strong and unmet. Feather River College maintains a yearly unmet waitlist of 70-100 student housing applications. Internal FRC surveys show that between 115-132 students never enroll at FRC each year due to inability to find available housing. Enrollment records demonstrate that 57 Feather River College students suffered a destroyed or damaged home during the 2021 Dixie Fire; and

WHEREAS, the Plumas County Housing Element Plan (2019-2024) specifically noted the countywide critical unmet need for student housing in Plumas County, even before the devastating impact of the Dixie Fire on Greenville, Canyon Dam, and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, additional on-campus housing will help address the lack of affordable housing units in Plumas County by allowing Feather River College students to have access to a new on-campus student housing complex, thereby decreasing competition with local residents for affordable rental units in Plumas County; and

WHEREAS, Feather River College has utilized the Chancellor's Planning Grant to develop preliminary plans and submit an Affordable Student Housing Grant application for a 126-bed student housing unit located on the Feather River College campus.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Plumas County Board of Supervisors hereby:

- (a) Supports the Feather River College grant application to increase affordable student housing, and
- (b) Recognizes the importance of additional student housing to both Feather River College and County of Plumas in regards to student educational attainment, countywide economic vitality, and supporting the recovery from the Dixie Fire and other large-scale regional wildfires, and
- (c) Requests that both the California Community College Board of Governors and the California Community College Chancellor's Office accept and fully fund the Affordable Student Housing Grant application from Feather River College.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF SAID BOARD HELD ON THE 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0



Kevin Goss, Chair

ATTEST:



Heidi White
Clerk of the Board

Approve as to form:



Gretchen Stuhr
Plumas County Counsel