

# Agenda Report

May 11, 2015

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Housing Department

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LOS ANGELES HOUSING & COMMUNITY INVESTMENT DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution:

- 1) Authorizing the City of Pasadena to enter into a contract with the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (LAHCID) in the amount of \$197,601 to provide Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA)-funded rental assistance; and
- 2) Authorizing the City Manager to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, all related documents, agreements and amendments.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS ("HOPWA") Program was established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") in 1991 by the AIDS Housing Opportunities Act to provide support for housing assistance and services to low-income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. The HOPWA program strategy is to allow states and metropolitan areas that have a high incidence of AIDS cases to design long-term comprehensive strategies to meet the housing needs of persons with AIDS. HUD awards HOPWA funds to one government entity in each metropolitan area. In Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department ("LAHCID") is the coordinating agency administering HOPWA grant funds for all of Los Angeles County.

On March 9, 2015, LAHCID released HOPWA Directive No. 40-09 directing existing HOPWA contractors, including Public Housing Authorities (PHA), to submit a request for

contract renewal for HOPWA funding for the 2015-16 program year. The City of Pasadena Housing Department (CoPHD) acts as the PHA for the City of Pasadena (City) and has administered the HOPWA tenant-based rental assistance program since 1995. Renewal of this contract will provide \$197,601 in HOPWA tenant-based rental assistance funding for approximately 15 new and ongoing very low-income households living with HIV/AIDS. The renewal funding consists of \$149,250 for rental assistance and \$48,351 for personnel costs, and the contract term runs from April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016. The total contract amount is determined by the average housing assistance paid for fifteen participants in past contract periods plus actual costs for City staff administering the program.

The HOPWA program provides 12 months of rental assistance via a housing voucher to very low-income individuals and families. Applicants are referred by community agencies serving persons living with HIV/AIDS, including the Andrew Escajeda Clinic at the Pasadena Public Health Department. After the initial 12 months of assistance, program participants transition to the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) for ongoing rental assistance.

The CoPHD contract with LACHID is for the cities of Pasadena and Glendale. HOPWA participants who select rental units in the City of Pasadena will transition after 12 months of HOPWA-funded assistance to the CoPHD HCVP, while those who select units in the City of Glendale will have the initial 12 months of HOPWA assistance administered by the CoPHD and then will transition to the HCVP administered by Glendale's PHA.

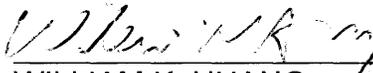
**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

Approval of the subject recommendation has the potential to provide housing and for approximately 15 individuals/families living with HIV/AIDS. The proposed recommendation is in accordance with the approved General Plan Housing Element, Five-Year Consolidated Plan, and Five-Year Public Housing Authority Plan.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The HOPWA program revenue and expenses totaling \$197,601 for the contract renewal period of April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 are included in the adopted FY 2015 operating budget of the Housing and Career Services Department as well as the recommended FY 2016 budget. The anticipated impact to other operational programs in the Department as a result of this action will be minimal.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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