

Agenda Report

June 21, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Housing

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY (LAHSA) FOR THE RECEIPT OF MEASURE H FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$502,115 FOR HOMELESS SERVICES AND TO AMEND CONTRACT 23046 TO EXTEND THE TERM AND ADD MEASURE H FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$634,645

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Find that the recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), the "common sense" provision that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
- Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) in the amount of \$502,115 for the receipt of Measure H funding for Fiscal Year 2021 to provide homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, coordinated entry, and emergency shelter programs in the City of Pasadena;
- Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract 23046 with LAHSA to extend the term through June 30, 2021 and add Measure H funds in the amount of \$634,645 to bring the new contract total to \$4,200,728; and

BACKGROUND:

On July 15, 2020, the City received a Letter of Intent from LAHSA indicating its intent to allocate funding for the first four months of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year (7/1/20-10/31/20) contingent upon authorization by LAHSA's Board of Commissioners and receipt of funds from LAHSA's funders. The full amount of the City's Fiscal Year 2020-2021

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allocation, which includes the allocation for the first four months of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year listed in the Letter of Intent, will be contractually obligated through the proposed new contract with LAHSA and the amendment to existing Contract 23046.

Measure H funds in the amount of \$502,115 under the proposed new contract with LAHSA, plus \$634,645 in Measure H funds under existing Contract 23046 with LAHSA, totaling \$1,136,760, will be used to fund six (6) previously approved contracts with Union Station Homeless Services (31386, 31391, 31392), The FID Group dba Friends In Deed (31393, 31394), and Hathaway Sycamores Child and Family Services (31395). The contract amounts and terms of these sub-recipient contracts will be administratively extended through the end of FY 2021. A portion of the new funding from both contracts will also be retained by the City for administrative and other personnel costs.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Approval of the recommended action has the potential to provide essential housing and supportive services for people experiencing homelessness in Pasadena. This action is consistent with the City Council's goal to support and promote the quality of life and local economy. Authorization of this contract and amendment is in accordance with the Pasadena Continuum of Care system, General Plan Housing Element, Five-Year Consolidated Plan, and Five-Year Public Housing Authority Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The action proposed herein is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), the "common sense" provision of CEQA which applies to projects which may have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Entering into contracts to provide street outreach, emergency shelter and housing location services will not have a significant effect on the environment and, hence, is not subject to CEQA.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of the recommended action will result in the City recognizing additional Measure H revenue in the amount of \$1,136,760 and appropriating the same amount for the provision of services to address homelessness.

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