

Agenda Report

April 15, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Housing

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE RECEIPT OF HOMELESS SERVICES FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$677,897

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) 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;
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the County of Los Angeles for the receipt of funding to provide homelessness prevention, time-limited subsidies, housing navigation and location, and emergency shelter programs in the City of Pasadena in the amount of \$677,897 of FY 2024 Measure H funds;
- 3) Authorize the City Manager to amend the subject contract with County of Los Angeles to add \$1,324,440 subject to the availability of FY 2025 Measure H funds for a not-to-exceed total of \$2,002,337;
- 4) Authorize the City Manager to execute one additional amendment to the subject contract with a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,500,000 subject to the availability of FY 2026 Measure H funds for the continued provision of homeless services; and
- 5) Authorize the City Manager to approve no-cost extension amendments to the subject contract which extend the term beyond June 30, 2027.

BACKGROUND:

On March 7, 2017, voters in Los Angeles County approved Measure H, a countywide quarter-cent sales tax to fund supportive services, housing, outreach, and prevention services for people experiencing homelessness. On June 13, 2017, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion to provide direct Measure H funds to the cities of Pasadena, Glendale and Long Beach which all operate their own Continuums of Care. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has designated over 400 jurisdictions as Continuums of Care or planning bodies for homeless services. The Measure H allocations are calculated based on the City's percentage of the county's homeless population, which is currently equivalent to approximately 0.74%. To date the City has received \$5,710,971 of Measure H funding directly, although additional Measure H funding administered by County agencies has supported the provision of various homeless services throughout the City. Direct allocations of Measure H funds have supported homeless services including time-limited subsidies (rapid-rehousing), emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, housing navigation and location, and landlord incentives,

Staff recommend entering into a contract with the County of Los Angeles in the amount of \$677,897, representing the City's FY 2024 Measure H allocation, with a term ending June 30, 2027. Staff further recommend authorizing a first amendment to the subject contract to add \$1,324,440, the City's FY 2025 allocation, and a second amendment in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,500,000, the City's FY 2026 allocation. Finally, staff recommend authorizing no-cost extensions to the subject contract to extend the term beyond June 30, 2027.

These funds will be used to sustain existing homelessness prevention and emergency shelter programs administered by Friends In Deed as well as emergency shelter, time-limited subsidies, and housing navigation and location programs administered by Union Station Homeless Services. On January 24, 2022, Council approved amendments to Contracts Nos. 31393 and 31394 with Friends In Deed and Contracts Nos. 31386, 31391, 31392 with Union Station Homeless Services to add additional funding not-to-exceed the amount of any Measure H funds allocated to the City by the County and to extend the terms up to five years.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Approval of the recommended action has the potential to provide essential housing and supportive services for homeless individuals and families. Authorization of this contract is in accordance with the Pasadena Continuum of Care Homelessness Plan, 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 "General Rule" 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. The approval of a proposed contract with the County for Measure H funding will not have a significant effect on the environment and, hence, is not subject to CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

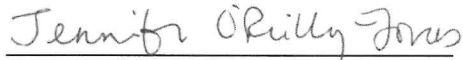
Approval of the subject recommendations will have no fiscal impact as the funding is currently included in the Department of Housing's adopted FY 2024 Operating Budget.

Respectfully Submitted,



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