

Agenda Report

September 30, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Housing

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$298,830 TO PROVIDE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE

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 per 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 City of Los Angeles in the amount of \$298,830 to provide Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)-funded rental assistance; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, all related documents, agreements, and amendments.

BACKGROUND:

The Housing Opportunities for Persons 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. The City of Los Angeles is the coordinating agency administering HOPWA grant funds for all of Los Angeles County.

The City of Pasadena Department of Housing has administered the HOPWA tenant-based rental assistance program since 1995. Renewal of this contract will provide

\$298,830 in HOPWA tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) funding for approximately eighteen new and ongoing very low-income households living with HIV/AIDS. The renewal funding consists of \$223,002 for rental assistance and \$75,828 for personnel costs, and the contract term runs from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The total contract amount is determined by the average rental assistance paid for eighteen participants in past contract periods plus actual costs for City staff administering the program.

The HOPWA program provides twelve months of rental assistance via a housing voucher to very low-income persons, both individuals and in families, diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. Applicants are referred by the Foothill AIDS Project. After the initial twelve months of assistance, program participants typically transition to the City's Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) for ongoing rental assistance.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Approval of the subject recommendation has the potential to provide housing for approximately eighteen 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.

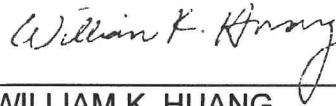
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

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 execution of a contract for HOPWA funding will not have a significant effect on the environment and, hence, is not subject to CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

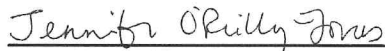
There is no fiscal impact to the Housing Department's FY 2025 Operating Budget as the funds are already included in the Department's budget. Approval of the recommended actions will enter into contract with the City of Los Angeles to a not-to-exceed amount of \$298,830 for the contract period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,



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