

Agenda Report

June 8, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Housing, Homelessness and Planning Committee (June 3, 2026)

FROM: Department of Housing

SUBJECT: **AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 24,130 WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO INCREASE THE FUNDING BY \$900,000 FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED TOTAL OF \$1,597,660 FOR THE CONTINUED PROVISION OF HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR FY27 AND FY28.**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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 amend Contract No. 24,130 with the City of Los Angeles to increase the contract by \$400,000, thereby increasing the contract total to a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,097,660, and to extend the term through June 30, 2027, to support the continued provision of Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)-funded rental assistance; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute a second amendment to the subject contract with a not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000 and a term extension through June 30, 2028, subject to the availability of Fiscal Year 2028 HOPWA funds for the continued provision of rental assistance. This would bring the contract to a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,597, 660.

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 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 Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) for ongoing rental assistance. The Department of Housing has administered the HOPWA tenant-based rental assistance program since 1995.

On July 21, 2025, City Council authorized Contract No. 24,130 with the City of Los Angeles to sustain the City's HOPWA program through Fiscal Year 2026. Staff recommend authorizing the City Manager to amend this contract to add \$400,000 and extend the term through June 30, 2027. Staff further recommend authorizing a second amendment to the subject contract to add up to \$500,000 and to extend the term through June 30, 2028, subject to the availability of Fiscal Year 2028 HOPWA funds. The proposed contract amendments would provide HOPWA rental assistance for approximately sixteen new and ongoing very low-income households living with HIV/AIDS annually.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Approval of the subject recommendations will provide rental assistance for approximately sixteen households living with HIV/AIDS annually. These actions are consistent with the City Council's goal to support and promote the quality of life and local economy. The proposed recommendations are in accordance with the approved General Plan Housing Element, Five-Year Consolidated Plan, and Five-Year Public Housing Authority Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The actions proposed herein are 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 activities in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

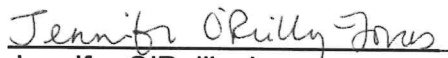
Approval of the recommended actions will have no direct fiscal impact. The first amendment for \$400,000 has funds already included in the Department's proposed FY 2027 Operating Budget. The second amendment for \$500,000 will be subject to the availability of Fiscal Year 2028 HOPWA funds.

Respectfully submitted,



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