

MOTION

Contingency Management (CM) is an evidence-based behavioral intervention based on psychological principles of positive reinforcement effective at treating stimulant use disorder. CM provides motivational incentives for non use of stimulants as evidenced by negative drug tests. According to the California Department of Health and Human Services “The motivational incentives are an inherent and central element of CM treatment. The immediate delivery of the incentive helps tip decision-making toward avoiding stimulant use to manage difficult periods. CM repeatedly has demonstrated robust outcomes, including reduction or cessation of drug use and longer retention in treatment.” Santa Clara County launched a cash incentive program for participants testing negative for stimulant drugs, and the U.S. The Department of Veteran Affairs began using contingency management in 2011 and has treated more than 6,300 veterans.

The State of California is the first state in the country to receive federal approval of contingency management as a benefit in the Medicaid program and launched the Recovery Incentives Programs pilot program offering structured 24-week outpatient contingency management service, where participants abstaining from substance use earn motivational incentives in the form of low-denomination gift cards. All participating counties and provider sites received training and ongoing technical assistance to support implementation of the Recovery Incentives Program that is coordinated by the UCLA Training and Implementation team, and this Statewide pilot program should have concluded by the Spring of 2024. The efficacy of this pilot and the expansion of this program to City interim sites should be further evaluated and the City should seek assistance from the State, County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to bring Contingent Management programs to City interim housing sites as a voluntary substance use disorder treatment program.

I THEREFORE MOVE to DIRECT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer and Department on Disability, to report on models of Contingency Management (CM) treatment programs and provide recommendations on the resources necessary to develop a voluntary Contingency Management pilot program at City interim housing sites, and strategies to engage with State and County departments to expand CM programs to City interim housing sites.

I FURTHER MOVE to TRANSFER and APPROPRIATE \$100,000 from the General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 0617 (Additional Homeless Services – CD 3) to the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) Fund No. 10A/43, Account TBD, for Hope of the Mission to obtain Contingency Manager Coordinator, capacity development/technical assistance, participant incentives, client support and additional staff support to administer a Contingency Management pilot program.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the General Manager of LAHD, or their designee, to amend relevant contracts with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to include into the scope of work the components of Contingency Management to effectuate the development of a pilot program at interim housing site(s) within Council District 3.

I FURTHER MOVE that the LAHD be authorized to make any corrections, clarifications, or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections / clarifications/ changes may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

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I FURTHER MOVE that the LAHD be instructed and authorized to prepare, process and execute the necessary documents with and/or payments to LAHSA, or any other agency or organization, utilizing the above amount, for the above purpose, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

PRESENTED BY:


BOB BLUMENFIELD
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SECONDED BY:


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