

REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Council District: All

To: The City Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: C.F. 22-1324 Regarding a Pilot RV-to-Home Program

Subject: **PILOT RV-TO-HOME RECREATIONAL VEHICLE RECYCLING PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, transfer appropriations in the amount of \$750,000 from the Unappropriated Balance, Fund No. 100/58, Account No. 580422, City Recreational Vehicle Program, to the Los Angeles Police Department, Fund 100/70, Account 003040, Contractual Services, for the recycling of recreational vehicles.

SUMMARY

On November 14, 2023, the City Council adopted the Housing and Homelessness Committee report on the Pilot RV-to-Home Program (C.F. 22-1324). This action included several recommendations, including a direction to the City Administrative Officer to identify \$1 million for the vehicle recycling component of the program. This report is in response to that specific recommendation only, and a subsequent report will address the other recommendations included in the approved report.

As the City continues to move forward with its homelessness efforts, including its Citywide Vehicle Dwelling operations and Inside Safe, it is important that the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) have funds available to address the recycling of any recreational vehicles (RVs) that are impounded during these operations once they are eligible for disposal. When a vehicle is authorized for dismantling, LAPD sends the RV to its contractor, SA Recycling (SA).

An initial \$250,000 was transferred to LAPD from the Homeless Emergency Account and as of this report, the Department has authorized the dismantling of 73 RVs at an estimated cost of \$133,000; leaving approximately \$117,000 remaining. It should be noted that this estimate consists of actual expenditures of \$23,650 for 16 vehicles dismantled to date and an estimated amount of \$109,350 for the remaining 57 that are in process. The amount per vehicle does vary as it is calculated based on the gross vehicle weight at the time SA receives the vehicle. The rate is reduced if the City removes vehicular stored wastewater prior to delivery and the City does receive a credit based on the market rate of the vehicle's recyclable metals for the month in which the vehicle is recycled.

At this time, this Office recommends that the balance of funding, \$750,000, be transferred from the Unappropriated Balance - City Recreational Vehicle Program account to ensure that LAPD has sufficient funds to address all RVs sent for recycling. While it is difficult to extrapolate the number of vehicles that will require recycling for the remainder of the fiscal year, and given the variables related to the number of vehicles that may be impounded and subsequently recycling, it is anticipated that this funding should be sufficient for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no General Fund impact associated with the approval of the recommendation contained in this report, as budgeted funds are being used for their intended purpose. There may be a future General Fund impact as subsequent year funding will need to be identified through the annual budget process.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendation in this report complies with the City's Financial Policies as budgeted funds are being used for their intended purpose.

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