

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Sections 14.6(a) and 14.6(b) of Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Division 14 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to enhance the City's ability to identify, apply for, and receive grants during a declared emergency, generally, and during the response and recovery to the Palisades, Hurst, Sunset and Kenneth fires, specifically.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Subsection (a) of Section 14.6 of Article 1, Chapter 1, Division 14 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

(a) Non-matching funds grants.

(1) General Managers, Officers and/or Directors may submit applications for competitive and/or discretionary grants to granting agencies without Mayor and City Council approval if no City General Funds, matching funds or other commitments of City resources are required, consistent with any direction from the Mayor under Charter Section 231(h). Simultaneously with the submission of a grant application to a granting agency, the General Manager, Officer and/or Director applying for the grant shall transmit a copy of the grant application and an explanatory memorandum to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the City Clerk for committee and City Council consideration pursuant to procedures established by the City Council. Offices and departments shall obtain Mayor and City Council approval before accepting and receiving the grant award.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (a), during the duration of a Major Disaster or Emergency Declaration by either the federal or state government, General Managers, Officers, and/or Directors may both submit applications and accept awards, consistent with direction from the Mayor under Charter Section 231(h), for competitive and/or discretionary grants from granting agencies without Mayor or City Council approval if no City General Funds, matching funds or other commitments of City resources are required. As soon as practicable after receipt of an award letter and/or award documentation, but prior to the certification of acceptance of the award, the General Manager, Officer and/or Director applying for the grant shall transmit a copy of the award letter and/or documentation and any terms and conditions attached thereto to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA). Offices and departments are not required to obtain Mayor or City Council approval before accepting and receiving the emergency-related grant award. Nothing in this subdivision authorizes an office or department to accept a grant if the acceptance, terms, assurances, or conditions

of the grant violate City another provision of City law, the determination of which shall be made by the City Attorney.

Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of Section 14.6 of Article 1, Chapter 1, Division 14 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

(b) **Matching funds grants.**

(1) General Managers, Officers and/or Directors may submit applications for competitive and/or discretionary grants to granting agencies, consistent with any direction from the Mayor under Charter Section 231(h), which require the commitment of matching funds, General Funds, or other city resources, without prior Mayor and City Council approval, only under circumstances where the Notice of Funding Availability was published less than 61 days in advance of the date of the application deadline established by the awarding agency. Simultaneously with the submission of a grant application to a granting agency, the General Manager, Officer and/or Director applying for the grant shall transmit a copy of the grant application and an explanatory memorandum to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the City Clerk for committee and City Council consideration pursuant to procedures established by the City Council. Departments shall obtain Mayor and City Council approval before accepting and receiving the grant award.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (a), during the duration of an emergency declaration issued by the federal or state government, or by the Mayor under Section 8.27 of this Code, for the 2025 Palisades, Hurst, Sunset, or Kenneth fires, General Managers, Officers, and/or Directors may submit applications for competitive and/or discretionary grants to granting agencies, consistent with any direction from the Mayor under Charter Section 231(h), which require the commitment of matching funds, General Funds, or other city resources, without Mayor or City Council approval regardless of when a Notice of Funding Availability is published. Simultaneously with the submission of a grant application to a granting agency, the General Manager, Officer and/or Director applying for the grant shall transmit a copy of the grant application and an explanatory memorandum to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA). Departments shall obtain Mayor and City Council approval before accepting and receiving a fire-related grant award that requires the commitment of matching funds, General Funds, or other city resources. Nothing in this subdivision authorizes an office or department to accept a grant if the acceptance, terms, assurances, or conditions of the grant violate City another provision of City law, the determination of which shall be made by the City Attorney.

Sec. 3. **URGENCY CLAUSE.** The City Council finds and declares that this ordinance is required for immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety for

the following reasons: The City of Los Angeles and its resident are suffering significant risk to life and property due to the devastating effects of the January 2025 Windstorm and Fires, and the immediacy and necessity of obtaining grants during the declared disaster and emergency are vital to Angelenos. The Council, therefore, adopts this ordinance to become effective upon publication pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter Section 253.

Sec. 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By


BARAK VAUGHN
Deputy City Attorney

Date

5/7/25

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, **by a vote of not less than three-fourths** of all its members.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____