

MOTION

On November 27, 2023, the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Encampment Resolution Funding Program, Round 3 (ERF-3-R) in the amount of \$298,747,574.33. This NOFA solicits proposals from local jurisdictions and Continua of Care to connect people experiencing homelessness in encampments to interim shelter, with clear pathways to permanent housing. Funding will remain available on a rolling basis until all program funds have been exhausted, or until June 30, 2024, whichever occurs first.

To date, ICH has approved two City applications for Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF). On May 11, 2022, Council approved the acceptance of grant funding related to ERF, Round 1 (ERF-1), for efforts to alleviate unsheltered homelessness in and along the LA River (C.F. 23-1021). On October 20, 2023, Council approved acceptance of ERF, Round 3, (ERF-3-L) for operations related to RV-homelessness in the Ballona Creek Wetlands (C.F. 22-0507). Council designated the City Administrative Officer (CAO) as grant administrator with instructions to receive and disperse Encampment Resolution funding through newly-created accounts ("Encampment Resolution Fund Grant - LA River", "Encampment Resolution Fund Grant - Ballona").

In each case, ERF grant applications were developed in an ad-hoc manner, in coordination with the CAO, and related to specific encampment-resolution efforts within the applicant District. By doing so, the City was able to act expeditiously in a competitive process to apply for funding with limited availability. However, this process did not consider Citywide policies and needs. Now, and moving forward, it is in the best interest of the City that Council, as a whole, not simply approve the receipt and appropriation of ERF monies but identify and recommend target locations in a manner consistent with Citywide policies and needs prior to application submission. It is in the best interest of the City that Council be duly informed of City commitments to the State prior to submission of ERF grant applications to ICH, especially if City resources are committed to implement the grant.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst and City Administrative Officer to establish a Citywide process to apply for Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) from the State of California, and to report to Council on the proposed grant narrative, statement of work, and commitments to the State thereunder prior to submission of any ERF application.

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