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MOTION

The *2025 Recovery Planning Grant* is being provided by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to provide funding to the City of Los Angeles (Grantee) to support expedited planning review and building inspection services for residential rebuilding efforts following the January 2025 wildfires, as authorized by statute. Funds shall be used to provide additional planning review and building inspection resources that expedite permitting and approval processes for rebuilding residential properties.

In the interest of promoting expeditious recovery, the Grantee must provide: (A) "one-stop shop" for processing permit applications concurrently so that a homeowner/builder can access assistance through a central point, and the City will coordinate with all relevant departments; (B) offer pre-approval plans for Accessory Dwelling Units-ADUs and a variety of housing types; (C) grant ministerial approval of "like for like" rebuilds, and promote a general interpretation of "like for like" in line with executive orders related to the January 2025 fires; and (D) continue approving new construction housing outside of the recovery pipeline without delay to ensure additional housing options come online as soon as possible.

Funds are to supplement, not supplant, previously existing resources for planning review and building inspections and shall be used only for residential properties affected by the January 2025 wildfires and owned by the same property owners as of January 7, 2025. All work must be completed in accordance with applicable local, state and federal laws.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council **AUTHORIZE** the Director of the Department of City Planning or designee, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to take the following actions:

1. Enter into an Agreement with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, to accept the *2025 Recovery Planning Grant* in the amount of \$1,351,595.94 upon execution of the Agreement and to be in effect until June 30, 2028, unless otherwise terminated earlier in accordance Exhibit C of the Agreement;
2. Authorize the Department of City Planning to coordinate with other City Departments involved in the rebuilding efforts to bill and be reimbursed for costs allowable within the terms of the Agreement;
3. Set up a receivable of \$1,351,595.94 and establish an appropriation for an account entitled *CA 2025 Recovery Planning Grant* within the City Planning Grant Trust Fund No. 46Y/68 for the disbursement of funds received from HCD;
4. Authorize Department of City Planning to transfer funds from Fund 46Y/68 for reimbursements of expenditures provided supporting documentation will be made available or accompanied consistent with the intent of the Program and in line with eligible uses within the Agreement;

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council **AUTHORIZE** the City Administrative Officer and/or the Department of City Planning to make any technical corrections to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and **AUTHORIZE** the Controller to implement the instructions.

PRESENTED BY:


BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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