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To: Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee

From: *for* Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Subject: **FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT APPLICATIONS: REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (GO-Biz) - LOCAL IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION AND INCLUSION GRANT (LIIG)**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to approval of the Mayor:

1. Retroactively authorize the General Manager of the Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD) or designee to prepare and submit the grant application with the County of Los Angeles as the lead agency for the Local Immigrant Integration and Inclusion Grant (LIIG) from the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz); and,
2. Instruct the General Manager of the CIFD, or designee, to report back if the City is awarded the grant to request authority to accept the grant award.

SUMMARY

On June 16, 2023, the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) released a Request for Proposal for the Local Immigrant Integration and Inclusion Grant (LIIG) to provide \$8.2 million in one-time funding to support the development or expansion of immigrant integration efforts, increase community trust, and enhance the organizational capacity of local governments to support immigrant populations in California. The LIIG is a one-year grant from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024. Contingent on funding availability, GO-Biz may award additional funding for a second year. Eligible activities for the LIIG include but are not limited to: 1) Economic Development, 2) Social Services Navigation, 3) Intergovernmental Technical Assistance, and 4) Civic Engagement. The application due date was extended from July 28, 2023 to August 14, 2023.

This Office received one project proposal from the Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD), who applied jointly with the County of Los Angeles (County) on July 28, 2023 for the LIIG for a requested amount of \$3.043 million for a two-year period, with the second year contingent on

funding availability, for a collaborative community outreach and engagement initiative in targeted City neighborhoods with high concentrations of immigrants and communities to build trust and raise awareness about a variety of County and City programs and resources, including the City's RepresentLA Program. Of the proposed \$3.043 million, \$1.408 million is requested for the City (\$826,000 for Year 1 and \$582,000 for Year 2). Under the joint collaboration, the County will be the lead, and the City will serve as a subrecipient.

Applicant Eligibility and Availability of Funding

Applications are open to local governments in the State of California that have an existing Office of Immigrant Affairs/New Americans, a Designated Immigrant Affairs Liaison or administer public programs or benefits for immigrant populations and have experience administering State grant or contract funding. Counties are encouraged to apply as primary grantees and coordinate with cities to subgrant awards.

There is \$8.2 million available for distribution for the service period of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024. Additional grant funding may be awarded for a second year contingent on funding availability.

Matching Fund Requirements

There is no matching fund requirement.

Required Approval to Accept Award

In accordance with the Administrative Code Section 14.6, all departments are required to seek Mayor and Council approval before accepting and receiving a grant award. It is therefore recommended that CIFI reports back to the Mayor and Council upon award notification to request authority to accept and receive the grant award and confirm that there is no additional General Fund impact.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations in this report will not result in a General Fund impact. There is no matching fund requirement. However, upon notification of a grant award, a reassessment on the General Fund impact should be completed as it relates to either lower than requested grant award amounts, verification of local match requirements, or front-funding for grants on a reimbursement basis.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies.