

IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND EQUITY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Los Angeles Reforms for Equity and Public Acknowledgment of Institutional Racism (LA REPAIR) Innovation Fund participatory budgeting pilot program.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a new special purpose fund titled L.A. REPAIR Innovation Fund, to be administered by the Civil Human Rights and Equity Department (CHRED), to effectuate the goals of the participatory budgeting pilot, with assistance from the City Administrative Officer (CAO) as Necessary.
 - b. Transfer appropriations in the amount of \$10.0 million from the Unappropriated Balance (UB) to the L.A. REPAIR Innovation Fund as follows:

	<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From:	100-58	580353	Unappropriated Balance	\$10,000,000
To	TBD	15V115	Staffing Costs	\$101,000
	TBD	15V304	Contracts	\$1,389,500
	TBD	15V200	Project Costs	\$8,509,500

- c. Increase appropriations by \$275,000 in Fund No. 100/15, CHRED, Account 001010 Salaries, General for positions to support the L.A. REPAIR Program.
2. RESOLVE that the employment authority in the CHRED for the two positions detailed below are APPROVED and CONFIRMED through June 30, 2022 to support program development, implementation, community engagement, evaluation, and administration, subject to allocation by the Board of Civil Service Commissioners.

No.	Class Code	Class Title
1	9184	Management Analyst
1	1539	Management Assistant

3. AUTHORIZE the expenditure of \$10 million for L.A. REPAIR as follows:

Item	Description	
Staffing Costs		
Program Manager	1 New FTE Management Analyst - CHRED - 8 months	\$59,000
Program Coordinator	1 New FTE Management Assistant - CHRED - 8 months	\$42,000
Contracts		
Programmatic Technical Assistance	Consultant for program design and implementation of participatory budgeting pilot	\$570,000
Fiscal Technical Assistance	Facilitation of fund distribution to winning organizations and administrative support for required reporting	\$669,500 (projected)
Translation, Interpretation, and Communications	Translation of written collateral, in-person and live translation, and communications (e.e. Digital and printed flyers, ballots, rules, etc.)	\$80,000
Technology	Voting platform and design support	\$70,000
Project Costs for Repair Zone		
PB Grants	Grants to winning programs in REPAIR Zone	<u>\$8,509,500</u>
Total:		\$10,000,000

4. AUTHORIZE CHRED to:

- a. Amend the program cost allocations, shown in Recommendation 3 of the subject CHRED report, dated October 14, 2021, attached to the Council file, as necessary, to adjust the amounts for projected contract costs or PB grants based on final contract costs, and subject to the approval of the CAO; and AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer appropriations between accounts within the L.A.

REPAIR Innovation Fund to align appropriations with the revised program cost allocations.

- b. Negotiate and execute contracts for the following services related to the implementation of the LA REPAIR program: 1) programmatic technical assistance; 2) fiscal technical assistance; 3) translation, interpretation and communications; and, 4) technology, subject to the review of the CAO and the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
5. INSTRUCT the CHRED to:
- a. Separately track all encumbrances and expenditures of the L.A. REPAIR Innovation Fund participatory budgeting pilot with assistance from the City Clerk as necessary.
 - b. Present winning proposed programs that received the most votes by the community to be funded by the Innovation Fund and report on the vetting and selection process.
 - c. Report to the Mayor and Council a full accounting of the funds, the scope of programs funded, and an update on the execution of the programs.
 - d. Report to the Mayor and Council metrics regarding community participation and overall assessment of the pilot.
6. AUTHORIZE the CHRED to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions and technical adjustments.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CHRED reports that the \$10 million for the LA REPAIR Innovation Fund has been budgeted as part of the 21-22 Adopted Budget in the UB. These funds were provided on a one-time basis and future funding for the LA REPAIR program would be subject to the City's annual budget process. There is no additional General Fund impact.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(Personnel, Audits, and Animal Welfare Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

SUMMARY:

At a regular meeting held on October 21, 2021, the Immigrant Affairs, Civil Rights, and Equity Committee considered a CHRED report, dated October 14, 2021, relative to the LA REPAIR Innovation Fund participatory budgeting pilot program.

During the discussion, representatives from the CHRED provided an overview of the matter and answered questions from the members. Committee members raised questions from redistricting and its impacts on poverty, to outreach, to equity, to program administration and areas of focus, and to procedures for participatory budgeting for the disbursement of grants through the LA REPAIR pilot program.

In particular, Councilmember Raman expressed some concerns regarding the program design, mainly stating that the process seems to involve a substantial amount of work for a minimal amount of money. She added that the people being targeted for this process already are burdened by the lack of resources and time, and participation may be lacking given that the amount of money is not substantial for the amount of work being asked of the participants. It was suggested to staff to include an option with fewer locations but with more money when the item moves forward to the remaining Committees.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the recommendations in the CHRED report. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND EQUITY COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
DE LEÓN:	YES
PRICE:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
RAMAN:	YES

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