

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a connectivity and digital inclusion update and proposal for Universal Broadband Services in disadvantaged communities.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Controller, subject to the creation of the Digital Inclusion Fund, to transfer appropriations in the amount of \$10 million from the Unappropriated Balance to the Digital Inclusion Fund to implement the Universal Broadband Services program:

	<u>Fund/Dept</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From:	100/58	580353	Unappropriated Balance	\$10,000,000
To:	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$10,000,000

2. AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL) to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions and technical adjustments.
3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, BSL, or designee, as the administrative and fiscal agent for the Digital Inclusion Fund to facilitate receipt and disbursement of the funds to each participating department as outlined in the above proposed and updated workplans.
4. INSTRUCT the BSL to:
 - a. Pursue a more detailed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or an Amendment to the existing Information Sharing MOU with the Los Angeles County to formalize a partnership for joint support of each jurisdiction’s projects and programs.
 - b. Coordinate with the Connectivity and Digital Inclusion Working Group to produce more detailed plans for the Community Connectivity Pilots, City-Wide Broadband Adoption Efforts, and Backbone Infrastructure Installation Pilots.
 - c. With the assistance of Bureau of Engineering, Bureau of Sanitation, Bureau of Street Services, Civil and Human Rights and Equity Department, Community Investment for Families Department, Economic and Workforce Development Department, Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, Information Technology Agency, Library Department, Department of Recreation and Parks, CAO, and Chief Legislative Analyst, report to the Mayor and Council a full accounting of the funds, the scope of projects funded, an update on the execution of the projects, and an assessment of both the previously approved \$5 million and this appropriation of \$10 million.
 - d. Prior to contracting with a consultant for the Strategic Technical Assistance and Program Support (\$750,000), submit the request to Council to authorize consulting services as well as report to the Mayor and Council a full accounting of the funds, the scope of projects funded.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The BSL reports that the \$10 million for Universal Broadband Services in Disadvantaged Communities has been budgeted as part of the 21-22 Adopted Budget in the Unappropriated Balance. There is no additional General Fund impact.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on March 9, 2022, your Public Works Committee considered a BSL report relative to a connectivity and digital inclusion update and proposal for Universal Broadband Services in disadvantaged communities.

After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the BSL's recommendations, as amended as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD	YES
LEE	YES
DE LEÓN	YES
O'FARRELL	YES
KORETZ	ABSENT

ME 3/9/22

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