

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 RECOVERY AND NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT REPORT relative to an update on solid resources utility relief for debt incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic and the implementation of long-term affordability strategies.

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

1. TRANSFER appropriations up to \$8 million for the reimbursement of solid waste fee arrearages for low income customers for the period of March 4, 2020 to June 15, 2021:

	<u>Fund/Dept</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>
From:	100/558	580368	Utility Assistance Debt Relief

To:	508/50	TBD	Solid Resources Fund Low Income Customer Arrearage Payment Program
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2. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), in coordination with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, to implement the Solid Resources Fund Low Income Customer Arrearage Program as detailed in the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) report dated April 21, 2022, attached to Council file No. 21-0540, and report to Council on the final amount credited to customers at the completion of the program.
3. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report on the proposed use of any unspent program funds in a future Financial Status Report.
4. **INSTRUCT the City Clerk to place on the agenda of the first regular Council meeting on July 1, 2022, or shortly thereafter, the following instruction:**
 - a. Reappropriate \$2,000,000 from the Unappropriated Balance included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Budget, Fund No. 100/58, Account No. 580368, Utility Assistance Debt Relief, in the same amount; and, into the same account as exists on June 30, 2022.
5. AUTHORIZE the CAO, with the assistance of the BOS , to prepare Controller's instructions and make the necessary technical adjustments consistent with Council's actions, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CLA reports that a total of \$10 million is set aside in the Unappropriated Balance for utility relief in the FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget. The CLA report recommends transferring \$8 million of these funds to the BOS to implement a solid resources financial assistance program for registered low income customers for the period of March 4, 2020 to June 15, 2021. To provide Council with the option of extending utility relief during FY 2022-23, the CLA report includes a recommendation to reappropriate the remaining \$2 million on July 1, 2022.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on April 25, 2022, your Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment considered a CLA report relative to an update on solid resources utility relief for debt incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic and the implementation of long-term affordability strategies.

Representatives from the Office of the CLA and the Department of Water and Power provided an overview and responded to questions posed by the Committee. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended to approve the recommendations in the CLA report, as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 RECOVERY AND NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MARTINEZ	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON	YES
PRICE	ABSENT
CEDILLO	ABSENT
O'FARRELL	YES

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