

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 RECOVERY AND NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT REPORT relative to protecting small businesses against eviction due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) and the Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD) to reprogram \$250,000 in Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds from the LA Optimized Program to a temporary program entitled "Small Business Legal Assistance," which will provide support for COVID-19 related lease renegotiation, debt negotiation, and other services.

- a. Authorize the Controller to establish new account and transfer appropriation within the Community Development Trust fund 424 as follows:

From: Account 43T8CV CV-19 LA's Business Source \$250,000

To: Account 21VXXX Small Business Legal Assistance \$250,000

2. AUTHORIZE the City Controller to transfer the following:

- a. \$375,000 from the Building and Safety Fund No. 100-88, Account No 001090 (Salaries Overtime), and
 - b. \$625,000 from the Unappropriated Balance, Fund No. 100, Department 58, Account No. 580350, COVID-19 Emergency Response

To the Economic and Workforce Development Department F551, Dept 22, Acct 22V4AE (Legal Aid Program) for the provision of legal assistance to income-qualified small businesses.

3. AUTHORIZE EWDD to negotiate and execute a subrecipient agreement with Bet Tzedek in a total amount not to exceed \$1.25 million, for the provision of legal assistance to income-qualified small businesses, subject to City Attorney review and approval as to form.
4. AUTHORIZE the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to make the necessary technical adjustments consistent with Council's actions, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

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 protecting small businesses against eviction due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Representatives from the office of the CLA and the EWDD 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 amended, 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> |
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| MARTINEZ | YES |
| HARRIS-DAWSON | YES |
| PRICE | ABSENT |
| CEDILLO | ABSENT |
| O'FARRELL | YES |

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