

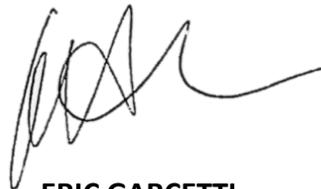
TRANSMITTAL

To: **THE COUNCIL**

Date: **11/01/22**

From: **THE MAYOR**

TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

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Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor
City of Los Angeles
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Attention: Heleen Ramirez, Legislative Coordinator

COUNCIL TRANSMITTAL: ACCEPT THE ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT – CARES ACT (ESG-CV) FUNDS AND AMEND THE RELATED HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSOLIDATED ACTION PLAN

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) respectfully requests that your office review and approve this transmittal and forward it to the City Council for further consideration. LAHD seeks approval to accept the allocation of \$1,299,073.00 of the ESG-CV program to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) among individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or receiving homeless assistance. This change would amend the Housing and Community Development Consolidated Action Plan (Con Plan) for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding, which is part of the 2020-21 Con Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Mayor review this transmittal and forward it to the City Council for further consideration;
2. That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:
 - a. **ACCEPT** the allocation of \$1,299,073.00 in ESG-CV funding provided to the City from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act);

- b. **AUTHORIZE** the General Manager of LAHD, or designee, to execute a contract amendment to the City's Roadmap contract with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, C-137223, to increase the contract amount by \$1,299,073.00 to provide Roomkey hotel/motel vouchers through June 30, 2023 or specified funding expiration date and to effectuate the intent of the actions in this report, and update its ESG-CV activity and budget information in the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS);
- c. **AUTHORIZE** the General Manager of LAHD, or designee, to submit an amendment to the Consolidated Plan for the appropriate program year to effectuate the intent of the actions in this report, after the public comment period ends;
- d. **AUTHORIZE** the City Controller to establish a new account 43WC59 – CV19 Roadmap Motel/Hotel Vouchers and appropriate \$1,299,073.00 within the Federal Emergency Shelter Grant Fund No. 517;
- e. **AUTHORIZE** the General Manager of LAHD, or designees, to prepare Controller instructions and/or make any technical adjustments that may be required and are consistent with the intent of this action with the approval of the Chief Legislative Analyst and instruct the Controller to implement these instructions.

DISCUSSION

On March 27, 2020, President Donald Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act. A \$2.2 trillion stimulus bill enacted in response to the economic fallout from the global COVID-19 pandemic, the legislation supplemented the existing Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) with a one-time amount of \$4 billion in funding, known as ESG-CV.

ESG-CV funds largely follow the same guidelines as formula ESG funds, but allow additional flexibilities in how grant funds are spent in order to expedite the deployment of these funds. As a result of having met certain federal requirements for ESG-CV, the City of Los Angeles was awarded an additional amount of \$1,299,073, on top of the \$183,598,812 previously awarded in 2020.

The City of Los Angeles has sought to meet the challenge of growing homelessness through the provision of shelter and housing. The City's Encampment-to-Home program is proposed to be used to respond to housing and supportive service needs for those individuals and families who are homeless and/or at risk of homelessness, as defined in the McKinney-Vento Act¹ as well as part of other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent a family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability. In general, the City of Los Angeles intends to leverage federal funds to finance hotel and motel vouchers to ensure shelter options are available on a flexible basis.

¹ Section 401 of the McKinney-Vento Act lists [criteria](#) for determining homelessness and at-risk of homelessness. It encompasses such factors as income, eviction status, overcrowding, residing in places not meant for human habitation, substance abuse disorders, mental illness, chronic disabilities, and other attributes

The new infusion of additional ESG-CV funds would support the city's Encampment-to-Home program by providing financial assistance in the form of vouchers. As the City is in the process of demobilizing its four remaining Project Roomkey sites, additional funding for motel and hotel vouchers will be needed to augment its short-term sheltering capacity. The appropriation would not be tied to any particular project or council district and would be made available to various locations across the city.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. All costs will be paid by the ESG-CV federal grant.

Approved By:



ANN SEWILL
General Manager
Los Angeles Housing Department