

MOTION

BUDGET & FINANCE
~~HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY~~

Tarzana Treatment Centers (TTC), through their integrated system of care, provides a comprehensive array of services, including a full continuum of adult and youth substance use disorder (SUD) treatment programs, community-based mental health services, primary medical care, case management, and community-based harm-reduction and prevention services at thirteen sites throughout Los Angeles County. Tarzana Treatment Centers operate multiple service sites within the San Fernando Valley, including Northridge, Reseda, Tarzana, and Woodland Hills, serving the most vulnerable populations, with an emphasis on serving uninsured/underinsured, racial/ethnic minorities, criminal justice involved, LGBTQ+ individuals, and people experiencing homelessness.

TTC seeks to launch a mobile medical unit to respond to calls for medical and mental health services from street engagement teams operating within the Third Council District. The TTC mobile unit will have a minimum of two exam rooms, one interview room, a central intake area with a workstation, and a bathroom, and will bring primary medical care, behavioral health screening, SUD treatment interventions, mental health treatment interventions, benefit enrollment and follow up care directly to the streets. The TTC mobile unit will also be stationed at interim housing sites and other locations within the Third Council District to respond directly to the medical and mental health needs of the most under-served and vulnerable.

The TTC mobile unit will consist of one physician's assistant, one medical assistant, one patient navigator/case manager, one SUD counselor, one mental health therapist, and one van driver. The TTC mobile unit will work in partnership with the Council Office, Hope of the Valley, San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center, and other homeless service providers to bring medical, mental health, and SUD treatment directly to the streets, enhancing the services the homeless engagement teams can offer to individuals experiencing homelessness. The total cost of this program will be \$1,250,000 for a one-year pilot.

The TTC mobile unit will enable the homeless engagement teams to address the immediate medical and mental health needs of individuals experiencing homelessness, diverting calls from 9-1-1, and providing the means to transport patients to the necessary medical and/or mental health centers. The TTC mobile unit will seek to de-escalate situations with their trained medical and clinical staff, and sets the foundation for the development of a formal unarmed crisis response team within the West San Fernando Valley.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council appropriate/transfer \$1,250,000 from the Unappropriated Balance Fund No. 100/50 Community Initiatives Account No. 580335 to a newly created account, to support the Tarzana Treatment Centers mobile unit to provide unarmed crisis response and healthcare services for people experiencing homelessness within the Third Council District

I FURTHER MOVE to instruct and authorize the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with assistance from the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and City Attorney's Office, to prepare, process and execute any documents, including sole-source contract and contract amendments, with Tarzana Treatment Centers, and prepare the necessary Controller instructions to effectuate the intent of this motion.

PRESENTED BY:

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Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:

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