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To: The City Council

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Reference: Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program Round 2

Subject: **Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Round 2 - North Valley Caring Services Funding Report**

SUMMARY

On January 22, 2021, the Mayor and City Council approved this Office's recommended funding framework for the City's allocation from the State's Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Grant Program - Round 2 (HHAP-2). The City's HHAP-2 funding framework included specific funding categories; the funding process to allocate HHAP-2 funds within these categories; the authority to apply for and administer the grant; and funding reservations for the continued operations of all A Bridge Home sites, as well as all new beds established as a part of the the City's COVID-19 Homelessness Roadmap . The City's total HHAP-2 allocation is \$55,575,000.

This report recommends extending the expenditure authority and reprogram savings for a HHAP-2 funded program that was allocated in this Office's second HHAP-2 report to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) for the North Valley Caring Service. The program is beginning to ramp up and requires an extension of the expenditure authority to fully begin operations from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council, subject to approval by the Mayor:

1. AUTHORIZE the extension of the expenditure authority for the previous funding allocated to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority for the North Valley Caring Services through June 30, 2024 in Council District 6 and 7;
2. REPROGRAM savings allocated for North Valley Caring Services in the amount of \$144,513 from the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) HHAP-2 Fund No. 64J/43, 43W836, North Valley Caring Services, to the Office of City Administrative Officer (CAO) HHAP-2 Fund No. 64J/10, 10V773, FC-3 Street Strategy, Outreach, Public Health, Hygiene & Skid Row;

3. INSTRUCT the General Manager of the Los Angeles Housing Department or their designee to:
 - a. Exercise the extension of the the City's HHAP contract with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), (C-135650) by one year, with a new contract end date of June 30, 2024 with two one-year extension options; and
 - b. Amend the City's HHAP contract (C-135650) with LAHSA to reflect the changes in recommendations 1 and 2;
4. AUTHORIZE the CAO to:
 - a. Prepare Controller instructions or make any necessary technical adjustments, including adjustments to the names of the Special Fund accounts recommended in this report, consistent with the Mayor and Council action in this matter, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions; and
 - b. Prepare any additional Controller instructions to reimburse City departments for their accrued labor, material or permit costs related to projects in this report consistent with the Mayor and Council action on this matter and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

BACKGROUND

The State of California's HHAP-2 Program, administered by the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal-ICH), provides the 13 largest cities in the State with \$123,500,000 for immediate assistance to people experiencing homelessness. The City has received an allocation of \$55,575,000 under HHAP-2, which is considered a five year grant, 50 percent of which must be obligated by May 31, 2023; and 100 percent of the funds must be expended by June 30, 2026.

DISCUSSION

On November 7, 2022, the Mayor and City Council approved the CAO's HHAP-2 report, which allocated \$309,000 to LAHSA for the North Valley Caring Services to provide supportive services for families and individuals experiencing homelessness such as providing food packets of various food items to individuals in need in Council Districts 6 and 7 through June 30, 2024. The pilot program requires additional time to ramp up the services in these council districts. As such an extension of the expenditure authority is needed for the program to fully begin operations. This report recommends extending the expenditure authority through June 30, 2024. Additional savings were also identified for the program, as such the report recommends reprogramming the funds for future use for other homelessness services.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no impact to the General Fund at this time. The City has received \$55,575,000 from the State through HHAP-2 to support the recommendations in this report.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies.