

MOTION

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

On March 27, 2020, the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law. This package included funding for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) program within the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD). HOPWA is one of the four entitlement grants the City receives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for housing and community development projects that primarily benefit low-income persons. HOPWA is the federal program dedicated to addressing the complex housing issues faced by low-income persons living with HIV or AIDS.

HUD awarded the City of Los Angeles \$2,883,240 in the supplemental grant funding known as "HOPWA-CV." Since the award of the funds, LAHD has worked directly with Alliance for Housing and Healing and APLA Health and Wellness providing short term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance, as well as transportation to households in need. These organizations are continuing to serve clients by providing COVID-19 related relief grants as described in the original contract. In view of the financial crisis being experienced by many households, the continuation of these essential resources will help ensure that low-income clients who are living with HIV/AIDS, and who have been affected by COVID-19, have the ability to stay in their homes. The HOPWA-CV funds awarded to the City will expire on September 30, 2023.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), or designee, to execute a contract with Alliance for Housing and Healing for the amount of up to \$2,300,000, commencing on or about February 1, 2023 for a term of 10 months, to extend the Short-term Rental, Mortgage, and Utility program.
2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of LAHD, or designee, to execute a contract with APLA Health and Wellness for the amount of up to \$55,000, commencing on or about February 1, 2023 for a term of 10 months, to reimburse the agency for providing transportation services to eligible HOPWA clients.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council find that the services to be performed by Alliance for Housing and Healing and APLA Health and Wellness are for the performance of professional, scientific, expert, technical, or other special services of a temporary and occasional character for which competitive bidding is not practicable or advantageous and that the work can be performed more economically or feasibly by independent contractors than by City employees in accordance with Charter Section 1022.

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