

HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authorization to negotiate and execute a new interagency agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) for environmental services.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA), or designee, to:

- a. Negotiate and execute an inter-agency agreement with HACLA for the HCIDLA to provide environmental review services for HACLA with a contract term of one year from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, for an amount not to exceed \$200,000, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality and to also be subject to compliance with the City's contracting requirements.
- b. Update the services fees established in 2018 (Council file No. 10-0398) for the preparation, enforcement, monitoring and associated work done in obtaining appropriate environmental clearance certification for HACLA projects that are funded through US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs with said fees to bring the fees in alignment with current salary and Cost Allocation Plan rates.
- c. Apply the fees for identical services, to all other local grantees that also require HUD-mandated environmental review services, prior to the execution of a grant agreement with or to receive program funding from HUD.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that there is no impact to the General Fund. The recommendations contained in the May 15, 2019 CAO report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that the proposed new inter-agency agreement between HACLA and the HCIDLA will be fully funded by HACLA proceeds.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On May 22, 2019, your Committee considered May 15, 2019 CAO and April 17, 2019 HCIDLA reports relative to authorization to negotiate and execute a new interagency agreement with HACLA for environmental services. According to the CAO, the HCIDLA is requesting authority to negotiate and execute an inter-agency agreement between HCIDLA and HACLA for the HCID to provide professional environmental services pursuant to the CEQA, NEPA and other relevant federal, state, and local land use and environmental laws and regulations for HACLA for a one-year term for the term from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, with two one-year renewal options, for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

The proposed inter-agency agreement would allow the HCIDLA to continue to provide HACLA with HUD-mandated environmental clearance. All of HACLA's HUD-funded activities are subject to CEQA, NEPA, and environmental review requirements as outlined in HUD's Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 58 and the related federal laws and authorities specified in the CFR

§58.5. Pursuant to CFR §58.4, the HCIDLA has been designated by HUD to assume environmental review responsibilities. Additional information regarding HACLA funding and projects can be found in the April 17, 2019 HCIDLA report. Subsequent to the release of its report, the HCIDLA provided the "Request for Documentation" referenced in Exhibit A of the draft agreement attached to the HCIDLA's report (see Attachment). The professional environmental services performed by HCIDLA staff as part of the proposed agreement are funded by HACLA proceeds, which are deposited into the Community Development Trust Fund as applicable credit to offset direct costs associated with HACLA projects. Prior to executing the proposed agreement, the HCIDLA is requesting authority to update the environmental review service fees (the proposed fees are detailed in the HCIDLA report). The proposed fees would also be applied when performing environmental review services for other local grantees that receive special grants awarded by HUD. The HCIDLA indicates that the proposed fees are in alignment with current salary costs and could potentially allow the HCIDLA to fully recover staff costs for services provided. The fee study documentation can be viewed as Attachment A to HCIDLA's Report. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the May 15, 2019 CAO report and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
CEDILLO:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	ABSENT

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