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Council District 14 has identified several projects in need of additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds that will contribute to community development, job training, and beautification. The Boyle Heights Neighborhood City Hall, also known as the Chicago Building, has undergone major rehabilitation and seismic retrofit work for the past five years. The building will house City departments and several local non-profit agencies that will provide outreach services to individuals and families in the surrounding community. A funding gap of \$100,000 has been identified to finish necessary HVAC work. The open, full use of the Chicago Building will provide the residents with direct access to civic and other community resources that will revitalize and strengthen the community.

The Los Angeles Conservation Corps Clean & Green Program provides vital beautification services to the City while providing youth with life changing job training skills. An increase in funding for Clean & Green services in Council District 14 by the amount of \$100,000 will provide much needed beautification work to the communities of the district that have the greatest need. A clean, healthy streetscape promotes pedestrian use, community pride, and economic revitalization.

The building designated as the future site of the Aliso Pico WorkSource Center requires major renovation, and funding in the amount of \$100,000 has been identified to assist in this effort. The Aliso Pico WorkSource Center will be a pivotal job center that will focus on increasing employment opportunities, retaining jobs, and improving worker's occupational skills. The presence of a WorkSource Center in the community will be a powerful catalyst for economic growth and development.

In February 2013, Council adopted the 2013-14 (39th Program Year) Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan (C.F. 12-1607). The Plan includes CDBG funds to assist neighborhood improvements. The funding of the Chicago Building, Clean & Green Program, and Aliso Pico WorkSource Center will provide significant neighborhood benefits to Council District 14.



I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council appropriate CDBG funds in the amount of \$300,000 from the Neighborhood Improvement Fund 2013-14 (39th) Program Year Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan, for the following projects, the funds to be managed by the designated department, subject to CDBG eligibility review:

- Chicago Building (Bureau of Engineering): \$100,000
- Los Angeles Conservation Corps CD 14 Clean & Green Program (Public Works): \$100,000
- Aliso Pico WorkSource Center (Economic and Workforce Development Department): \$100,000

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) to meet with the Bureau of Engineering, Department of Public Works, and Economic and Workforce Development Department to ensure that the programs are developed to meet the HUD-CDBG regulations.

I FURTHER MOVE that HCID amend the necessary Consolidated Plan(s) as necessary, make any technical changes and prepare the required Controller instructions required to effectuate the intent of this motion, subject to review and approval by the Chief Legislative Analyst, and authorize the Controller to implement these Controller instructions.

PRESENTED BY: 
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Councilmember, 14th District

 SECONDED BY: 

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