

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to grant funding for the Homeless Court Clinic Program for Fiscal Years (FY) 2015-18.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to approve the contract with the County of Los Angeles, attached to the Council file, for a three-year budget (FY 2015-18) of \$810,400 to support the Homeless Court Clinic Program from June 25, 2015 to June 24, 2018, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to accept grant funding in the amount of \$810,400 from the County of Los Angeles for three years of funding with \$276,800 for the first year and \$266,800 for each additional year.
3. AUTHORIZE the addition of three resolution authorities to the City Attorney's Office for the period from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 to support the Homeless Court Clinic Program in the following positions:

No. Title

- 1 Deputy City Attorney II
- 1 Administrative Coordinator I
- 1 Legal Clerk I

4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
  - a. Establish a receivable from the County of Los Angeles in the amount of \$810,400.
  - b. Establish appropriation Account 12M860, Homeless Court, within Fund 368, Department 12, in the amount of \$810,400.
  - c. Transfer \$201,680 from Account 12M860 Homeless Court, to Fund 100, Department 12, Account 1010, Salaries General.
  - d. Upon receipt of grant funds, transfer up to \$66,433 from Fund 368, Department 12, Account 12M860 to Fund 100, Department 12, Revenue Source Code 5361 Related Costs- Reimbursement From Other Funds.
5. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.
6. INSTRUCT the CAO to identify the funding source for the City's cost for this program in a future Financial Status Report.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the estimated total cost of the Homeless Clinic Court Program for the three-year grant performance period is \$1,084,230, of which \$810,400 will be reimbursed by the County of Los Angeles. The General Fund impact will be \$273,830 for partial fringe benefits costs and overhead costs (central services and department administration). No additional appropriation is needed. The recommendations contained in the September 23, 2015 CAO report, attached to the Council file, are in compliance with the City's Financial policies in that budgeted appropriations will be balanced against receipts expected from this grant.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**(Also referred to the Homelessness and Poverty Committee)**

Summary:

On October 21, 2015, your Committee considered a September 23, 2015 CAO report relative to grant funding for the Homeless Court Clinic Program for FY 2015-18. According to the CAO, the City will be expanding the Homeless Court Clinic Program to increase access and services for homeless individuals. The Homeless Court Clinic will be staffed by three full-time positions: one Deputy City Attorney II, one Legal Clerk I and one Administrative Coordinator I to oversee the clinics and outreach efforts, conduct client intake, complete background checks, eligibility assessment, file dismissal motions and related correspondence for a three-year performance period of June 25, 2015 through June 24, 2018.

Additionally, according to the City Attorney, this funding will reimburse the City Attorney's Office for its role of supporting the Homeless Court Clinic Program throughout the County of Los Angeles for a three-year period from June 25, 2015 through June 24, 2018. This funding will be for \$276,800 for the first programmatic year and \$266,800 for each of the two additional programmatic years.

The City of Los Angeles has one of the largest homeless populations in the country. The Homeless Court Clinic Program helps homeless individuals or those at risk of homelessness, who may also have a mental illness, substance/alcohol addiction, co-occurring disorder, or are veterans resolve the legal barriers that are just one of the many challenges they face on the road to self-sufficiency and security. The Program resolves certain minor traffic citations, warrants, quality of life citations, and related fines, all of which can detrimentally affect a person's employment and housing opportunities. Eligible participants are required to complete identified community obligation hours specific to their needs, with pre-approved service providers, in order to have the citations and/or cases resolved. FY 2015-16 marks a new direction for the Homeless Court Clinic Program, which entails the City Attorney's Office spearheading key programmatic shifts with the goal of increasing access and services for homeless individuals and individuals in need.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations as contained in the September 23, 2015 CAO report and detailed in the above recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KORETZ:	YES
RYU:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

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