

HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the 2016 Round 2 Funding Opportunity of the Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA), upon Council's approval of final list of projects, to sign on behalf of the City of Los Angeles as an AHSC Co-Applicant as determined by the proposed criteria.
2. DIRECT the General Manager, HCIDLA, to continue to lead the coordination, partnership and engagement with LA Department of Transportation, Department of City Planning, Department of Public Works and other City Departments, as necessary, in joint planning efforts and assessment of individual affordable housing projects to increase each AHSC applicant's readiness and competitiveness for current and future funding rounds.
3. APPROVE the proposed City AHSC strategy and co-application selection criteria.
4. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, HCIDLA, to issue funding commitment letters and letters of support for affordable housing projects that meet the City's AHSC criteria as outlined in the HCIDLA report to the Mayor dated February 19, 2016.
5. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare the appropriate indemnification agreement and review the City's insurance requirements for projects for which the City is a co-applicant.
6. AMEND co-application selection criteria to include a required Letter of Support from the Council Office representing the district in which the project is located.
7. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to prepare a resolution for Council approval in support of the AHSC projects that the City will partner with as a co-applicant or offer general support.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The HCIDLA reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. Approving the above recommendations will allow the City to compete for up to \$320 million in AHSC funding.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor dated February 19, 2016, HCIDLA requests authority to seek AHSC funding for the development of affordable housing. AHSC is one of the eleven cap-and-trade proceeds programs in the state. According to the HCIDLA, AHSC's main goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through reduced vehicle miles traveled by providing grant and loan opportunities to fund affordable housing developments with sustainable transportation infrastructure, mobility, and urban greening components in disadvantaged communities.

The HCIDLA report discusses the AHSC guidelines, the concept application process, the

ongoing City AHSC working group progress, and the City's strategy for determining which projects to join as a co-applicant and which projects to recommend for funding. The City's interdepartmental working group determined that between nine and 16 affordable housing and sustainable transportation projects will submit AHSC concept applications to the Strategic Growth Council by the March 16, 2016, deadline.

At its special meeting held February 24, 2016, the Housing Committee discussed this matter with HCIDLA staff. The Department representative discussed the program and the Department's collaboration with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, the City Planning Department, the Department of Water and Power, the Bureau of Sanitation, Metro, and other agencies. Program funds have been increased and the local jurisdictional cap has been eliminated. Individual projects can receive up to \$20 million.

The Housing Committee recommended that Council approve HCIDLA's recommendations, as amended to require Council approval prior to HCIDLA signing AHSC project agreements, to request the City Attorney prepare the appropriate indemnification agreement and review the City's insurance requirements for projects for which the City is a co-applicant, amend the co-application selection criteria to include a required Letter of Support from the Council Office representing the district in which the project is located, and instruct the CLA to prepare a resolution for Council approval in support of the AHSC projects that the City will partner with as a co-applicant or offer general support.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
CEDILLO <i>[Signature]</i>	YES
FUENTES:	YES
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
PRICE:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

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