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Summary: The Los Angeles City Attorney's Homelessness Engagement and Response Team (HEART) helps individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness to resolve infraction citations and associated warrants. Since 2015, HEART has provided service to over 2,639 individuals through 62 homeless citation clinics, far exceeding its original goal of 300 individuals per year. The Los Angeles City Attorney's Office has submitted a grant acceptance packet for a grant award extension in the amount of \$850,760.21 from the County of Los Angeles for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The 2018-19 grant finances six positions including: one Deputy City Attorney II position; one Deputy City Attorney I position; two City Attorney Administrative Coordinator II positions; and two City Attorney Administrative Coordinator I positions. This funding will enhance and expand HEART so that two field teams comprised of the aforementioned staff members will be established to run criminal background records, manage mobile team deployments, motion the Los Angeles Superior Court to secure dismissals, coordinate with the court clerk to ensure fines and fees are pulled from collections, work with cross-jurisdictional partners to approve motions, work with service agencies to coordinate large events, recruit new service providers and resource agencies to support the mobile teams, and coordinate existing service providers to process participants. The county has indicated its intent to renew funding to sustain the program thereafter. Measure H funding is approved on an annual basis. The city should expand its existing HEART program to ensure that individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness can continue to resolve infraction citations and associated warrants. For these reasons, the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council supports Council File 18-0506.