

TRANSMITTAL

To: **THE COUNCIL**

Date: **06/16/21**

From: **THE MAYOR**

TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.



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Attention: Heleen Ramirez, Legislative Coordinator

COUNCIL TRANSMITTAL: LOS ANGELES HOUSING + COMMUNITY INVESTMENT DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (C-133960) TO INCREASE THE TOTAL CONTRACT COMPENSATION BY \$200,000 AND EXTEND THE CONTRACT TERM TO JUNE 30, 2022

SUMMARY

The General Manager of the Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Department (HCIDLA) respectfully requests that your office review and approve this transmittal and forward it to the City Council for further consideration. Through this transmittal, HCIDLA seeks approval, and requests authority to extend the term of the inter-agency agreement (City contract number C-133960) with the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) by an additional twelve months to avoid a gap in services, and to increase the maximum compensation to HCIDLA by \$200,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- I. That the Mayor review this transmittal and forward to the City Council for further action;
- II. That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:
 - A. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of HCIDLA, or designee, execute a second amendment to City contract number C-133960 with the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), ending June 30, 2021, for an additional twelve months, for a contract term ending June 30, 2022; and,
 - B. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of HCIDLA, or designee, to increase total compensation to be paid to HCIDLA by HACLA for contract number C-133960, by \$200,000, for a new compensation amount not to exceed \$600,000;

BACKGROUND

On June 5, 2019, the Mayor and City Council authorized HCIDLA to negotiate and execute an inter-agency agreement between HCIDLA and HACLA for an amount not to exceed \$200,000, effective for one year, with two additional one-year renewal options, for provision by HCIDLA of environmental review, clearance, and certification for HACLA projects that are funded through U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs. These professional services are provided pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other relevant federal state and local land-use and environmental laws and regulations. The contract was subsequently amended to add additional time and funds in the amount of \$200,000. The current agreement, C-133960 (C.F. No. 10-0398), will expire on June 30, 2021.

Prior to the current contract's expiration, HCIDLA is requesting authority to execute a second amendment to the inter-agency agreement to extend the contract term and add funds, so that the department can continue to assist HACLA with the HUD-mandated environmental reviews prior to drawing down HUD funds. This is part of the City's collaborative efforts to combat the homelessness crisis, ensuring that federal funds and vouchers necessary for preserving, enhancing, and expending affordable and supportive housing are in compliance with the noted regulations.

Additional funding will be added for the Rancho San Pedro Redevelopment project, which will require the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) level of review.

HCIDLA/HACLA MOU

Currently, there are unprecedented numbers of homeless people living on the streets of the City of Los Angeles. Developing Supportive Housing (SH) units requires funding for three key components of the collaborative effort: capital, supportive services, and rental assistance. In December 2017, the City of Los Angeles (City), the County of Los Angeles (County) and HACLA executed a new Memorandum of Agreement (MOU), in which they guaranteed that for every SH unit the City finances through HCIDLA, HACLA will commit an operating subsidy in the form of a rental voucher and the County will commit supportive services. The services would include, but not be limited to, intensive case management services and linkages to health, mental health, and substance abuse disorder services to support up to 1,000 units per year over a ten-year period.

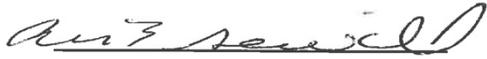
Under HACLA's Section 8 Housing Program, up to 1,000 vouchers will go toward helping to house homeless people as part of the implementation of The Proposition HHH Permanent Supportive Housing Loan Program (Prop HHH) during calendar year 2020. Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58, HCIDLA, as the local Responsible Entity, is tasked to assume HUD Environmental Responsibilities to perform environmental reviews for all HUD funded activities within the City of Los Angeles, including the 1,000 vouchers dedicated by HACLA's Section 8 Housing program.

To avoid a gap in service, HCIDLA and HACLA wish to extend the term of the Agreement for twelve months with a new expiration date of June 30, 2022. HACLA will contribute \$200,000 to this agreement to increase the total compensation amount from \$400,000 to \$600,000 throughout the period of validity of the agreement. HACLA will reimburse HCIDLA for related expenses through payment of invoices issued by HCIDLA on a project-by-project basis. The services provided by HCIDLA under this Agreement will be funded by HACLA's proceeds from HUD. Execution of this agreement will enable cost recovery for HCIDLA professional services provided to HACLA and expedite the processing for environmental review and approval of HACLA's Comprehensive Grant-funded and related projects, subject to the requirements of NEPA.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund. This agreement is funded by HACLA's federal grant funds.

Approved By:

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ANN SEWILL
General Manager
Housing+Community Investment Department