

HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA) executing agreements with selected contractors for the City's Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) Program.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the General Manager, HCIDLA, or designee, to negotiate and execute contracts with Lamp Community / Ocean Park Community Center, Single Room Occupancy Housing Corporation, and Foothill AIDS Project for the HOPWA Program, for terms of one year beginning April 1, 2017 and continuing through March 31, 2018, with an option to renew for up to three additional one-year terms, subject to ongoing federal fund availability, and subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, and in compliance with all applicable City and federal requirements.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. Funding for the first year of these contracts is anticipated from the HOPWA entitlement grant for the Program Year (PY) 43 from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018. Fulfillment of future-year contract extensions is subject to continued receipt of these historically ongoing federal funds.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated January 27, 2017, the CAO states that HCIDLA requests authority to execute contracts with Lamp Community / Ocean Park Community Center, Single Room Occupancy Housing Corporation, and Foothill AIDS Project to administer HOPWA Program service delivery and Regional Specialist Offices for the San Gabriel and the Metro Downtown and East Service Planning Areas (Service Planning Areas (SPAs) 3/7 and 4). The CAO recommends approval of the HCIDLA request.

According to the CAO, the HOPWA Program provides housing and supportive services Countywide to low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families. HOPWA is a federal entitlement program funded annually since 1990 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Consolidated Plan, and is administered by HCIDLA on behalf of the Eligible Statistical Metropolitan Area for the City. The City, which is the only HOPWA grantee in the County, has administered the program for over 20 years. HOPWA-funded housing and direct services are provided Countywide by experienced non-profit agencies and public housing authorities.

The CAO reports that HCIDLA released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the HOPWA Regional Specialist Offices within SPAs 3 and 7, and SPA 4, Metro Downtown and East in November 2015. Multiple responses were submitted for the SPA 3/7 service sub-areas and the highest-scoring bid, Foothill AIDS Project, is recommended for HOPWA Program administration. No RFP responses, however, were submitted for SPA 4, despite HCIDLA repeating the RFP process a second time, leaving a potential service gap in the Downtown Los Angeles area in PY 43. HCIDLA recommends suspending its selection process for SPA 4 and

extending the existing Lamp Community / Ocean Park Community Center and Single Room Occupancy Housing Corporation service contracts. Both contractors have agreed to gradually increase their administrative capacity to continue providing HOPWA services in SPA 4. HCIDLA will monitor these contracts to ensure service delivery.

At its meeting held February 1, 2017, the Housing Committee discussed this matter with representatives of the CAO and HCIDLA. The HCIDLA representative stated that SPA 4 has a dense population and high demand for services. Ultimately, economic considerations caused potential RFP respondents to not bid for SPA 4. The Department endeavors to provide more technical assistance to prospective service-providers to increase the pool of RFP respondents. Committee recommended that Council authorize HCIDLA to execute the contracts described above, as recommended by the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
CEDILLO:	YES 
KORETZ:	ABSENT
HUIZAR:	YES
PRICE:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	ABSENT

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