

MOTION

The United Way has offered to provide a \$1,160,000 grant to the City of Los Angeles for the expansion of the Mayor's Housing Crisis Solutions Team ("HCST"). The grant would fund the HCST's positions under its new Housing Innovation Unit that will lead the creation and implementation of the \$120 million Housing Challenge ("Challenge"), in partnership with the Housing and Community Investment Department and the City Administrative Officer. The Challenge, funded with Proposition HHH bond proceeds, is expected to fund 1,000 supportive housing units through innovative construction and/or financing methods in a timely and cost-effective manner (C.F. 17-0090-s4).

The HCST will also monitor and troubleshoot all Proposition HHH and major affordable housing projects through the development process, and coordinating among various departments, including the Department of City Planning, Building and Safety, Fire Department, and the Department of Water and Power, as necessary. The team will also identify new streamlining policies and practices in multiple departments.

The \$1,160,000 will assist in funding five new positions on the HCST for three years. The positions include an Affordable Housing Loan Underwriter, Affordable Housing Loan Officer, Housing Policy Analyst, Affordable Housing Production Manager, and an Affordable Housing Innovation Program Director, at varying levels of the Mayor Aide job classification. In addition, the Mayor's Fund of Los Angeles, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is offering to contribute \$250,000 for a total of \$1,410,000 (collectively "Grants") toward to the same purpose.

Action is needed to authorize the Mayor's Office to prepare and submit the necessary grant application documents for the Grants and upon award, negotiate the required agreements on behalf of the City.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Office of the Mayor be authorized to prepare and submit the necessary grant application documents to the United Way for an amount not to exceed \$1,160,000 and the Mayor's Fund of Los Angeles for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 ("Grants") and upon award, negotiate the required grant agreements on behalf of the City for the expansion of the Mayor's Housing Crisis Solutions Team;

I FURTHER MOVE that upon award of the Grants, the City Administrative Officer be instructed, in consultation with the Mayor's Office, to report with recommendations for fund deposits, positions needed, a breakdown of the positions' duties, the coordination of duties with other departments, including the Housing and Community Investment Department that carries out similar work, salary and related costs associated with the five positions to be funded over three years, any position authorities required, any General Fund impact should these positions be filled, the specific obligations of the City under these Grants, and any other actions required by the City to implement these Grants, prior to the execution of any grant agreement.

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