

MOTION

BUDGET & FINANCE

In March 2019, the City Council and the Mayor declared an ongoing shelter crisis in the City of Los Angeles. According to the 2019 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Point in Time Count released by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), 36,165 homeless individuals reside in the City, 27,221 of whom are unsheltered. To respond to this crisis and the immediate need for shelter, the Mayor and Council allocated \$39 million in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 and 2019-20 Budgets to establish temporary crisis and bridge housing facilities, with the goal of adding 50 to 100 new beds per Council District. In addition, \$54 million has been committed within the City of Los Angeles' Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) allocation and \$50.4 million has been reserved in the City's pending Homeless, Housing, Assistance, and Planning (HHAP) Program allocation from the State of California to construct and operate A Bridge Home sites.

On December 11, 2019 the Mayor and City Council adopted a Motion (Martinez-Bonin; C.F. 19-0563) approving a proposed A Bridge Home site at 14333 Aetna Street in Council District 6 and determining that this project qualifies for a statutory exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The motion also authorized a Reserve Fund loan in the amount of \$2,343,000 for project design and the purchase of modular trailers for the facility, and noted that additional funding for construction would be allocated upon completion of a Request for Bids (RFB) to identify a firm to build the facility.

The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) has completed the RFB and the final construction cost for the facility is \$3,885,300.

The City of Los Angeles expects to receive \$117,562,500 from the State of California Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) grant; however, these funds are not anticipated to be available until March 2020. The State of California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, the agency that administers HHAP, has confirmed that pre-award capital costs may be reimbursed with HHAP. A Reserve Fund loan is needed to ensure that construction of the bridge housing facility at 14333 Aetna Street is not delayed. This loan will be repaid upon receipt of the City's HHAP allocation.

The City's action in now approving construction funding for the A Bridge Home facility at 14333 Aetna is an action implementing the prior City Council approval of the project and as such, no further CEQA determination is required.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council:

1. Approve funds in the amount of \$3,885,300 for the crisis and bridge housing project proposed at 14333 Aetna Street;
2. Authorize the Controller to process Reserve Fund loan(s) in a cumulative amount up to \$3,885,300 to support construction costs for the bridge housing facility at 14333 Aetna Street, which will be reimbursed through State of California Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) grant receipts; and
3. Instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to reimburse the Reserve Fund upon receipt of the City's HHAP grant award.



I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the Controller to:

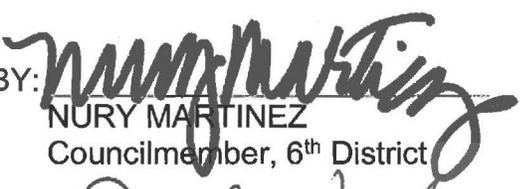
1. Transfer up to \$3,885,300 from the Reserve Fund to the Special Fund HHAP, Department 10, Account FC-1: A Bridge Home Capital and Operating Gap, as authorized by CF 19-0914;
2. Transfer up to \$3,305,300 from Special Fund HHAP, Department 10, Account FC-1: A Bridge Home Capital and Operating Gap to the Capital Improvements Expenditure Program, Fund 100/54, Account 00S715, A Bridge Home – Aetna Street; and
3. Transfer up to \$580,000 from Special Fund HHAP, Department 10, Account FC-1: A Bridge Home Capital and Operating Gap to the Bureau of Engineering, Fund 100/78, Account 001010, Salaries General.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Homeless Coordinator to coordinate with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the County of Los Angeles and the State of California to identify funds for interim housing operations at this site, including, but not limited to County Measure H revenue, LAHSA and County HHAP allocations, or additional State funding.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO be directed to prepare any additional Controller instructions to reimburse City Departments for their accrued labor, material or permit costs related to this project from the "Bridge Housing – Aetna Street" account consistent with the Mayor and Council action on this matter, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO be directed to prepare any additional Controller instructions or make any necessary technical adjustments consistent with the Mayor and Council action in this matter, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

PRESENTED BY:


NURY MARTINEZ
Councilmember, 6th District

SECONDED BY:



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