

AD HOC ON COVID-19 RECOVERY AND NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the status and progress of the Citywide 2021 COVID-19 Emergency Renters Assistance Program (ERAP) and recommendations for the implementation of an expanded ERAP2.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), or designee, to accept or transfer funding to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and execute related grant documents under the federal and state COVID-19 ERAP1 and ERAP2 on behalf of the City.
2. APPROVE the certification for the City to select Option A, as detailed on page 4 of the subject LAHD report, dated August 20, 2021, attached to the Council file, for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program created under the American Rescue Plan (ERAP2), thereby allowing the HCD to administer the second phase ERAP2 program in order to maximize funding and expedite reallocation of funding to renters in the City of Los Angeles.
3. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION, attached to the subject LAHD report, authorizing the City to enter into the Standard Agreement with HCD to administer up to \$950,000,000 in ERAP2 funds for residents of the City of Los Angeles.
4. AUTHORIZE the financial re-appropriations below to increase LAHD's capacity to continue to provide program oversight for the conclusion of the ERAP1 to assist households that are unable to pay rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
5. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Reallocate Emergency Rental Assistance Program funds (ERAP 1) within Fund 64D as follows, as amended by the Ad Hoc on COVID-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment Committee:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
43TA60	Admin Reserve ERAP Fed	(\$2,594,573.30)
43TA61	Admin Reserve ERAP State	(\$2,449,485.50)
43TA50	Eviction Defense ERAP Fed	(\$1,361,363.00)
43TA58	Program Admin Contract ERAP Fed	\$3,253,225.53
43TA59	Program Admin Contract ERAP State	\$1,746,774.73
43V143	Housing Dept.	\$920,508.00

43V121	Community Investment for Families	\$25,934.00
43V299	Related Cost	\$423,979.54
43T560	Translation Services	\$35,000.00

b. Increase appropriation within the LAHD Fund 100/43 as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100/43/001010	Salaries, General	\$666,290
100/43/001070	Salaries, As Needed	\$83,212
100/43/001090	Overtime	\$48,000
100/43/003040	Contractual Services	\$10,000
100/43/006010	Office and Admin	\$18,000
100/43/006030	Lease	\$95,006
	Total Fund 100/43	\$920,508

c. Increase appropriation within the Community Investment for Families Department Fund 100/21 as follows;

<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100/21/001010	Salaries, General	\$22,195 1
100/21/006030	Lease	\$3,383
	Total Fund 100/21	\$25,934

6. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LAHD, or designee, to execute an amendment to City contract number C-134129 with the Southern California Housing Rights Center to increase the authorized contract in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 for a total contract amount of up to \$119,900,124.82, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form.
7. INSTRUCT the LAHD to reallocate funds from the Administrative Reserve Account to fund staffing, translation, outreach, and other administrative costs up to the amount available from that account.
8. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LAHD, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions and make any necessary technical adjustments consistent with the Mayor and the City Council actions related to this matter, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and request the Controller to implement these instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LAHD reports that the proposed actions have no impact on the General Fund. Funding for the 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program is provided by the COVID -19 Relief Package, signed into law on December 27, 2020, and the American Rescue Plan signed into law on March 11, 2021.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY:

At a special meeting held on August 24, 2021, the Ad Hoc on COVID-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment Committee considered a LAHD report relative to the status and progress of the Citywide 2021 COVID-19 ERAP and recommendations for the implementation of an expanded ERAP2.

During the discussion, representatives from LAHD provided an overview of the matter and answered questions from Committee members. LAHD Staff also noted the need to make a technical correction to the subject LAHD report, Recommendation E1, Eighth Row down, under “43T299” (this is the Related Cost row) as this account number is mistakenly referenced. The correct Account No. is 43V299 in the amount of \$423,979.54.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended approving the matter as amended, as detailed in Recommendation 5a, Table. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COVID-19 RECOVERY AND NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT

MEMBER	VOTE
MARTINEZ:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	ABSENT
PRICE:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
O’FARRELL:	YES

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