

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a proposed strategic action plan for ending family and childhood poverty in the City by 2035.

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

1. INSTRUCT the Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD), to work in collaboration with other City departments, to develop and adopt a citywide poverty definition to be used for all City programs. The cost of living for City households is far higher than most cities; thus, more income is needed to meet basic needs and our definition of poverty should be broader than the limits of the Federal Poverty Level.
2. DIRECT the CIFD to convene a working group to continue collaborating with all City departments administering programs related to the alleviation of poverty in the City. This working group will further develop a landscape analysis of existing poverty alleviation programs, identify gaps in services, create shared intake processes where possible, coordinate data and identify opportunities to enhance resources. This working group will also inform the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan and will integrate strategies identified to reinforce the City's commitment to leverage Federal, State, and local resources to end child and family poverty by 2035.
3. INSTRUCT the CIFD to identify and collaborate with academic experts and researchers to conduct literature reviews to identify data-backed (1) protective factors, (2) risk factors, and (3) effective anti-poverty tactics, in order to have an evidence based approach to developing programs and policies to most accurately and efficiently prevent and provide relief from poverty, and report within 120 days.
4. INSTRUCT the CIFD to lead discussions for the development of cross-regional strategies that align efforts by County and State programs to combat poverty.
5. AUTHORIZE the CIFD to award, negotiate and execute a contract with Western Economic Services, LLC, for Consolidated Planning consultation, a vendor selected by the County, for an amount not to exceed \$270,000 and a 2-year contract term commencing on or about September 1, 2022, subject to funding availability and approval of the City Attorney as to form, to use in the development of the City's five-year housing and community development consolidated plan and associated activities, and report in 120 days on the proposed strategic actions, including opportunities to pilot a coordinated FamilySource and WorkSource intake and support program, as well as an evaluation of existing partnerships between the City and homelessness prevention programs.
6. INSTRUCT the CIFD to report for the Council's consideration and approval a draft of the five-year housing and community development consolidated plan.
7. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, CIFD, or designee, to prepare Controller Instructions and/or make any technical corrections that may be required and are consistent with the intent of this action, with the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and, INSTRUCT the Controller to implement these instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the CIFD. Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on June 23, 2022, your Homelessness and Poverty Committee considered a CIFD report relative to a proposed strategic action plan for ending family and childhood poverty in the City by 2035.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended to approve the recommendations contained in the CIFD report, as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
DE LEÓN:	YES
RAMAN:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	ABSENT
BLUMENFIELD:	ABSENT

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