

BUDGET, FINANCE AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the United to House LA (Measure ULA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Interim Program Guidelines and Expenditure Plan; and authority for related actions.

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

1. CONCUR with the August 2, 2023, actions of the Housing and Homelessness Committee.
2. RECOGNIZE that the Council is amending the ULA Guidelines and Expenditure Plan recommendations as developed by the ULA Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) and presented by the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) per Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 22.618.5 (d) and 22.618.6 (c)(1).
3. DIRECT LAHD to:
 - a) Revise the Short-term Emergency Rental Assistance program guidelines to include a new applicant category of “Small Housing Provider” defined as an owner of 12 rental housing units or fewer cumulatively, and allow Small Housing Providers to also initiate applications for assistance.
 - b) Report within 45 days how the department will expend the budgeted amount from the Protections from Tenant Harassment line item, and whether any remaining funds can be re-appropriated to the Short-term Emergency Rental Assistance program.
 - c) In coordination with the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and Office of the City Attorney, to develop and report with a proposed staffing plan for the Protections from Tenant Harassment program, including the enforcement of the Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance, and report to the ULA COC and Council to establish the projected annual cost for program implementation.
4. INSTRUCT the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to present the May 24, 2023 Homelessness Prevention Programs report (Council file No. 22-0799) to the ULA COC.
5. REQUEST that the ULA COC incorporate the recommendations from the May 24, 2023 CLA report relative to Homelessness Prevention Programs report (Council file No. 22-0799) into the ULA Permanent Program Guidelines.
6. DIRECT the CAO and LAHD to report quarterly to the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee relative to monitoring ULA related contracts, including the process for contract compliance, establishing program metrics, and evaluation.
7. AUTHORIZE a Reserve Fund loan in an amount up to \$111,931,674.12 to the House LA Fund for cash flow purposes related to Measure ULA, for which transfers will be processed on an as-needed basis upon submission of proper documentation from the Housing Department for Measure ULA programs that are ready for implementation, subject to the approval of the CAO. This authority will be reduced monthly in an amount equivalent to the actual receipt of Measure ULA revenue. This loan will be repaid in 2023-24 upon receipt of Measure ULA revenue.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that there is no impact to the General Fund at this time. The actions recommended in this report will be funded by revenue collected from Measure ULA. In the event Measure ULA is invalidated, the City’s General Fund may be obligated to cover any spent funds. Up to \$150 million in Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursements to the General Fund may be available for this purpose in 2024-25 and 2025-26.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations stated in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that one-time revenues will be used to fund one-time expenditures.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the special meeting held on August 17, 2023, the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee considered CAO and Los Angeles Housing Department reports relative to the Measure ULA FY 2023-24 Interim Program Guidelines and Expenditure Plan; and authority for related actions.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended to concur with the actions of the August 2, 2023, Housing and Homelessness Committee, as amended, to include recommendation nos. two through four, as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET, FINANCE AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON	YES
YAROSLAVSKY	YES
McOSKER	YES
RODRIGUEZ	ABSENT

AS 8.17.23

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