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One-Time Housing Funds For Whole Person Care Pilots

On July 22, 2019, the California Department of Health Care Services announced the availability of \$100 million in State General Funds for One-Time Funding of active Whole Person Care Pilot programs that provide housing services. This funding furthers the goal of WPC Pilot programs by providing grants to counties for the provision of long-term and short-term housing for Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are mentally ill and experiencing homelessness.

The County of Los Angeles (County) is eligible to apply for \$36,139,682.34 of onetime funding, which can be used for rental subsidies and capital investments. The County intends to submit an application for the maximum amount allocated to Los Angeles County which will be used for capital investments in housing projects which will result in new beds for individuals who are mentally ill and experiencing homelessness as well as new rental subsidies so that housing will be affordable.

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As part of the application process, the County is required to include the attached resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors authorizing the submission of the application and receipt of grant funds.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Adopt the attached resolution to apply for \$36,139,682.34 in California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) One-Time Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilots which will be used for capital investments in housing projects which will result in new beds for individuals who are mentally ill and experiencing homelessness as well as new rental subsidies so that housing will be affordable
- 2. Authorize and direct the Director of the Department of Health Services or her designee to execute the County of Los Angeles One-Time Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilots Application, Standard Agreement, any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the One-Time Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilots, and any amendments thereto, on behalf of the County as required by DHCS for receipt of the One-Time Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilots funds.
- 3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Health Services or her designee to work within existing delegated authority from the Board of Supervisors to negotiate and amend existing agreement(s) and/or work order(s), and/or enter into any new work order(s) or other agreement(s)

necessary to fund and receive deliverables and/or services as identified in

the DHCS Standard Agreement and any amendments thereto.

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, AND RECEIPT OF, ONE-TIME HOUSING FUNDS FOR WHOLE PERSON CARE PILOTS

WHEREAS, California's Governor Gavin C. Newsom and the California Legislature have recognized the critical role Whole Person Care Pilot programs play in reducing homelessness for those with special needs;

WHEREAS, The Governor, Legislature, and this County recognize the need for flexible state-only funding for new services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are living with mental illness who are also homeless or at risk of homelessness; as well as additional at-risk populations;

WHEREAS, The Governor and Legislature have made available a total of \$100 million dollars in one-time State General Fund housing funds for Fiscal Year 2019-20 to Whole Person Care Pilot programs of which \$36,139,682.34 has been allocated to the County of Los Angeles;

WHEREAS, The Governor and Legislature requires Whole Person Care Pilot programs to leverage other available funding for this purpose and prohibits any supplantation of existing funding or services in order to maximize the impact of Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs;

WHEREAS, The Governor and Legislature require Whole Person Care Pilot programs that receive Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs to expend the funds no later than June 30, 2025, and to further stipulate that services provided with this funding must comply with all Housing First principles as defined in California Welfare and Institutions Code §8255-8256; WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles designates the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services as the single point of contact to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for the Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs allocation;

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles affirms the county's commitment to combatting homelessness and improving housing options for residents living with mental illness and who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, or additional at-risk populations in our communities pursuant to the provisions of SB 74 and the receipt of Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby:

- Authorize the County to apply for and submit to DCHS the One-Time Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilots application released on July 22, 2019 in the amount of \$36,139,682.34.
- 2. Authorize, in connection with the One-Time Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilots, if the Application is approved by DHCS, the County to enter into, execute, and deliver a State of California Standard Agreement (Standard Agreement) for an amount not to exceed \$36,139,682.34, and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the One-Time Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilots, the County's obligations related thereto, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the "One-Time Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilots Documents").
- 3. Authorize and direct the Director of the Department of Health Services or her designee to execute the County of Los Angeles One-Time Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilots Application, Standard Agreement, any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the One-Time Housing Funds for Whole Person

Care Pilots, and any amendments thereto, on behalf of the County as required by DHCS for receipt of the One-Time Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilots funds.

The foregoing resolution was on the $\int_{-\infty}^{-\infty}$ day of (<u>)ctober</u> 2019, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.



CELIA ZAVALA, Executive Officer Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

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