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INNOVATION FUND FOR LOCAL CITIES COMBATTING HOMELESSNESS (ITEM NO. 19, AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2019)

On September 10, 2019, the Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Executive Office-Homeless Initiative (CEO-HI), to report to the Board in 45 days with a framework to provide \$6.0 million in available Measure H carryover funds from FY 2018-19 to Councils of Government (COGs) to support activities that: 1) align with the Board-approved, Homeless Initiative Action Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness; and 2) are consistent with Priority Areas 1 and 2 outlined in the recent Request For Proposals (RFP) to support implementation of city homelessness plans.

Background

The CEO-HI, COGs, and cities have been working together on homelessness solutions since the inception of the Homeless Initiative in August 2015. The COGs receive a total of \$500,000 annually to facilitate regional coordination of actions to prevent and combat homelessness among their member cities. The CEO-HI and COGs met on September 23, 2019, to discuss the framework for the Innovation Fund for local cities. Each of the COGs were represented at this meeting and provided insightful feedback on funding, governance/structure, and parameters on the allowable uses of the funding. This memo incorporates the feedback from this meeting.

Framework

The funds allocated to the COGs will further support the two Priority Areas set forth in the cities' Homelessness Implementation Plan RFP, which was released in September 2018:

- Priority Area 1, focusing on increasing the supply of permanent and interim housing for people experiencing homelessness, and
- Priority Area 2, focusing on enhancing County service systems for those experiencing and/or at-risk of homelessness.

The CEO-HI recommends that the Innovation Fund framework include the following elements:

1. Funding allocation for each COG shall be proportionate to the total 2019 Homeless Count of all cities within each respective COG, excluding the City of Los Angeles and the three cities which have their own Continuums of Care (Glendale, Long Beach, and Pasadena). The Antelope Valley, which includes the cities of Palmdale and Lancaster, does not currently have a COG structure in place, so the CEO-HI will work with the two cities to determine the funding process, activities, and deliverables. Attachment I provides the recommended funding allocation for each of the COGs and Attachment II lists the cities within each of the COGs.
2. Each COG shall conduct its own process to determine how to utilize this funding, provided that the funding shall be used only for activities which fall within Priority Area 1 or 2, described above. Each COG will have the flexibility to determine how the funding will be distributed to their member cities and/or if any of the funding will be administered directly by the COG for regional programs.
3. To expedite the availability of this funding, CEO-HI will include this funding in COG contracts for regional homeless coordination to include the following deliverables:
 - a. Within three months of augmenting a contract with the CEO-HI, each COG shall provide the CEO-HI with its plan for the utilization of its share of the funding, including allocation methodology, key activities, performance metrics, timeline, and target outcomes.
 - b. Each COG shall submit an interim implementation and outcomes report to the CEO within six months of submitting its plan and a final report 60 days after the conclusion of services/activities under the contract.
4. Services provided through the Innovation Fund will conclude by June 30, 2021, or 14 months after execution of the contract amendment with each COG, whichever is later.

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Funding

The CEO-HI has identified \$6.0 million in available Measure H carryover funds from FY 2018-19 to support these activities.

Cities and COGs have an important role and a unique perspective on the solutions to prevent and combat homelessness in their region. The Innovation Fund reflects the County's commitment to partner with cities and COGs to pursue regional solutions to homelessness. Subject to Board approval of the recommended framework and associated funding, the CEO-HI will work with the COGs to expeditiously amend their contracts to incorporate the Innovation Fund.

Future updates will be provided in the Homeless Initiative's Quarterly Reports. If you have any questions, please contact Phil Ansell, Director, Homeless Initiative, at (213) 974-1752 or by email at pansell@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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Attachments

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Innovation Funding
Proposed Funding Allocation Based on 2019 Homeless Count

Council of Governments	% Allocation Based on 2019 Homeless Count	Funding Allocation
Antelope Valley	10.11%	\$606,769
Gateway Cities	34.29%	\$2,057,235
Las Virgenes-Malibu	1.36%	\$81,528
San Fernando Valley	4.78%	\$287,079
San Gabriel Valley	25.70%	\$1,541,876
Southbay Cities	12.33%	\$739,685
Westside Cities	11.43%	\$685,827
Total	100.00%	\$6,000,000

List of Cities within the Councils of Governments

ANTELOPE VALLEY

Palmdale
Lancaster

GATEWAY CITIES

Artesia
Avalon
Bell
Bellflower
Bell Gardens
Cerritos
Commerce
Compton
Cudahy
Downey
Hawaiian Gardens
Huntington Park
Industry
La Mirada
Lakewood
Long Beach
Lynwood
Maywood
Montebello
Norwalk
Paramount
Pico Rivera
Santa Fe Springs
Signal Hill
South Gate
Vernon
Whittier

LAS VIRGENES -

MALIBU

Agoura Hills
Calabasas
Hidden Hills
Malibu
Westlake Village

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

Alhambra
Arcadia
Azusa
Baldwin Park
Bradbury
Claremont
Covina
Diamond Bar
Duarte
El Monte
Glendora
Industry
Irwindale
La Cañada Flintridge
La Puente
La Verne
Monrovia
Montebello
Monterey Park
Pasadena
Pomona
Rosemead
San Dimas
San Gabriel
San Marino
Sierra Madre
South El Monte
South Pasadena
Temple City
Walnut
West Covina

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Burbank
Glendale
San Fernando
Santa Clarita

SOUTH BAY CITIES

Carson
El Segundo
Gardena
Hawthorne
Hermosa Beach
Inglewood
Lawndale
Lomita
Manhattan Beach
Palos Verdes Estates
Rancho Palos Verdes
Redondo Beach
Rolling Hills
Rolling Hills Estates
Torrance

WESTSIDE CITIES

Beverly Hills
Culver City
Santa Monica
West Hollywood