

AGN. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS JANICE HAHN AND  
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August 4, 2020

**CARES Act Funds for Programs**

On July 21, 2020, this Board approved a spending plan for its allocation of the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) from the U.S. Treasury, totaling \$1.220 billion for COVID-19 related expenditures (Spending Plan). This unprecedented infusion of funding is critically needed to address the ongoing public health and economic crisis faced by the County. This Board has committed to deploying these resources expeditiously in order to provide much-needed relief to County residents and businesses and to incur all costs by December 30, 2020, as required by the CARES Act. This Board is equally committed to allocating the CARES Act CRF thoughtfully and equitably, recognizing the disproportionate impact which COVID-19 has had on some of the County's most vulnerable residents, particularly communities of color. This Board's approved Spending Plan strikes a balance by supporting public health, health care, human services, and similar expenses for services addressing the needs of these communities.

The Board unanimously allocated \$656 million of the \$1.220 billion total to support the public health of County residents, including virus detection, contact tracing, infection control, childcare and a robust communication campaign around these efforts. These

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funds will also support medical sheltering for COVID-19 positive individuals and for those presumed COVID-19 positive, including sheltering and services for victims of domestic violence who may not be safe self-isolating at home.

Through past actions we have demonstrated commitments to rebuild and sustain a high quality of life for the County's residents and businesses impacted by COVID-19. On June 23, 2020, this Board unanimously approved \$30 million in CARES Act CRF for the Los Angeles County Rent Relief Program to provide rental assistance to households, particularly in disadvantaged communities, mostly likely to fall into homelessness. The Spending Plan allocated another \$70 million in CARES Act CRF for a total of \$100 million to the Los Angeles County Rent Relief Program to be administered by the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA).

Additionally, the Spending Plan allocated another \$100 million to provide financial and other support for County residents. This will include food and nutrition, and childcare for essential workers whose children are unable to attend school due to school closures driven by COVID-19.

On April 14, 2020, the Board approved the creation of the Los Angeles COVID-19 Regional Recovery Fund, a public-private partnership providing financial assistance to microentrepreneurs, small businesses, and nonprofits, and on June 9, 2020, the Board approved Supervisors Solis and Hahn's motion to provide grants to small businesses for personal protective equipment (PPE), sanitization materials, and other COVID-19 related costs. The Board also approved another \$160 million in the Spending Plan for small businesses, which represent the economic engine of the County's local economy. These funds will provide additional resources for the Los Angeles COVID-19 Regional Recovery Fund, the existing LA County Employer Assistance Grant Fund which will prioritize restaurants and other business sectors that are unable to operate due to Health Officer

Order restrictions as well as provide grants to child care operators and nonprofits in the arts sector that have been impacted and have suffered economic hardship due to COVID-19.

In addition to the programs mentioned above, the Spending Plan provides for other County programs that will assist those in need who have been economically impacted by COVID-19. This Board must now take action and release the CARES Act CRF detailed in the Spending Plan to assist and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**WE, THEREFORE MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors

1. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment that reflects an overall increase in appropriation of \$71,000,000 as follows: CEO budget unit (\$25,000,000), Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) Assistance budget unit (\$43,000,000), and the WDACS Administrative budget unit (\$3,000,000) offset by a corresponding combined increase of \$71,000,000 in federal revenue from the CARES Act CRF in these budget units to fund various food and nutrition programs.
2. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment that reflects an increase of \$100,000,000 in appropriation in the Affordable Housing budget unit offset by a corresponding increase in federal revenue from the CARES Act CRF to fully fund the Los Angeles County Rent Relief Program to be administered by the LACDA.
3. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment that reflects an overall increase in appropriation of \$135,000,000 as follows: WDACS Assistance budget unit (\$56,000,000), the WDACS Administrative budget unit (\$4,000,000), the Economic Development budget unit (\$65,000,000) and the Department of Arts and Culture budget unit (\$10,000,000) offset by a corresponding combined increase of \$135,000,000 in federal revenue from the CARES Act CRF in these budget units

to fund small business assistance programs.

4. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment that reflects an increase of \$90,000,000 in appropriation in the Department of Public Health (DPH) budget unit offset by a corresponding increase of \$90,000,000 in federal revenue from the CARES Act CRF to fund various public health projects and programs.
5. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment that reflects an increase of \$111,000,000 in appropriation in the Homeless and Housing budget unit and \$37,000,000 in the Vignes Permanent Supportive Housing, Capital Project No. 69912 under Capital Assets – Buildings and Improvements offset by a corresponding increase of \$148,000,000 in federal revenue from the CARES Act CRF to fund Project Roomkey, recovery housing for Project Roomkey residents and other individuals experiencing homelessness who are eligible for Project Roomkey, and housing capital costs targeting Project Roomkey residents and other individuals experiencing homelessness who are eligible for Project Roomkey.
6. Delegate authority to the CEO, or her designee, to execute subrecipient agreements, and any necessary amendments, with LACDA, the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA), and any other service partners to effectuate the above-funding allocations and establish the parameters by which LACDA, LAHSA and any other service partners will utilize the funding in accordance with the CARES Act and the Spending Plan not to exceed the following:
  - a. Twenty-Five Million (\$25,000,000) in accordance with the food and nutrition programs established in the Spending Plan approved by this Board on July 21, 2020.
  - b. Thirty Million (\$30,000,000) authorized on June 23, 2020, and an

additional Seventy Million (\$70,000,000) to the LACDA for the Los Angeles County Rent Relief Program for a total of \$100 million, including administrative costs, for income-eligible households who are in need of rental assistance due to economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- c. Sixty-Five Million (\$65,000,000) to the LACDA for the Los Angeles COVID-19 Regional Recovery Fund, including administrative costs, in partnership with the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA), and through a grant program for child care operators. Both programs will prioritize grants to microentrepreneurs, small and medium-sized businesses, child care operators, and nonprofits that have been impacted and have suffered economic hardship due to COVID-19.
- d. Fifty Million (\$50,000,000) to LAHSA to fund housing and related costs for Project Roomkey residents and other individuals experiencing homelessness who are eligible for Project Roomkey.

7. Authorize and delegate authority to the CEO, Acting Director of WDACS, Director of Arts and Culture Department, Director of DPH, or their respective designees, in consultation with County Counsel, to enter into, execute, if necessary, amend, subrecipient agreements or any related above-program agreements, including sole-source, when necessary, with any service providers, including but not limited to cities and nonprofits, necessary to implement the above directives and to comply with the requirements of the CARES Act to not exceed the following:

- a. Forty-Six Million (\$46,000,000) to WDACS to fund continuing nutrition and meal services, and associated administrative costs, for

food delivery to residents, including senior citizens and other vulnerable populations, to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions, as part of, but not limited to, existing efforts under the Great Plates Program and Elderly Nutrition Program, through current contractors, non-profit organizations, vendors and restaurants.

- b. Sixty Million (\$60,000,000) to WDACS to fund a mix of workforce and business programs, and associated administrative costs, targeting small businesses and temporary employment programs through non-profit organizations, qualified Social Enterprises, and current contractors, for the provision of economic support, including necessary PPE acquisition, to reimburse the costs of business interruptions caused, or affected, by required closures.
- c. Ten Million (\$10,000,000) to the Arts and Culture Department to provide grants to Los Angeles regional arts nonprofits suffering from business interruptions due to COVID-19 related business closures.
- d. Seventy Million (\$70,000,000) to the DPH in accordance with the Spending Plan approved by the Board on July 21, 2020.
- e. Five Million (\$5,000,000) to the DPH to support increased need for domestic violence sheltering and services attributed to COVID-19.
- f. Fifteen Million (\$15,000,000) to the DPH to support additional childcare vouchers to serve low-income children through the Alternative Payment Programs, as well as additional childcare vouchers for essential workers.

**WE, FURTHER MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors, acting as the Commissioners of the Los Angeles County Development Authority:

1. Delegate authority to the Acting Executive Director of LACDA, or his designee, in consultation with County Counsel, to enter into, execute, if necessary, amend, subrecipient agreements or any related program agreements, including sole-source, when necessary, with the County and any service providers, including but not limited to cities and nonprofits, necessary to implement the directives and to comply with the requirements of the CARES Act to not exceed the following:
  - a. Seventy Million (\$70,000,000) to the LACDA for the Los Angeles County Rent Relief Program for a total of \$100 million, including administrative costs, for income-eligible households who are in need of rental assistance due to economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - b. Sixty-Five Million (\$65,000,000) to the LACDA for the Los Angeles COVID-19 Regional Recovery Fund, including administrative costs, in partnership with the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA), and through a grant program for childcare operators. Both programs will prioritize grants to microentrepreneurs, small and medium-sized businesses, childcare operators, and nonprofits that have been impacted and have suffered economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Authorize the Acting Executive Director to accept and incorporate up to \$135 million into the LACDA's approved FY 2020-21 budget as needed.
3. Authorize the Acting Executive Director to hire or contract for positions as appropriate to implement CARES Act CRF activities necessary for the above-described programs.

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