

The Hollywood Arts Collective Project Funding Allocation (ARP Funds)

The Hollywood Arts Collective Project is comprised of two buildings that together will provide affordable space for arts and entertainment professionals to live, work, and create in the heart of Hollywood; open new opportunities in creative careers for underserved youth in the neighborhood; and host the new Western Region Headquarters for the Entertainment Community Fund.

The Cicely Tyson Residential Building (1630 Schrader Boulevard, Los Angeles), is a new construction from the ground up, which includes 151 units of affordable housing, three resident gardens, a fitness room, rehearsal studios for resident performers, as well as the new home for the Entertainment Community Fund Western Region Headquarters.

The Rita Moreno Arts Building (6522 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles) will be home to the 71-seat Glorya Kaufman Performing Arts Theater, LA Contemporary Exhibitions (LACE), the LA County High School for the Arts (LACHSA), and the Entertainment Community Fund’s Phil and Monica Rosenthal Family Foundation Training Center. The funding allocated in this motion would specifically support the demolition of the current structures and the structural build back supporting a roof with lighter, safer material, and new skylights for the combined public spaces of the paseo. This paseo will

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lead visitors in from Hollywood Boulevard to the inner courtyard, sculpture pedestal, and entrance to the Glorja Kaufman Performing Arts Theater, and then up to the training rooms on the second floor.

The building will create affordable rehearsal and performance space for community-based theater, music, and dance organizations in Hollywood, and provide diverse young talent with education and employment pathways in theater, music, dance, television and film. It will also revive a dilapidated property, eliminating urban blight, which will be an engine for economic development on Hollywood Boulevard between Highland and Vine, particularly in the four-block area around The Hollywood Arts Collective.

The County proposes a contribution of up to \$1 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARP)-enabled funds to support the project thus continuing to meet critical needs in the community following the COVID-19 pandemic. The \$1 million in funding to support this project will be re-aligned from the West LA Armory Project, which has a current ARP-enabled funding allocation of \$33.7 million. The funding will be appropriated in a future budget phase. The \$1 million will be used to fund a portion of the following project components; including, demolition of the current building (total cost \$280,195), framing and rough carpentry for the new building (total cost \$363,132), and structural steel (total cost \$485,400). In addition to the proposed \$1 million in ARP-enabled funding from the County, the Entertainment Community Fund has received significant philanthropic donations for the project, as well as other public sector funds. The proposed funding will allow the Entertainment Community Fund to complete the Rita Moreno Arts Building, which will create affordable rehearsal and performance space for community-based theater, music, and dance organizations in Hollywood, and provide diverse young talent

with education and employment pathways in theater, music, dance, television and film. The City of Los Angeles has issued a permit for the project.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Find that execution by the County of a funding agreement with the Entertainment Community Fund for the Fund's development of the Rita Moreno Arts Building and related actions herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. which apply to minor alteration of an existing facility, renovation and demolition with negligible expansion of use because the scope is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment. In addition, based on the records of the proposed City permitted project, it will comply with all applicable regulations, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable. Upon the Board's approval of the action herein, CEO will file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk and with the State Clearinghouse at the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21152 and will post the Notice to the County's website in accordance with Section 21092.2.

- 2) Find that, pursuant to Government Code section 26227, the use of funds in the amount of up to \$1,000,000 in ARP-enabled funding is deemed by the Board to be necessary to meet the social needs of the population of the County of Los Angeles and serves a public purpose.
- 3) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or her designee, to execute, and if necessary, amend or terminate a funding agreement with the Entertainment Community Fund in an amount of up to \$1,000,000, to contribute to demolition and re-construction of the Rita Moreno Arts Building project.

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