

November 15, 2022

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL**

**Additional Funding Allocation for West Los Angeles Armory Bridge Housing Project**

The West Los Angeles Armory, an active National Guard property, was conveyed by the federal government to the State of California in 1957 for military purposes. For over ten years, the site has served as an annual winter shelter, providing 160 overnight shelter beds to individuals experiencing homelessness in Service Planning Area (SPA) 5. While the use of a portion of the West Los Angeles Armory during the winter months has provided refuge from inclement weather, there is a critical need for space to provide bridge housing year-round, particularly in this area of Los Angeles where the high cost of real estate limits options for public or private land that could be used for interim housing.

In August, 2022, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the West Los Angeles Armory Bridge Housing Project (WLA Armory Project), allocating \$26.7 million in American Rescue Plan Tranche 1 funding to fund the construction of the project. The project will provide approximately 167 interim beds, paired with ample wraparound services, for individuals and couples over the age of 18. The People Concern, one of the County's largest social services agencies serving the most vulnerable residents on the Westside of Los Angeles County since 1965, will construct and operate the site.

Los Angeles County (County) Supervisorial District 3 (SD3) has worked with State and

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federal partners to pass State legislation authorizing the State and County to enter into a proposed lease of a portion of the West Los Angeles Armory and had language included in the Federal National Defense Authorization Act of 2019 allowing the property to be used for homeless services in addition to military purposes. The previously approved WLA Armory Project contemplated construction of a parking garage to replace the National Guard surface parking spots which the Bridge Housing building will remove. The previously approved appropriation for the WLA Armory Project did not account for the cost of construction of the replacement parking; however, during lease negotiations with the National Guard, it has been confirmed that this cost should be borne by the County. Additionally, construction materials and labor costs have skyrocketed during the pandemic, causing sharp budget increases in many capital projects, including the WLA Armory. The Chief Executive Office (CEO) has identified \$10 million in ARP Tranche 2 dollars to bridge the WLA Armory's construction funding gap caused by parking replacement cost and increasing capital costs.

The West LA Armory will bring much needed bridge housing beds to SPA 5, a critical component of our homeless response system that combines a safe place for people experiencing homelessness in the community to sleep and the comprehensive wraparound services they need to successfully move out of homelessness and into permanent housing. The West LA Armory will bring much needed beds to SPA 5. As the County continues to expand our investments addressing the homelessness crisis, it would be prudent for the Board to allocate the identified ARP Tranche 2 funding to close the funding gap and ensure the successful completion

of this project.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors 1. Find that the proposed actions are within the scope of the Board's August 9, 2022 determination that the West Los Angeles Armory bridge housing project (WLA Armory Project), is statutorily and categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons stated in that action and in the record of the project. Detailed documentation of the applicable exemptions and the inapplicability of the exceptions to the use of categorical exemptions (section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines) is available for review at the Department of Health Services, 238 E. 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90014. Upon the Board's approval of the below actions, the Department of Health Services will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with section 21152 of the Public Resources Code and will post the Notice to its website pursuant to section 21092.2;

2. Find that the WLA Armory Project is necessary to meet the social needs of the population of the County pursuant to Government Code section 26227; and

3. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment that reflects an increase of \$10,000,000 in appropriation for the Department of Health Services, which will be fully offset by the recognition of \$10,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF) for the Project via ARP's revenue loss provisions.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT**

DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:**

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HER RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

**ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFORE**

**FY 2022-23**

**4 - VOTES**

SOURCES		USES	
PSS-INDIGENT AID A01-SS-90-90WQ-26300-26460 ARP - GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES <b>INCREASE REVENUE</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>	HEALTH SERVICES - HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION A01-HS-5500-20000 OTHER CHARGES <b>INCREASE APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>
<b>SOURCES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,000,000</b>	<b>USES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,000,000</b>

**JUSTIFICATION**

Reflects an increase of \$10,000,000 in appropriation for the Department of Health Services to support the West Los Angeles Armory project, which will be fully offset by the recognition of \$10,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF) for the project via ARP's revenue loss provisions.

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE**

JAMES YUN, MANAGER, CEO

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

CELIA ZAVALA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR---

ACTION

RECOMMENDATION  
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B.A. NO. **052**

DATE **11-10-2022**

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**Matthew J. Diaz**  
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