

August 08, 2023

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR LINDSEY P. HORVATH**

**Project Angel Food Funding Allocation**

The United States Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods. Los Angeles County is home to the largest population of food insecure people in the nation with as many as one in five Angelenos, or about two million people, being food insecure. Given its correlation to poverty, nearly 30 percent of low-income people in Los Angeles County struggle with not knowing where their next meal will come from. At the height of the COVID pandemic, the issue was exacerbated with 34 percent of all Los Angeles County households reporting food insecurity.

Food is a fundamental human need. Nutritionally adequate food provides critical nourishment that can sustain one's health. Food also plays a particularly important role in supporting healthy development and managing chronic disease. With proper diet, people diagnosed with conditions such as heart disease, cancer, HIV/AIDS, and kidney failure, can manage these conditions, sustain their health, and improve their quality of life. Food is an essential ingredient to living a healthy, fulfilling life. Recognizing the need for a more systemic response, the County partnered with philanthropy to create the Los Angeles County Food Equity Roundtable which seeks to achieve equity in food systems by ending food and nutrition insecurity in the County.

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Project Angel Food was established in 1989 to improve health outcomes and end food insecurity for seriously ill people in Los Angeles County by preparing and delivering medically tailored meals with compassion and hope. Originally created to support people with HIV/AIDS, Project Angel Food has evolved to meet the ever growing and increasing need of people with chronic and terminal illnesses such as cancer, kidney failure and congestive heart failure. In response to the COVID pandemic, Project Angel Food increased its services by an impressive 42 percent. Project Angel Food complements the provision of meals with nutrition counseling and human connection, which supports critically and terminally ill people. In 2022, Project Angel Food prepared and delivered 1.5 million medically tailored meals. Centrally located in Hollywood, Project Angel Food serves residents throughout Los Angeles County. In fact, in December 2022, Project Angel Food served 25,813 meals in SD 1; 44,519 in SD 2; 31,403 in SD 3; 20,274 in SD 4; and 16,146 in SD5.

With the end of the COVID-19 states of emergencies at the federal, state and local levels, we must ensure that we continue to meet our community's most critical needs. Food insecurity was exacerbated by the pandemic and has not resolved just because the states of emergency are over. In fact, Project Angel Food has maximized its programming at its current facility and its analysis indicates that the demand for its services is projected to increase to 2 million meals in a few years. The County has an opportunity to partner with Project Angel Food by leveraging federal COVID-19 relief funds to expand much needed services for ill and homebound adults who are food insecure.

The County proposes a contribution of up to \$1,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) enabled funds to support the expansion of Project Angel Food's service capacity. The proposed funding would allow Project Angel Food to: (1) acquire and install fixtures and equipment at its facilities in order to produce a greater number of meals in a more effective work environment and dedicate space for administrative functions; (2) conduct an expanded nutrition program and develop partnerships with dietitians, chefs and researchers; and (3) form a Research and Policy Institute to explore the impact of nutrition on health for people with serious illnesses.

The 2023 State Budget (AB 102, Chapter 38, Statutes of 2023) also included \$500,000 of one-time funding in support of Project Angel Food and requested that the County act as the Local Fiscal Agent for these funds. Authorization is needed to accept these funds and execute any necessary funding agreements.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and section 15378, subdivision (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines (Guidelines) or, in the alternative, are exempt pursuant to Class 15061, subdivision (b)(3) of the Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that the actions will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. The proposed actions would create a government funding

mechanism that does not involve any commitment to a specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

2. Find that, pursuant to Government Code section 26227, the use of funds in the amount of up to \$1,000,000 in ARPA-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 Project Angel Food at an amount of up to \$1,000,000, to provide support for capacity expansion at Project Angel Food's facility located at 922 Vine Street in Los Angeles, California. The Funding Agreement shall specify performance milestones to ensure that funds are used solely for the purposes specified in the Funding Agreement and consistent with this Motion, which must include but are not limited to:
  - a. In the event the County funds are insufficient to completely fund Project Angel Food's capacity expansion, Project Angel Food must demonstrate it has other available funds sufficient to complete the planned capacity expansion as a condition of drawing down County funds;
  - b. If funds are paid other than on a reimbursement basis, the County may only release funds to Project Angel Food if specific criteria are met, as set forth in the Funding Agreement, that demonstrate funds will immediately be used

to pay for eligible costs incurred and owed;

- c. Funds must be used only for capacity expansion costs and shall not be used to reimburse staff costs or the cost of continuing to provide existing services;
  - d. All unused funds must be returned to the County; and
  - e. Project Angel Food must provide regular reporting on the status of its projected capacity expansion and must provide an annual report to the County each year for three years following completion of the expansion documenting the measurable service impacts and client outcomes of the expansion.
- 4. Direct the Executive Director of the Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative (ARDI) to evaluate Project Angel Food's proposal and recommend provisions in the Funding Agreement that will ensure the investment of ARPA-enabled funding will result in equitable outcomes.
  - 5. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment to re-align \$1,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF) from the Sylvan Place Interim Housing Acquisition, Capital Project No. 77042, which was funded via ARPA's revenue loss provisions, to the Project and Facility Development budget unit to support a Funding Agreement with Project Angel Food.
  - 6. Delegate authority to the CEO, or her designee, to: 1) accept \$500,000 of one-time funding allocated to the County in the 2023-24 State budget to support

Project Angel Food's expansion at its facility located at 922 Vine Street; 2) execute contracts and other relevant actions to serve as Local Government Fiscal Agent for this funding; and 3) authorize the CEO to withhold reasonable administrative fees, as allowed by law.

- a. Administer costs
- b. Project oversight and costs

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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 2023-24  
3 - VOTES

SOURCES		USES	
VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS			
SYLVAN PLACE INTERIM HOUSING ACQUISITION		PROJECT AND FACILITY DEVELOPMENT	
A01-CP-6006-65099-77042		A01-CF-5500-10190	
CAPITAL ASSETS - LAND		OTHER CHARGES	
DECREASE APPROPRIATION	1,000,000	INCREASE APPROPRIATION	1,000,000
SOURCES TOTAL	\$ 1,000,000	USES TOTAL	\$ 1,000,000

JUSTIFICATION

Reflects realignment of \$1,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF) from the Sylvan Place Interim Housing Acquisition project, Capital Project No. 77042, which was funded via ARP's revenue loss provisions, to the Project and Facility Development budget unit to support Project Angel Food.

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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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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