

CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

February 24, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Anita D. Scott, City Manager

Submitted By: Beverly Johnson, Neighborhood Services Director

SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF

MEASURE H HOMELESS INITIATIVE FUNDS TO ADMINISTER THE HOMELESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM (HIP) AND AMENDMENT OF

THE FY 2024-25 OPERATING BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-22- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$90,627 IN MEASURE H HOMELESS INITIATIVE FUNDS TO LOCALLY ADMINISTER THE HOMELESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM (HIP) AND THE AMENDMENT OF THE FY 2024-25 OPERATING BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS BY \$3,633

2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements, amendments and any other documentation requested for acceptance of the award, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) informed the City of Pomona Housing Authority (PHA) that \$90,627 had been awarded in Measure H Homeless Initiative, Strategy B4 funds to support persons experiencing homelessness with Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV). The contract period for this award is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

SB1439/GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLICABILITY:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-22 (Attachment No. 1) will authorize the acceptance of \$90,627 in Los Angeles County Measure H funds to support persons experiencing homelessness. Of the \$90,627 award, \$9,062 will be allocated to 139-1702-XXXXX-65401 for administrative costs, and the remaining \$81,565 will be assigned to 139-1791-XXXXX-65401 for program operation. The proposed FY 2024-25 budget was based on the previous award of \$86,994. The agreement increased, resulting in a need to increase revenue estimates and appropriations by \$3,633.

Revenue Account #	Change to 2024-25	Expenditure Account	Requested 2024-25
	Revenue Estimates	#	Appropriations (\$)
139-1702-40903-65401	+\$1,153	139-1702-52402-65401	+\$1,153
139-1791-40903-65401	+\$2,480	139-1791-52402-65401	+\$2,480
		Total	\$3,633

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:

On June 13, 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved funding allocations for each of the Measure H eligible Homeless Initiative strategies that included an allocation for Strategy B4. On November 20, 2017, the City Council approved the agreement with the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA), now known as the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), to provide support to persons experiencing homelessness. Additionally, the PHA would provide resources to assist those searching for housing while encouraging landlord acceptance of subsidized tenants who have had vouchers issued to them.

DISCUSSION:

Los Angeles County's Measure H Initiative should generate an estimated \$355 million annually for an estimated \$3.5 billion over 10 years to provide housing, programs, and services to its most vulnerable residents. One of the eligible strategies under Measure H is Strategy B4 – "Facilitate Utilization of Federal Housing Subsidies." The initiative aims to do this by providing Public Housing Authorities throughout LA County with funding to encourage landlord acceptance of subsidized tenants determined to be homeless with a HUD youcher.

The LACDA and the PHA believed providing additional resources to homeless families in Pomona would be mutually beneficial through the HIP. There are four components of the HIP including:

Holding Fees:

The Holding Fees incentivize landlords to receive one month's rent for having an available unit for homeless individuals and families who are determined eligible for housing.

• Assistance with credit checks and rental application fees:

Once clients select a unit, they can receive financial assistance to cover the costs of a credit check and rental application fees.

• Move-In Assistance:

Provided to HCV Participants through security deposits, utility assistance, and furniture essentials.

• Damage Claims:

Financial assistance to Landlords to mitigate damages by tenants during their occupancy in subsidized units.

The original Interagency Agreement between LACDA and the PHA was entered into on April 2, 2018, for an annual allocation of \$19,250 to assist five HCV participants with allowable activities. However, the issuance of Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) by HUD, which provided funding for similar activities, led to a decrease in the utilization of HIP funds. Since all EHV funds have been expended, there has been an increase in the utilization of HIP funding. In 2024, the PHA requested an increase in the number of HCV participants supported through the HIP, raising the number from 5 to 15, resulting in an award of \$86,994 for FY 2023-24. The award for FY 2024-25 increased to \$90,627.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES & GOALS:

This action supports City Council Goal K – to reduce the unsheltered homeless population by 10% annually and take actions to mitigate the impacts of homelessness on the community.

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ATTACHMENT:

Attachment No. 1 – Resolution No. 2025-22