



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

May 5, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Anita D. Scott, City Manager

Submitted By: Beverly Johnson, Neighborhood Services Director

SUBJECT: APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BARR & CLARK, INC. FOR RADON TESTING SERVICES BY INCREASING TOTAL AMOUNT TO \$149,900

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- 1) Approve an increase to the existing professional services agreement with Barr & Clark, Inc. for Radon Testing Professional Services by \$50,000; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the amendment to the professional services agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Approval of this report authorizes the increase to the professional services agreement with Barr & Clark, Inc. by \$50,000 to continue radon testing services for the City's Keeping Pomona Homes Healthy (KPHH) program.

SB1439/GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLICABILITY:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Radon testing services are funded directly through the City's KPHH program. The professional services budget (Acct # 189-1791-52285-00000) has sufficient funding to cover the \$50,000 increase in the cost for Barr & Clark, Inc. services through August 31, 2025. The July and August costs for radon testing will be charged to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

DISCUSSION:

The Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (HUD OLHCHH) provides funding for the KPHH program to reduce housing-related hazards and diseases in private properties occupied by low-income households with children and other vulnerable populations. The program comprehensively addresses housing-related diseases and injuries by testing for 29 potential hazards, including radon. The KPHH Grant Program will end **on August 30, 2025**. This request authorizes an amendment to the existing agreement with Barr & Clark, Inc. to increase the total compensation amount by \$50,000 to continue radon testing services **through August 31, 2025**, or the remainder of the KPHH Grant.

Radon testing is required to implement the City's KPHH program. All residential units approved under the program, including single- and multi-unit housing units, must be tested for radon. This naturally occurring, radioactive, colorless gas can build up indoors and pose a health risk, especially to the lungs. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking.

On November 21, 2022, the City entered into a professional services agreement with Barr & Clark, Inc., for radon testing. The total compensation amount is \$99,900, with the Agreement term expiring in November 2025. However, this amount has been fully committed, with around 66 more households remaining in the pipeline for assistance. To enable the staff to meet its performance benchmark with HUD by the August 31, 2025 grant end date, the staff requests an increase in the existing Agreement with Barr & Clark for radon testing services by \$50,000, which will allow time for staff to issue a new Request for Proposal and award an Agreement for radon testing services for various HUD-funded housing rehabilitation programs.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES & GOALS:

This item supports the 2021-2022 City Council Priority 3: Increased Opportunity and Housing Stability - Goal J: Encourage the development and maintenance of quality housing opportunities for all.

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