



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

August 1, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: James Makshanoff, City Manager

Submitted By: Benita De Frank, Neighborhood Services Director

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MEASURE H FUNDED AWARD OF \$106,000 FOR THE TRI-CITIES COHORT GRANT, AMEND CONTRACT WITH TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH AND AMEND FY 2022-23 OPERATING BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-114 (ATTACHMENT NO. 1) – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND ALLOCATION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEASURE H FUNDED AWARD OF \$106,000 TO EXTEND THE TRI-CITIES COHORT GRANT THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022, TO AMEND THE TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH CONTRACT FOR NAVIGATION SERVICES BY \$106,000 AND AMEND FY 2022-23 OPERATING BUDGET

- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract and other documentation requested for acceptance and implementation of the grant award, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Pomona applied for and was awarded \$1,069,254 in Measure H funds under Los Angeles County's Homeless Programs grant. In seeking these funds, the City of Pomona submitted a multi-jurisdictional application, known as the Tri-Cities Cohort, which included the cities of La Verne and Claremont. The application also included Tri-City Mental Health (Tri-City) as the provider of homeless prevention services, access to interim housing for families, and the development of Homeless Resources Community Navigation Program. The original grant term was from August 19, 2019 to December 31, 2021. However, the County of Los Angeles provided cities the opportunity to request for a 'No-Cost Extension' to continue performing critical programming through December 31, 2022. In addition, the City of Pomona received a \$106,000

in Measure H funding from the County of Los Angeles to continue to support the community navigation program throughout all three cohort cities and administrative costs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

During the previous fiscal year (FY 2021-22), the City accepted an initial \$106,000 award from the County of Los Angeles for the Tri-Cities Cohort Grant. However, due to county internal funding matters, the County of Los Angeles was unable to fulfill the \$106,000 award reimbursement to the City of Pomona. Therefore, due to these circumstances, the County of Los Angeles provided an award for the same amount under FY 2022-23. The City of Pomona is required to continue to perform the Tri-Cities Cohort Grant's scope of services specified. Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-114 will authorize the acceptance of \$106,000 for the Tri-Cities Cohort Grant. Funds for this action will allow the City of Pomona to amend FY 2022-23 Operating Budget and increase revenue estimates by \$106,000 and appropriate \$97,890 in Measure H funding to continue services and \$8,110 in administrative costs through December 31, 2022.

FUNDING SOURCE	PROJECT	REVENUE ACCT #	INCREASE TO REVENUE (\$)	EXPENDITURE ACCT #	APPROPRIATE (\$)
Measure H	Tri-City Cohort Grant	139-1791-40903-65405	\$97,890	139-1791-52285-65405	\$97,890
Measure H	Tri-City Cohort Grant	139-1702-40903-65405	\$8,110	139-1702-52285-65405	\$8,110

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:

On August 5, 2019, City Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-116, allowing the City of Pomona to receive and appropriate \$1,069,254 in Measure H funding (139-1791-XXXXXX-65405) to implement the Tri-Cities Cohort Grant (Priority Area 2), from the County of Los Angeles to enhance the City of Pomona's current efforts in addressing homelessness. On September 16, 2019, City Council authorized the award of a sole source contract, to Tri-City Mental Health for sub-recipient program services that are related to the Measure H funded Tri-Cities Cohort Grant.

DISCUSSION:

In 2017, the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the Measure H Homeless Initiative (HI) funding to cities in order to develop their own plans and efforts on homelessness. In 2018, forty-one (41) cities throughout the county, including the City of Pomona, submitted their plans on homelessness to the County agency. In September 2018, the BOS approved \$9 million in Measure H funding, for the Homeless Initiative and United Way Home for Good Funders Collaborative (Home for Good) to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP). Eligible cities were to implement their homelessness plans, either as individual cities or multi-jurisdictional partners. The Home for Good RFP outlined two priority areas that would be considered for funding. Priority Area 1 focused on increasing the supply of interim and permanent housing for people experiencing

homelessness and Priority Area 2, focused on enhancing the service system for unhoused individuals or individuals at-risk of becoming homeless.

Tri-Cities Cohort: Multi-jurisdictional Partnership (Priority Area 2)

The City of Pomona (as fiscal agent), along with the cities of La Verne and Claremont, submitted their proposal, and were awarded \$1,069,254 in funding, to develop programming and services that enhanced the homeless services delivery system within the sub-region. Through a collaborative outreach effort with Tri-City Mental Health, the cities established collaborative goals and activities to address homelessness within the Tri-Cities area of San Gabriel Valley. These goals and activities focused on: 1) Contributing to the establishment of a Regional Housing Trust Fund to further the development of affordable housing within the region and sub-region; 2) Expanding access to shelter for individuals and families, including transitional aged youth and seniors; 3) Expanding short-term emergency services to prevent people from falling further into homelessness; and, 4) Enhancing services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, provided through the Tri-City Mental Health's Community Navigator Program.

Additional Measure H Funds

As a result of successful outcomes via the Tri-Cities Cohort Grant, the BOS approved an additional \$106,000 in Measure H funds to the City of Pomona (as fiscal agent) to continue the program through December 31, 2022. This funding will continue to support costs associated with the work of the Tri-City Mental Health's community navigation program, for individuals and families experiencing homelessness as well as administrative costs. Through this program, the Tri-Cities' Community Navigators work one-on-one with individuals and families, to provide community referrals such as to the Hope for Home Homeless Services Center, public social services agencies, and much more. As individuals or families work to obtain access to the Coordinated Entry System (CES) and permanent housing opportunities. The City of Pomona will amend the Tri-City Mental Health contract to increase it by \$97,890 for services termed through December 31, 2022. This additional grant award will enhance the efforts to assist unhoused individuals and families, along with meeting goals outlined in the City's strategic plan to address homelessness – "*A Way Home: Community Solutions for Pomona's Homeless.*"

COUNCIL PRIORITIES & GOALS: This item 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. 2022-114