



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

September 20, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: James Makshanoff, City Manager

Submitted By: Benita De Frank, Neighborhood Services Director

SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT \$912,500 IN GRANT FUNDS FOR OPERATION OF A BRIDGE HOUSING PROGRAM AT THE HOPE FOR HOME SERVICE CENTER; AMEND THE FY 2021-22 OPERATING BUDGET TO INCREASE MEASURE H REVENUE ESTIMATES BY \$127,750 AND APPROPRIATIONS BY \$91,343; AND TO DECREASE STATE HEAP REVENUE ESTIMATES BY \$384,673 AND APPROPRIATIONS BY \$377,296

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-119, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$912,500 IN GRANT FUNDS FOR OPERATION OF A BRIDGE HOUSING PROGRAM AT THE HOPE FOR HOME SERVICE CENTER; AMEND THE FY 2021-22 OPERATING BUDGET TO INCREASE MEASURE H REVENUE ESTIMATES BY \$127,750 AND APPROPRIATING \$91,343, DECREASE STATE HEAP REVENUE ESTIMATES BY \$384,673 AND DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS BY \$377,296, AND AMENDING THE AGREEMENT WITH VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA LOS ANGELES BY AWARDED \$863,616 TO OPERATE THE BRIDGE HOUSING PROGRAM AS THE HOPE FOR HOME SERVICES CENTER SITE OPERATOR

- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements and any other documentation requested for acceptance of the award, distribution of the funding and operation of the Hope for Home Bridge Housing Program, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has informed the City of Pomona that it has been awarded \$912,500 in Measure H funds to operate a Bridge Housing Program

for homeless adults. The intent of this funding is to provide financial resources for direct operations and administrative costs associated with providing 50 Bridge Housing Program beds at the Hope for Home Services Center. Staff is recommending the acceptance of this funding award and to amend the Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA) Agreement, as the Hope for Home Services Center Site Operator, to operate the Bridge Housing Program for an amount not to exceed \$863,616. This award consists of \$814,732 for program operation, including staffing, food, facility costs, and security and provides \$48,884 for VOALA's administrative costs. The City will retain \$48,884 for administrative costs for oversight and monitoring of the grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-119 (Attachment No. 1) authorizes the acceptance of \$912,500 in County of Los Angeles Measure H Special funds for the operation of a Bridge Housing program at the Hope for Home Homeless Services Center, receiving \$814,732 to 139-1791-XXXXX-58720 for program operation and \$97,768 to 139-1702-XXXXX-58720 for administrative costs. Of the \$97,768, \$48,884 will be awarded to VOALA and the balance will be utilized by the City of Pomona for grant administration. The Bridge Housing grant was previously funded by a combination of Los Angeles County Measure H funding and State Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) as reflected in the revenue estimates and appropriations as part of the City's FY 2021-22 operating budget. LAHSA funded the current grant award with 100% Measure H funds. The following revenue increase and appropriation to FY 2021-2022 Budget is required to receive the remaining \$127,750 of the total award in order to receive the increased funding provided by LAHSA.

Revenue Account #	Change to 2021-22 Revenue Estimates	Expenditure Account #	Requested 2021-22 Appropriation (\$)
139-1791-40903-58720	+\$114,062	139-1791-52285-58720	+\$114,062
139-1702-40903-58720	+\$13,688	139-1702-52285-58720	-\$22,719
Total	\$127,750	Total	\$91,343

In addition, the following decrease in revenue and appropriation is required to amend the FY 2021-22 Budget to reflect the omission of the State HEAP funding source.

Revenue Account #	Change to 2021-22 Revenue Estimates	Expenditure Account #	Requested 2021-22 Appropriation (\$)
215-1791-40873-58720	-\$343,752	215-1791-52285-58720	-\$343,752
215-1702-40903-58720	-\$40,921	215-1702-51012-58720	-\$15,903
		215-1702-52285-58720	-\$17,641
Total	-\$384,673	Total	-\$377,296

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:

On January 7, 2017 the City Council adopted “A Way Home: Community Solutions for Pomona’s Homeless” which included Goal A – *Reduce the Number of Unsheltered Homeless Persons in Pomona*. On July 17, 2017, City Council approved an award of contract to VOALA as the selected Hope for Home Services Center Site Operator for an initial 5-year period, designating them as a sole source recipient of future funds identified to operate Hope for Home and its programs. On December 2, 2019, the City Council approved an award of \$607,500 in Los Angeles County Measure H funding and HEAP funds to operate a Bridge Housing program at the Hope for Home Services Center from November 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020. On October 19, 2020, the City was awarded \$304,166, with a combination of Los Angeles County Measure H funding and State Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funds, to continue the operation of the 50-bed Bridge Housing Program from July 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020 with extended funding through June 30, 2021 anticipated. On December 21, 2020, the City was awarded the extended funding in the amount of \$862,512, with a combination of Los Angeles County Measure H funding and HEAP funds, to operate a 50-bed Bridge Housing Program from November 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

DISCUSSION:

In 2019, the City of Pomona responded to LAHSA’s Request for Proposals (RFP), seeking funds to establish and operate a Bridge Housing Program to provide needed interim housing services to homeless adults. According to LAHSA’s RFP, Bridge Housing is a reserved twenty-four (24) hour emergency housing program targeted for eligible persons experiencing homelessness that have been prioritized through CES for safe and supportive housing resources. The intention of this emergency housing is to provide participants with some stability, so that they can easily maintain contact with housing navigation and/or case management services and facilitate safe and supportive housing placement.

The City was recently awarded the extended funding in the amount of \$912,500 in Los Angeles County Measure H funding to operate a 50-bed Bridge Housing Program from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

In an effort to operate the Bridge Housing Program expeditiously, staff is recommending that \$863,616 of the funding accepted be passed-through to VOALA, as the identified Hope for Home Site Operator. This award consists of \$814,732 for program operation, including staffing, food, facility costs, and security and also provides \$48,884 for VOALA’s administrative costs. The City will retain \$48,884 for administrative costs for oversight and monitoring of the grant.

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 No. 1 – Resolution No. 2021-119