



Administrative Report

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To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE

APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SBCCOG) FOR USE OF ALLOCATED COUNTY LOCAL JURISDICTION FUNDS TO LEASE MOTEL AND SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY (SRO) BEDS FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$235,150 FOR THE TERM OCTOBER 1, 2023 TO NOVEMBER 22, 2024.

ADOPT BY 4/5 VOTE AND BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION NO. CC-2309-098, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET MODIFICATION TO APPROPRIATE \$235,150 IN LOCAL JURISDICTION FUNDS FROM THE SBCCOG TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANT FUND FOR A MOTEL AND SRO BED LEASING PROGRAM.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget, the City Council approved leasing an additional thirteen (13) single room occupancy (SRO) apartments to use as bridge housing on the condition of identifying grant funding for the rent. The City Attorney's Office submitted a proposal to the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) and was awarded up to \$235,150 for a motel and SRO bed leasing program. The recommended actions are to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), accepting the grant, and appropriate the funds into this year's budget by resolution.

BACKGROUND

Since January, 2021, the City of Redondo Beach has leased five SRO's within Service Planning Area (SPA) 8 from Swami International. The City used these SRO's as bridge housing for people from the City of Redondo Beach who are experiencing homelessness as a place to stay while seeking permanent housing. Currently, the SRO's that Redondo leased have a 52% exit rate to permanent housing. For comparison, the exit rate from interim shelter to permanent housing in all of SPA 8 is 17%.

As part of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget adoption process, Councilmembers Scott Behrendt and Zein Obagi proposed to approve leasing thirteen (13) additional SROs for bridge housing. This was approved on the condition that grant funding is identified to pay for the rent and insurance.

On May 3, 2022, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion to implement the New Framework to End Homelessness in Los Angeles County which included an increase of co-investment opportunities for cities and Councils of Governments, which they called the Local Jurisdiction fund. The SBCCOG was awarded \$2,344,214 through June 30, 2027. On May 9, 2023, the SBCCOG convened homeless staff of its sixteen (16) cities and Supervisor Districts to review the Local Jurisdiction funding plan and solicit feedback. On June 22, 2023, the SBCCOG Board of Directors approved the Local Jurisdiction funding plan, which allocated \$350,000 for a Motel and SRO Bed Leasing Program.

In August, 2023, the City Attorney's Office submitted a proposal to the SBCCOG to obtain funding for a Motel and SRO Bed Leasing Program at an annual cost of up to \$235,150 for rent, insurance and basic furniture. In addition, the City Attorney's Office requested funds for two motel beds for those that need an immediate short stay to be prepared to go to appointments for other housing opportunities. After reviewing the proposal, the SBCCOG Homeless Services Department recommended approval to the SBCCOG Board of Directors.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council approve the MOU and resolution, appropriating \$235,150 to the Intergovernmental Grant Fund.

COORDINATION

The City Attorney's Office coordinated with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments to execute the MOU.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Local Jurisdiction Grant will cover rental of thirteen (13) interim housing beds, renter's insurance, basic furniture and rental of two motel rooms.

ATTACHMENTS

- SBCCOG MOU (To be blue foldered)
- Resolution