



Administrative Report

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To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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PROSECUTOR

TITLE

APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA FOR USE OF ALLOCATED STATE OF CALIFORNIA GRANT FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S HOMELESS COURT AND ENHANCED RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 FOR THE TERM SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024.

ADOPT BY 4/5 VOTE AND BY TITLE ONLY RESOLUTION CC-2310-105, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET MODIFICATION TO APPROPRIATE \$500,000 OF ALLOCATED STATE OF CALIFORNIA GRANT FUNDS FROM THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GRANT FUND.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi secured \$500,000 for the Redondo Beach Outdoor Homeless Court through the California Budget Act of 2022, Assembly Bill 178. Staff seeks approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to accept the \$500,000 grant from Assemblymember Muratsuchi as well as the resolution to appropriate the funds into this fiscal year's budget.

BACKGROUND

On August 9, 2023, Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi personally appeared at the City Council meeting to present a \$500,000 award to the City for the Redondo Beach Outdoor Homeless Court. AB 178 states that the funds are to be allocated by the Judicial Council. This is the first grant the Judicial Council would be allocating to a city. Normally, the Judicial Council allocates funds to the various courts across the state. The Judicial Council was at a loss on how to provide the City with the grant funds, so in May of 2023, they asked the Redondo Beach City Attorney's Office to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). After the MOU went through the Judicial Council's requisition and procurement process, the Judicial Council sent the City the attached MOU.

The Outdoor Homeless Court started in September of 2020. Over 100 misdemeanor defendants have participated since Homeless Court was brought outdoors due to the pandemic, and additional

clients without criminal cases have come to utilize the services that are offered. To date, 52 participants have graduated from the program and moved into permanent housing. There is a 79% average attendance rate from the participants that are calendared on the court docket. The number of service providers that attend continue to grow: Department of Mental Health, the Public Defender's Expungement Van, Clear Recovery, Exodus, Los Angeles City HEART program, CORE, and One Stop through the South Bay Workforce Investment Board. Quality of Life Prosecutor Joy Ford also facilitated a partnership with the Department of Motor Vehicles to allow participants to come straight to the Torrance DMV after court, bypassing the line to obtain an ID, one of the first integral steps in getting housing, benefits and employment.

The grant will allow the City to continue the Outdoor Homeless Court, which helps participants into permanent housing and provides them with services that facilitate stabilization such as mental health, alcohol and substance abuse, and access to training. Staff recommends the City Council approve the MOU and resolution appropriating \$500,000 to the Intergovernmental Grant Fund.

COORDINATION

The City Attorney's Office coordinated with the State Judicial Council in connection with the preparation of this report.

FISCAL IMPACT

All program costs will be funded through grant funding.

ATTACHMENTS

- Memorandum of Understanding with the Judicial Council
- Resolution