



Administrative Report

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To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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PROSECUTOR

TITLE

APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR USE OF ALLOCATED COUNTY LOCAL SOLUTIONS GRANT FUNDS TO LEASE MOTEL AND SINGLE-ROOM OCCUPANCY (SRO) BEDS FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$245,000 AND TO EXTEND THE TERM TO JUNE 30, 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

After seeing the success of the original five Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units the City rented to use as bridge housing, the property owner, the City and South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) wanted to expand the program by adding thirteen more SRO units. During the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget, the City Council approved leasing an additional thirteen SRO units 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 SBCCOG and was awarded up to \$235,150 out of \$350,000 the COG set aside for a motel and SRO bed leasing program. On September 19, 2023, the City Council approved another Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the SBCCOG, in addition to the original MOU accepting \$306,299 for homeless court, services and the original five SRO units, to accept the grant award of \$235,150 for thirteen additional SRO units and motel stays. The SBCCOG is now awarding the City an additional \$245,000 to continue this program. The recommended action will authorize the Mayor to sign the first amendment to the MOU, accepting the grant on behalf of the City.

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 and the county 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.

The SBCCOG is now granting the City an additional grant of \$245,000 out of the \$350,000 the COG set aside to continue this program. Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council approve the First Amendment to the MOU to accept the grant and extend the term of the MOU to June 30, 2025.

COORDINATION

The City Attorney's Office coordinated with the SBCCOG to execute this amendment to the MOU.

FISCAL IMPACT

The additional award of \$245,000 will cover interim housing beds in Wilmington and motel stays for those that need an immediate short stay.

ATTACHMENTS

- First Amendment to the MOU
- MOU