

December 13, 2022

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action to receive and file Emergency Occupancy Agreement, and First Amendment to No. 36170, is requested on December 13, 2022.

EQUITY LENS

The City has incorporated the Equity Toolkit in this recommendation, as requested by the City Council on April 21, 2020. The services derived from this contract were completed in accordance with procurement procedures. Additionally, the services provided under the agreement assisted those residents in Long Beach who have been the most disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, promoting health and wellness among Long Beach residents experiencing homelessness to reduce COVID-19 impact, risk factors, and mortality among Long Beach homeless residents.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total amount of the contract did not exceed \$861,250. Expenses for this agreement are offset by grant funding from the Emergency Solutions Grant, to address the spread of the Coronavirus (ESG-CV). This funding is made available through the CARES Act and Federal Emergency Management Authority (FEMA). As lead agency to administer homeless services grants across the Long Beach Continuum of Care (CoC), ESG program expenses incurred by the Health and Human Services Department are being transferred to the Development Services Department on a quarterly basis where ESG program funding is currently appropriated. Sufficient funds are appropriated in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department and the Community Development Grant Funds Group in the Development Services Department. This recommendation has minimal staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties for staff working on COVID-19 response and is consistent with City Council Priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:


Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER