



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary agreements, and any subsequent amendments, with People Assisting the Homeless in an amount up to \$289,129, to strengthen the City of Long Beach's approach to end homelessness, for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. (Citywide)

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) consists of 27 cities that meet regularly to strategize on the resolution of regionally relevant issues. In 2008, the COG received \$1.16 million through the County of Los Angeles' Homeless Prevention Initiative (HPI) to support the development of a regional Homelessness Strategy and subsequent Gateway Cities Homeless Action Plan (Plan). Key elements of the Plan include identifying homeless "hot spots" and encampments, facilitating rapid re-housing for individuals and families, and developing permanent housing opportunities with needed supportive services. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved an extension for the COG in 2014, and, again in 2015, for the continued provision of homeless services. In June 2016, funding was approved for an additional year in the amount of \$1.16 million for continued services through June 2017.

PATH was selected by the COG as the consultant to coordinate implementation and to subcontract with the four Local Coordinating Alliances (LCA 4). The City of Long Beach (City) is the lead city for the LCA 4, working with the cities of Lakewood, Signal Hill, Hawaiian Gardens, Avalon and County unincorporated areas. The City will be awarded up to \$203,000 through June 30, 2017, to provide street outreach, engagement and housing placement services, while coordinating efforts across the 27 cities Regional Action Plan.

Additional funding was also awarded to PATH for the Coordinated Entry System (CES) from the Home for Good Funders Collaborative, a group of private and public funders jointly investing in ending chronic and veteran homelessness in Los Angeles County whose members include the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Kaiser Permanente, the W.M. Keck Foundation, and the California Community Foundation. The City received \$86,129 for the CES to enhance the effectiveness of the COG's services and performance. This combination of COG and CES funding in the amount of \$289,129 increases the capacity and supports the infrastructure of the COG cities, and strengthens the region's and the City's approach to homelessness.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Robin Zur Schmiede and by Budget Analysis Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on August 3, 2016.

City Council action is requested on August 23, 2016, to commence street outreach,

engagement, and housing placement services within the LCA 4 region.

The amount of the agreement will not exceed \$289,129 for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Sufficient funds are currently appropriated in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Health and Human Services Department (HE). No match or in-kind service mandate is required, and there is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

Approve recommendation.

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APPROVED:

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