



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing the Assistant Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director to execute all required documents necessary to accept funding from the Housing and Community Investment Department of Los Angeles to continue the Housing Opportunities for Persons With Aids Program for FY 2017-2018. (Citywide)

Since 1999, the Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach has been providing housing and supportive services to low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS with funding provided by HCIDLA. Working with our partners at the Long Beach Health and Human Services Department and with the St. Mary's Hospital Care Program, the programs have been successful in preventing homelessness with low-income families dealing with HIV/AIDS. The existing contract with the HCIDLA has expired and a new contract has been provided for execution.

This contract will include supportive services, specifically housing specialist services, for HOPWA clients in emergency, transitional or permanent housing situations. These housing specialist services will focus on assisting HOPWA clients and their families to locate and secure appropriate and affordable housing, and to follow-up with households after receiving housing or other services (through other agencies for benefits, mental health, substance abuse and legal counseling), to assess housing stability, and to provide assistance and referrals, as needed, to help the household maintain their housing. Funding is also being renewed to continue to provide the direct rental subsidies through the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) component for over 70 families annually.

The term of this contract is for 12 months, for FY 2017-2018, and approximately \$1.25 million is available for supportive services and TBRA components. Continued funding for these services is vital for Long Beach service areas.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda T. Vu on May 23, 2017 and by Budget Management Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on May 26 2017.

Housing Authority Commission action is requested on June 13, 2017, so that all required documents can be executed to accept HOPWA program funding for FY 2017-2018.

There is sufficient appropriation for these funds in the Housing Authority Fund (SR 151) in the Health and Human Services Department (HE). There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

Approve recommendation.

KELLY COLOPY
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR