



CITY OF LONG BEACH

HOMELESS SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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January 7, 2014

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the recommendation of the Homeless Services Advisory Committee for allocation of Mayor's Fund for the Homeless funds in the amount of \$15,000 to Mental Health America of Los Angeles; authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents between the City of Long Beach and Mental Health America of Los Angeles for the provision of services for the homeless; and increase appropriations in the General Fund (GP) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$15,000. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION:

On September 14, 1990, the City Council approved an ordinance establishing the Mayor's Fund for the Homeless (Mayor's Fund). Since January of 1992, a solicitation envelope for the Mayor's Fund has been included in the City's utility bill each year and the Mayor's Fund receives an average of \$25,000 in contributions annually. The balance of the Mayor's Fund, as of November 30, 2013 was \$90,000.

The Homeless Services Advisory Committee (HSAC), at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 6, 2013, met to discuss an allocation of the Mayor's Fund. Agency representatives were in attendance to present information related to the request. HSAC recommends that a portion of the Mayor's Fund, in the amount of \$15,000, be allocated to Mental Health America of Los Angeles (MHA) for the provision of homeless services, with the balance to remain in the Mayor's Fund to accrue interest. The Long Beach Continuum of Care, the Multi-Service Center, Long Beach Police Department Quality of Life officers, the Downtown Long Beach Business Associates and MHA, all work together through street outreach engagement, to reduce chronic homelessness in the downtown Long Beach Business Improvement District. This funding will provide direct assistance for individuals to access services, shelter and permanent housing.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Vu on December 18, 2013 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on December 23, 2013.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is requested on January 7, 2014, so that the Department of Health and Human Services, Homeless Services Division may execute a contract with this agency, effective the date of Council approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

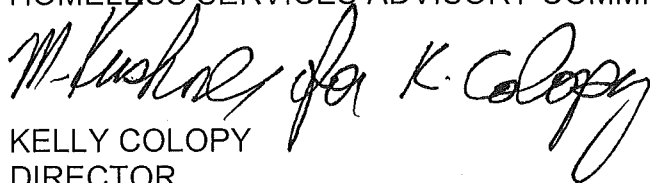
Funds are allocated from donations to the Mayor's Fund Expendable Trust (EX 440). An increase in appropriations in the amount of \$15,000 is requested in the General Fund (GP) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) and is included in the recommendation. Appropriations are fully offset by revenue from the Expendable Trust. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.


Respectfully submitted,

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CHAIR
HOMELESS SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE



KELLY COLOPY
DIRECTOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER