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Subject

Authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Rebuilding Together Long Beach for a Low-Income Leak Repair Pilot Program in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Executive Summary

Long Beach Utilities Department's (LBUD) advanced metering infrastructure has enabled staff and customers to identify leaks. However, lower-income customers are more likely to be unable to afford leak repairs once they have been identified, and these unaddressed leaks result in water waste. LBUD staff developed the Low-Income Leak Repair Pilot Program (Pilot Program) to promote the important public purpose of water conservation by supporting low-income homeowners with a no-cost leak repair program.

Rebuilding Together Long Beach (RTLb) is a local non-profit organization that provides critical home repairs, accessibility upgrades, and energy-efficiency upgrades at no-cost to qualifying low-income homeowners. LBUD staff recommends partnering with RTLb for the implementation of the Pilot Program because RTLb will be able to use their existing framework to manage the Pilot Program by coordinating with plumbers to identify and repair leaks and by inspecting the completed work.

This agreement will be to reimburse RTLb for the cost of materials, labor for repairs, and administrative costs associated with the Pilot Program in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Recommendation

Authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Rebuilding Together Long Beach for a Low-Income Leak Repair Pilot Program in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Fiscal Impact: The maximum FY 23 cost of the contract to the Water Fund will be \$100,000. These costs are unbudgeted in the Water Fund. However, it is expected that these costs can be absorbed within the Water Fund using projected savings within the Fund.

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