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## **Continuing Support For Cities' Homeless Programs**

Cities are key partners and provide a unique perspective on solutions to homelessness. As such, in June 2017, the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to allocate homeless planning grants for cities in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care. Out of 47 cities that were awarded grants, a total of 41 cities submitted Homelessness Plans that aim to prevent and combat homelessness. In September 2018, the Board approved \$9 million of Measure H funds to support the successful implementation of the cities' Homelessness Plans, which aligned with the County's Homeless Initiative strategies.

In December 2020, the CEO exercised its delegated authority to extend city contracts through December 31, 2021, to provide additional time for cities to use the funds previously allocated to support the cities' Homelessness Plans. However, there have been continuing challenges in implementing the funded programs due to longer-than-anticipated ramp-up times and the COVID-19 Pandemic. As a result, many grantee cities

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need additional time to expend funding allocated to address specific needs identified in their Homelessness Plans. Therefore, an additional no-cost extension through December 31, 2022, is necessary to allow cities the opportunity to fully expend their allocated funding.

## WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- Waive the retroactive contracting policy (Board Policy 5.015) for the current Measure H funded cities agreements for cities administering Homelessness Plans to allow cities to continue critical programming with no lapse.
- Authorize the Chief Executive Office to execute no-cost contract extensions through December 31, 2022, with cities that need additional time to expend funds previously allocated to support the cities' Homelessness Plans.
- 3. Authorize the Chief Executive Office to reimburse city expenditures for tasks related to the current Measure H funded cities contracts, which were incurred before the execution date of the contract amendment with the following conditions:
  - a. Allowable tasks must be consistent with city's respective approved projects in the current contracts.
  - b. Allowable expenses must comply with all terms and conditions of the current contract and shall be reimbursed on a date after the execution date of the contract amendment.

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