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BOARD NOTIFICATION: EXTENSION OF THE CITIES' HOMELESSNESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS AND THE COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS' INNOVATION FUNDS GRANTS

On September 4, 2018, the Board of Supervisors (Board) delegated authority to the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to execute and amend existing contracts with cities in support of the Cities' Homelessness Plans. In addition, on November 12, 2019, the Board delegated authority to the CEO to execute and/or amend contracts for Innovation Funding with Councils of Governments (COGs) and/or cities.

Please be advised that the CEO is exercising its delegated authority to extend contract expiration dates from June 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021 to provide additional time for cities and COGs to utilize funds previously allocated to support the Cities' Homelessness Plans and Innovation Funds Grants.

Below is background information on funding, contracting, and no-cost extensions to cities and COGs partnering to prevent and combat homelessness in Los Angeles County.

Homelessness Plan Implementation Funding for Cities

On September 4, 2018, the Board delegated authority to the CEO to: 1) implement a solicitation process, in conjunction with United Way's Home for Good Funders Collaborative, in accordance with the CEO's Request for Proposals (RFP) Framework; and 2) negotiate, execute, and, if necessary, amend, reduce, or terminate contracts with

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selected cities, following approval as to form by County Counsel.

Approximately \$8.2 million in Measure H Funds has been allocated for city-specific projects in two areas:

- Priority Area 1: Increase the supply of supportive and interim housing.
- Priority Area 2: Enhance the effectiveness of the homeless services delivery system.

These contracts were originally planned to expire eighteen (18) months from the date of execution or by February 28, 2021, whichever date was sooner, and were subsequently extended through June 30, 2021.

Innovation Funding for COGs

On November 12, 2019, the Board directed the CEO to allocate \$6.0 million in available Measure H carryover funds from Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 to support COG activities that:

- a) Align with the Board-approved, Homeless Initiative Action Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness; and
- b) Are consistent with Priority Areas 1 and 2 for funding to support implementation of the Cities' Homelessness Plans.

Each COG conducted its own process to determine how to utilize this funding, consistent with the above requirements. Funding was allocated in proportion to each COG's share of the 2019 Homeless Count. These contracts are currently due to expire on June 30, 2021.

No-Cost Contract Extensions for Cities and COGs

On October 28, 2020, the CEO notified the Homeless Policy Deputies of the CEO's plan to use its delegated authority to extend both city and COG contracts through December 31, 2021. There have been challenges in implementing the funded programs due to longer-than-anticipated ramp-up times and the COVID-19 pandemic. The extended timeline will also provide an opportunity to consider potential additional funding for cities and COGs during the FY 2021-22 Measure H funding recommendations process. Grantee cities and COGs will have the option to request a no-cost extension of their contracts through December 31, 2021.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Phil Ansell, Director of the Homeless Initiative, at (213) 974-1752 or pansell@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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