



CITY OF CARSON

Legislation Text

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Report to Housing Authority

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Consent

SUBJECT:

CONSIDER ALLOCATING AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF \$20,000 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 20-21 HOUSING AUTHORITY BUDGET AND \$150,000 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 21-22 BUDGET FOR HOMELESS PREVENTION AND RAPID REHOUSING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THESE ACTIONS (HOUSING AUTHORITY)

I. SUMMARY

Staff is requesting authorization from the Housing Authority to allocate \$170,000 for homeless prevention and rapid rehousing, with \$20,000 from the Housing Authority FY 20-21 budget and \$150,000 from the Housing Authority FY 21-22 budget. The funds will be used to provide temporary housing or other related services/uses allowed by State Law for Carson residents and prevent them from becoming homeless due to circumstances beyond their control. These funds can only be used for Carson residents if they meet all of the following requirements:

- Received an eviction notice from a bank, lending institution, or court due to a third party not making their mortgage payments;
- Their personal assets or income is not enough to secure housing comparable to their current housing and puts them at risk of becoming homeless;
- The maximum amount of assistance each unit will receive shall not exceed \$25,000 unless modified by the Authority;
- The applicant has less than 60 days to their eviction date with no alternative housing identified and paid for or the ability to pay for;
- Payments will be made to the temporary housing provider or other services allowed by State Law once an invoice has been submitted to the City. Similarly, in lieu of an invoice, the City Manager/Executive Director can approve advance payment if deemed necessary.

These funds are already budgeted in the current year and in the upcoming budget, so no budget resolution is necessary. This action is to authorize the use of these funds for the budgeted purpose. Prior to disbursement of any funds, an application form will be

developed along with additional information that is required to determine whether the applicants are qualified for assistance based on the above. Staff will be partnering with a nonprofit organization specializing in homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, workforce development, education, and financial capability to assist staff in this process. This organization can meet with applicants, identify their needs, and find solutions for the residents.

II. RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the following actions:

1. **ALLOCATE AND AUTHORIZE THE USE** of \$20,000 from the Fiscal Year 20-21 Housing Authority Budget and \$150,000 from the Fiscal Year 21-22 Housing Authority Budget for homeless prevention and rapid rehousing for Carson residents.
2. **AUTHORIZE** the City Manager to execute any agreements necessary to carry out this effort as approved to form by the City Attorney.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

The following code section allows cities to use up to \$250,000 of their Housing Authority (former RDA) funds per fiscal year for homeless prevention and rapid rehousing services for individuals and families who are homeless or would be homeless unless they received this assistance.

34176.1 (a) - (2) Notwithstanding Section 33334.2, if the housing successor has fulfilled all obligations pursuant to Sections 33413 and 33418, the housing successor may expend up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) per fiscal year for homeless prevention and rapid rehousing services for individuals and families who are homeless or would be homeless but for this assistance, including the provision of short-term or medium-term rental assistance, housing relocation and stabilization services including housing search, mediation, or outreach to property owners, credit repair, security or utility deposits, utility payments, rental assistance for a final month at a location, moving cost assistance, and case management, or other appropriate activities for homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing of persons who have become homeless.

The Housing Authority has budgeted these funds in the current year and in the upcoming budget, but this action is to authorize the use of these funds for the budgeted purpose as described above.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed action would allocate and authorize the use of \$150,000 from the Housing Authority's FY 21-22 budget account No. 255-70-720-964-6004 and \$20,000 from the Housing Authority's FY 20-21 budget account No. 255-70-720-964-6004, for a total of \$170,000, for the purposes identified in this staff report. These funds are already included in the Authority's budget so there is no additional budget impact.

VI. EXHIBITS

None.

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