



CITY of CALABASAS
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: MICHAEL MCCONVILLE, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED BY THE CITY'S PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA) WITH 2021-2023 PROGRAM YEAR FUNDS; ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1867 APPROVING PROGRAM FUNDING; AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1872 ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION GRANT.

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council: 1) approve Resolution No. 2023-1867, indicating an intent to apply for, and to accept if awarded, a grant from the Los Angeles County Development Authority of \$286,782 for housing support for homeless individuals under the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program; and, 2) authorize staff to use the funds to provide outreach, engagement, and interim housing for individuals experiencing homelessness; and 3) approve Resolution No. 2023-1872, amending the 2023/24 fiscal year budget to appropriate \$286,782 in reimbursable grant funding to operate the PLHA Program.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) issued an announcement of funding availability for homeless housing assistance through the "Permanent Local Housing Allocation" program (PLHA). The PLHA program is administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), which

awards program grants to individual counties, and the counties then may sub-allocate some of their PLHA funding to participating cities.

Community Development Department staff responded to the LACDA to express possible City interest in participating. Among the affordable housing assistance needs within the City is funding to provide outreach, engagement, and interim housing for individuals experiencing homelessness. LACDA has informed City staff that Calabasas would qualify for an allocation of approximately \$286,782, and we were invited to submit a formal application.

After considering the priorities of the City Council, as well as consulting with the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) on potential uses of PLHA funding, staff is recommending that the funds be used to assist persons experiencing or are at risk of homelessness. Specifically, staff will be using the PLHA grant to fund outreach, engagement, and interim housing and support services to individuals in Calabasas who may be experiencing homelessness. The outreach and engagement will be provided by American Global Security (AGS), while interim housing will be provided by San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center (SFVCMHC) at their interim shelter located in Van Nuys, CA. Both companies are already under contract with the City to provide such services.

One of the required application documents is a resolution from the City Council indicating acceptance of the grant award and documenting the City's intent to use the funds in a manner consistent with the program's purpose. Staff has prepared a draft resolution for consideration by the City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Staff is requesting that the City Council adopt Resolution 2023-1872 appropriating \$286,782 in unspent Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) funds from the past three fiscal years to fund the housing programs described in this report. The source of these funds is a reimbursable grant from Los Angeles County, which requires no general fund expenditure.

REQUESTED ACTION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Resolution No. 2023-1867

Attachment B: Resolution No. 2023-1872