

REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER


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Council District:

To: The City Council

From: *for* Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: Transmittal from the Mayor dated December 11, 2025; Additional information received through January 22, 2026

Subject: **\$8 MILLION PROPOSITION 47 COHORT 5 GRANT AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FOR THE PATHWAYS FOR HEALING AND RECOVERY PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Note and file the Mayor's Office of Community Safety (MOCS) report dated December 11, 2025;
2. Authorize the MOCS to:
 - a. Accept the Proposition 47 (Prop 47) Grant in the amount of \$8,000,000 from the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to support the Pathways for Healing and Recovery (Pathways) Program for the period from October 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029;
 - b. Submit any other necessary grant agreements and documents relative to the implementation of the Pathways Program, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
 - c. Negotiate and execute a contract with the RAND Corporation to provide data evaluation services for the Pathways Program for a period of 45 months within the grant performance period in an amount not to exceed \$800,000, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, compliance with the City's contracting requirements, and the availability of funds;
 - d. Negotiate and execute contract amendments with the seven community-based organizations (CBO) listed below for a period of up to 36 months within the grant performance period, for a total amount not to exceed \$5,950,000, to implement the

Pathways Program, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, compliance with the City’s contracting requirements, and the availability of funds:

Service Provider	Services	Service Area	Amount
St. John’s Community Health	Regional Center	Central	\$ 1,000,000
	Housing	Citywide	1,715,000
Tarzana Treatment Center	Regional Center	Valley	870,000
Arming Minorities Against Addiction & Disease	Regional Center	South	1,000,000
El Proyecto del Barrio	Employment	Valley	255,000
Center for Employment Opportunities	Employment	Central	255,000
Watts Labor Community Action Center	Employment	South	255,000
Legal Aid Foundation Los Angeles	Legal	Citywide	600,000
		Total	\$ 5,950,000

3. Approve the funding allocation of the Prop 47 grant award to implement the Pathways Program for the period from October 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029 as follows:

Category	Amount
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 1,200,000
Service Provider Contracts	5,950,000
Evaluation/Data Collection	800,000
Other Administrative Costs	50,000
Total	\$ 8,000,000

4. Request the Controller to:
 - a. Establish a new interest-bearing fund entitled “Fiscal Year 25 Proposition 47 Cohort 5 BSCC (FY25 Prop 47 Cohort 5) Grant Fund” No. XXX/46, for the receipt and disbursement of Prop 47 grant funds, to be administered by the MOCS;
 - b. Establish new appropriation accounts within the FY25 Prop 47 Cohort 5 Grant Fund No. XXX/46 as follows:

Account No.	Account Name	Amount
46C146	Mayor	\$ 780,031.16
46C299	Related Costs	419,968.84
46C304	Contractual Services	6,750,000.00
46C602	Other	50,000.00
	Total	\$ 8,000,000.00

- c. Increase appropriations in the amount of \$780,031.16 within the Mayor's Fund No. 100/46, Account No. 001020, Grant Reimbursed for the reimbursement of grant-funded salary costs;
 - d. Transfer up to \$419,968.84 from the FY25 Prop 47 Cohort 5 Grant Fund No. XXX/46, Account No. 46C299 to the Mayor's Fund No. 100/46, Revenue Source Code 5346 for the reimbursement of grant-funded fringe benefits; and
5. Authorize the MOCS to prepare Controller instructions and/or make technical adjustments as necessary to implement the actions approved by the Mayor and City Council, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and request the Controller to implement the instructions.

SUMMARY

The Mayor's Office of Community Safety (MOCS) requests authority to accept the \$8 million Proposition 47 (Prop 47) Cohort 5 Grant award from the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for the Pathways for Healing and Recovery (Pathways) Program for a grant period from October 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029. The MOCS also requests to execute contracts with seven service providers for the implementation of the Pathways Program and one contractor for data and evaluation services. The Pathways Program provides formerly incarcerated individuals with behavioral health, housing, legal, and employment services.

Background

In 2014, Prop 47 was approved by California voters to allow persons serving felony sentences for certain crimes to petition the court for a sentence reduction to misdemeanor status. Additionally, those individuals who have completed low-level felony sentences can request the sentencing court to designate the conviction as a misdemeanor. The resultant savings from reduced incarceration costs are to be invested in mental health and drug treatment, prevention, support programs in K-12 schools, and victim services. The BSCC established the Prop 47 Grant Program to disburse funds to public agencies for the delivery of mental health and substance abuse treatment services and diversion programs, with particular emphasis on reducing recidivism of individuals in the criminal justice system. A related measure required grants to be awarded competitively and expanded grant program priorities to include housing-related assistance and community-based supportive services such as job skills training, case management, and civil legal services.

On April 11, 2025, the BSCC released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Prop 47 Cohort 5 Grant, for which the MOCS submitted an application on behalf of the City on June 23, 2025. On September 11, 2025, the City was awarded \$8 million to implement the Pathways Program over a 45-month period from October 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. This includes three years for service delivery, an additional three months for start-up and implementation, and six months for evaluations and close-out. The City is required to distribute at least 50 percent of the grant funds to one or more Community Based Organizations (CBOs).

Pathways Program

The Pathways Program is a trauma-informed, culturally-sensitive initiative supporting formerly incarcerated individuals of non-violent and low-level drug/property offenses and have a history of mental health and/or substance abuse disorders. The program aims to reduce recidivism and enhance community safety through a holistic approach combining mental health, substance abuse treatment, housing support, legal assistance, and workforce training through three regional centers located in the San Fernando Valley, South Los Angeles, and Central Los Angeles.

A total of \$5.95 million is allocated for CBOs for the delivery of program services. The Tarzana Treatment Centers, St. John’s Community Health, and the Arming Minorities Against Addiction and Disease (AMAAD) Institute will operate the regional one-stop hubs for case management, treatment, and supportive services. St. John’s Community Health will also provide housing navigation services to promote long-term housing stability. The Watts Labor Community Action Committee, Center of Employment Opportunities, and El Proyecto del Barrio will provide employment services, including career counseling, job placement, and training. The Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) will provide legal services to resolve any outstanding legal issues.

Table 1. Pathways Service Providers

Service Provider	Services	Service Area	Amount
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	Housing	Citywide	1,715,000
Tarzana Treatment Center	Regional Center	Valley	870,000
Arming Minorities Against Addiction & Disease	Regional Center	South	1,000,000
El Proyecto del Barrio	Employment	Valley	255,000
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		Total	\$ 5,950,000

An additional \$800,000 is allocated for a contract with the RAND Corporation for data collection and evaluation services. This agency will oversee data collection and conduct both qualitative and quantitative analysis focusing on program outcomes, including reductions in recidivism and substance abuse and improvements in housing stability and employment rates.

According to the City Attorney, because the grant funding was awarded to the City with the CBOs listed in Table 1 above and data partner, RAND Corporation, as the City's program partners, sole-source contract authorization is not required.

Grant funds in the amount of \$1.2 million is allocated to offset salaries (\$0.78 million) and fringe benefits (\$0.42 million) for five MOCS positions consisting of one Director of Strategic Re-Entry Initiatives, one Re-Entry Program Manager, one Accountant, one Director of Finance, and one Director of Contracts and Grants. The draft Cost Allocation Plan 47 was used to calculate fringe benefits.

The Prop 47 Cohort 5 Grant will be allocated as detailed in the table below.

Table 2. Grant Budget

Category	Amount
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 1,200,000
Service Provider Contracts	5,950,000
Evaluation/Data Collection	800,000
Other Administrative Costs (Training, Travel)	50,000
Total	\$ 8,000,000

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed grant activities, including partial salary costs of five positions in the Mayor's Office, will be funded by the Proposition 47 Cohort 5 Grant. There is no match requirement associated with the grant. There is no additional impact to the General Fund.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that all grant funds will be utilized for grant-eligible activities.