# BUDGET & FINANCE

## HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

#### **MOTION**

In response to COVID-19 pandemic and multiple economic crises faced by vulnerable renters in recent years, the City has implemented rental assistance programs to prevent the potentially disruptive consequences of economic hardship by providing emergency rental assistance to qualifying lower-income households. Since 2019, LAHD has administered six rental assistance programs with local, state, and federal funding sources. The total rental assistance provided to City residents either directly or in collaboration with the state is approximately \$1.8 billion, with 183,068 approved applications. Since the opening of these programs in 2020, the account funds have accumulated earned interest, which is available for reprogramming.

In 2021, the City entered into a partnership with the California Housing and Community Development Department to expand the emergency rental assistance program (ERAP2) through the "Housing Is Key" program and allow the state to administer the City's remaining funding under the American Rescue Plan. As of July 1, 2025, all rental assistance funds have been expended, while \$947,326.26, reserved for administrative oversight, remains available. All remaining funds must be expended by September 30, 2025. Eligible expenses include efforts that support housing and stability (C.F. No. 21-0042).

To ensure timely and compliant use of the remaining funds, LAHD requests approval to make a technical correction and transfer \$947,326.26 remaining in the ERAP2 supplemental administrative grant to fund landlord-tenant education efforts.

Additionally, LAHD seeks to transfer \$947,326.26 in available funding from interest earned on funds in the emergency rental assistance fund to assist eligible tenants who are at imminent risk of eviction and who have received legal services through the City's Eviction Defense Program.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

- 1. AUTHORIZE the Controller to establish a new appropriation account 43CD62 Emergency Rental Assistance, and appropriate \$947,326.26 from the available cash balance within the LAHD's US Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Fund No. 64D. The funds shall be expended upon written demand of the LAHD General Manager or designee.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of LAHD, or designee, to disburse up to \$947,326.26 from Fund 64D appropriation account 43CD62 to provide settlement rental assistance to eligible applicants who are at imminent risk of eviction, to prevent displacement, homelessness, and promote housing stability.
- 3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to establish a new account 43CD63-Housing Outreach and transfer funds within LAHD's US Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Fund No. 64D as follows, and expend the funds upon written demands of the LAHD General Manager or designee:



### Transfer From:

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
43W143	Los Angeles Housing Dept	\$635,709.09
43Y143	Los Angeles Housing Dept	\$9,759.80
43W299	Reimbursement of GF Costs	\$207,362.58
43Y299	Reimbursement of GF Costs	\$8,232.09
43WA61	Admin Reserve ERAP State	\$86,262.70
	Total:	\$947,326.26

## Transfer To:

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
43CD63	Housing Outreach	\$947,326.26

4. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of LAHD, or designee, to prepare Controller Instructions and make any technical corrections, clarifications, or revisions, including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers to effectuate the intent of this Motion and authorize the City Controller to implement such corrections.

PRESENTED BY:

ABEL J. JURAL

Councilmember, 14 District

SECONDED BY: