

MOTION

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In 2021, Council established the L.A. REPAIR Participatory Budgeting Pilot Program (Council File 21-1187). The City allocated approximately \$8.5 million for the Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department to distribute to selected community-based nonprofits to provide programming in nine underserved communities called "REPAIR Zones." Community members who live, work, attend school, or are the parent or guardian of a student in a REPAIR Zone would be empowered to decide how the funds should be spent. The goals of the program included: deepening democracy by increasing resident engagement in governance; increasing transparency and accountability in how budgets are decided; emphasizing public ownership of City resources; and entrusting grassroots groups and residents to guide funding priorities.

The Mission Hills - Panorama City - North Hills Community Plan Area was one of nine REPAIR Zones included in the pilot program. The zone had \$775,000 in funding available for the selected proposal. In April 2023, based on a ranked-choice vote, community members selected the Cottonwood Urban Farm's proposal, which entailed the creation of a community garden. Recently, Cottonwood Urban Farm withdrew from the partnership as the recipient of the Mission Hills - Panorama City - North Hills L.A. REPAIR grant. One of the remaining partners, Black Thumb Farm, remains committed to delivering a portion of the proposal utilizing \$387,000, which is one-half of the total grant amount and includes expanding access to urban farming/gardening space for youth (Council File: 25-1194).

To continue to honor the community's project selection process, a portion of the L.A. REPAIR grant should be made available to the third-place applicant project partner, Mid Valley Family YMCA, inasmuch as the second-place project proposal is no longer viable. The Mid Valley Family YMCA will utilize the remaining grant funds to implement the "At Home Hydroponic Gardening and Social Emotional Wellbeing" project. The program will teach participants how to make their own indoor/outdoor hydroponic garden, increase access to fresh produce, and provide an opportunity for people to grow their own food. The goals of the program are to improve health and food security, improve physical and mental wellness through gardening, and build community connections through programming and committees that oversee garden activity. The program will be run from the Mid Valley Family YMCA for residents of the REPAIR Zone.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Council authorize \$388,000 of the total available grant from Fund No. 64T, L.A. REPAIR Innovation Fund, Account No. 15V200, Project Costs for the Mission Hills - Panorama City - North Hills REPAIR Zone to be utilized by Mid Valley YMCA, and authorize the execution of the grant agreement contract administered by the Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department, for the design and delivery of an At Home Hydroponic Gardening project in the Mission Hills - Panorama City - North Hills REPAIR Zone.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department be authorized to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections/clarifications / changes may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

PRESENTED BY:

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Councilwoman, 6th District

SECONDED BY:

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