

REPORT FROM

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To: The Mayor and Council

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for Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer

Reference: Transmittal from the Emergency Management Department

Subject: **ACCEPTANCE OF THE EXTREME HEAT AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PROGRAM GRANT AWARD FOR FY2023-24**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the General Manager of the Emergency Management Department (EMD), or designee to:
 - a. Accept the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program (EHCRP) Round 1, Large Planning Grant FY2023-24, in the amount of \$750,000 from the State of California Governor's Office (State) of Land Use and Climate Innovation's (LCI), Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency (ICARP) Program to support the development of the City's first Heat Action and Resilience Plan (HARP);
 - b. Execute the EHCRP Grant Agreement with the State of LCI's ICARP and the City for the HARP, and authorize the General Manager, or designee, to make all necessary amendments or updates to the work plan and schedule in the grant agreement as may be necessary, subject to the approval of the City Attorney;
 - c. Negotiate and execute a partnership agreement between the City and co-applicant Visión y Compromiso, in conformance with the agreement terms for a performance the period, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality; and,
 - d. Authorize EMD to prepare Controller instructions and/or make technical adjustments that may be required to implement the actions approved by the Mayor and Council on this matter, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.

SUMMARY

In accordance with Executive Directive No. 3, the Emergency Management Department (EMD) requests authority to retroactively accept a \$750,000 grant award from the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation's (State) Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program (EHCRP).

On December 5, 2024, the City received an award notification from the State that the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office has been selected as a Round 1 Grantee for the EHCRP for the Heat Action and Resilience Plan (HARP). The EHCRP funds local, regional, and tribal planning and implementation projects to mitigate the impacts of extreme heat or the urban heat island effect.

The grant will fund the development of the City of Los Angeles' first Heat Action and Resilience Plan (HARP), which will establish a citywide framework to mitigate the impacts of extreme heat, advance climate equity, and support infrastructure investments consistent with the State's Extreme Heat Action Plan. The project term is 26 months, from October 30, 2025 through December 31, 2027. There is no match requirement associated with this grant.

The EHCRP grant will enable EMD and its co-applicant, Visión y Compromiso, to conduct community-driven planning workshops, surveys, and educational outreach focused on neighborhoods most affected by heat exposure. The HARP will also identify and prioritize climate-resilient infrastructure projects and inform future State Climate Bond Fund proposals. The co-applicant will be reimbursed quarterly based on receipt of billing and completed deliverables for work performed in accordance with the contract terms. The co-applicant, Visión y Compromiso, will utilize and be responsible for payment to subcontractor(s) participating in the Community Advisory Committee, as referenced in the City's EHCRP Grant Work Plan and Budget.

The total grant funding of \$750,000 will provide \$364,000 for salaries and expenses to the City's existing Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO). The balance of grant funding will provide \$180,500 to the co-applicant (Visión y Compromiso), \$160,000 for the subcontractor(s) to serve as Advisory Committee Members, and \$45,400 for a technical consultant.

BACKGROUND

On January 29, 2024, the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP) released a Notice of Funding Availability for the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program (EHCRP), Round 1, for Fiscal Year 2023-24. The grant submission due date was April 24, 2024. Awards were made in the summer of 2024.

The EHCRP grant program aims to reduce the impacts of extreme heat and strengthen community and regional resilience to climate hazards and grant funding under four separate categories.

1. Planning - Small (award range of \$100,000 - \$250,000),

2. Planning - Large (award range of \$300,000 - \$750,000),
3. Implementation - Small (award range of \$100,000 - \$450,000), and,
4. Implementation - Large (\$500,000 - \$4,000,000).

The City's Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO), formerly under the Board of Public Works Department, submitted an application for the EHCRP Planning - Large category in the amount of \$750,000 to develop the City's first comprehensive strategy to mitigate the effects of extreme heat, establish interdepartmental coordination mechanisms, and create a data-driven framework for prioritizing future resilience investments. CEMO identified Visión y Compromiso as its community-based organization (CBO) co-applicant to assist with public engagement, materials development, and advisory participation. The initial project submission, titled "Heat Action and Resilience Plan, City of LA" was subsequently changed to "City of Los Angeles' First Heat Action and Resilience Plan."

Effective July 1, 2024, the CEMO team was transferred from the Board of Public Works to EMD in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Adopted Budget. This structural change consolidated the City's climate-related emergency planning and response functions under EMD to improve coordination, oversight, and alignment with the emergency management framework. On July 2, 2024, the City Council adopted the joint committee report (Council File No. 21-1015-S10), authorizing the submission of both grant applications to OPR under the EHCRP Round 1 funding cycle.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations within this report will authorize the execution and acceptance of the grant award totaling \$750,000 from the State of California, LCI. No matching funds are required for this grant. The total program direct costs are \$750,000 and are fully covered by the grant. Related costs for the existing positions are provided in the annual budget. There is no additional impact to the General Fund.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

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