



## AGENDA ITEM NO.

### CITY OF HAWTHORNE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

For the meeting of *January 25, 2022*

Originating Department: Community Services

City Manager: *Vontray Norris*  
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#### SUBJECT:

Memorandum of Understanding between the South Bay Cities Council of Governments and the City of Hawthorne.

#### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve City Manager to execute Memorandum of Understanding between the South Bay Cities Council of Governments and the City of Hawthorne.

#### DISCUSSION:

Los Angeles County makes an annual investment of Measure H Strategy E7 funding (\$500,000) to the COGs for Regional Homelessness Coordination. Additionally, Los Angeles County invested \$9 million through the 2018 Cities' Homelessness Plan Implementation Grant program and \$6 million through the 2020 COG Innovation Fund program. Building on the success of these programs, the CEO-HI is recommending that a new allocation of \$15 million in Measure H Strategy E7 funds be allocated to the COGs to facilitate a regional approach in preventing and combatting homelessness in Los Angeles County. The term of the new funding will be for 18-months: January 2022 through June 2023. It is anticipated that the Los County Board of Supervisors will approve the recommendation at the July 13, 2021 meeting.

The City of Hawthorne submitted a proposal to SBCCOG to obtain funding for Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (L.A. CADA) project that would provide behavioral healthcare services. The SBCCOG awarded the City \$348,000 for 18 months of its Innovation Grant Funds to be used on the City's LA CADA. The Grant Funds will be divided into two tranches. Tranche 1 will be for \$116,031 for the first 6 months of this MOU. Tranche 2 will be for the remaining \$231,969 for the last 12 months of this MOU. However, Tranche 2 will only be available once the SBCCOG and County of Los Angeles contract is extended and the Parties agree to the last 12 month deliverables as an addendum to this MOU.

During the 18-month project period from January 01, 2022 - June 30, 2023, Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (L.A. CADA), a nonprofit agency with specific civic homeless expertise and experience, will build on Hawthorne's existing success with homeless services. Staff recognized that, unlike other cities in the area, Hawthorne has hired a homeless Services Coordinators from Measure H and City budgets to focus on connecting the city's homeless community with resources available to them. In addition, the City of Hawthorne created a service coordination program to help youth, families, adults and seniors who are experiencing homelessness or are at-risk of experiencing homelessness. L.A. CADA understands that PEH in Hawthorne have strong ties to the city and that Hawthorne has altered its homeless service program to increase the number of emergency housing vouchers to provide long-term housing solutions to the most vulnerable residents. L.A. CADA will ground their services in these significant successes, while adding another layer of services via behavioral healthcare resources.

L.A. CADA will provide comprehensive clinical assessment of each Hawthorne resident they serve, with a resulting service plan detailing action steps to achieve stable housing and other client goals and objectives. Using the evidence-based practice of intensive case management, homeless Navigators will work within a well-established multiservice network of community partners to link clients with local crisis shelter, permanent housing, education, employment, and volunteer opportunities (for those who cannot work), as well as diverse supportive services. L.A. CADA already works closely with L.A. County CES and their Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) in each SPA to ensure a comprehensive, coordinated approach to local homelessness.

The distinctive services offered by L.A. CAA will immediately address behavioral healthcare and housing in one engagement. The agency will provide experienced staff to deliver homeless services in Hawthorne from Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00pm (with additional weekend and on-call hours, as needed by the City). L.A. CADA navigators will coordinate entry into more than the 188 L.A. CADA crisis housing beds and 199 treatment beds for individuals with behavioral health disorders. They will work in collaboration with local homeless shelters to coordinate admission to mainstream homeless, domestic violence, and youth shelters for PEH without severe behavioral health issues. L.A. CADA will also provide any direct transportation to these shelters via an agency van and the accompanying outreach workers. Funding will be used to significantly decrease homelessness by housing at least 30 PEH in residential programs offered by L.A. CADA. The COG's homelessness funding will concretely expand and enhance homeless services in the city and aid in the intervention and prevention strategies to combat overall homelessness.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**NOTICING PROCEDURES:**

72 Hours posted notice pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Memorandum of Understanding between the South Bay Cities Council of Governments and the City of Hawthorne.