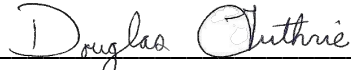


Report of the President &amp; CEO

April 22, 2021

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT & CEO, OR DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, TO PROVIDE REFERRAL, CASE MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR THE SECTION 8 HOMELESS PROGRAM**



Douglas Guthrie  
President & Chief Executive Officer



Carlos Van Natter  
Director of Section 8

**Purpose:** Authorize the President & CEO, or designee, to enter into one-year intergovernmental agreements, each with four one-year options to renew, with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH), and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS), to provide referrals, case management, and supportive services for the Section 8 Homeless Program.

**Regarding:** These agreements will follow the model of the Tenant Based Supportive Housing program, where the Housing Authority has successfully partnered with DMH and DHS to more efficiently administer the entire program. Refer to Resolution 9388 dated September 28, 2017.

**Issues:** Since 1991, the Housing Authority has administered the Section 8 Homeless Program. The Authority has created a limited preference of Housing Choice Vouchers out of its overall allocation to address the needs of the homeless population in the City of Los Angeles. There are currently 4,011 vouchers allocated for this program as previously authorized by the Board of Commissioners.

This program has successfully aided homeless individuals and families in their efforts to locate permanent housing and become self-sufficient in cooperation with local service providers. These contracts will follow the model of the Tenant Based Supportive Housing program, where the Housing Authority has successfully partnered with DMH and DHS to more efficiently administer the entire program.

DMH and DHS have long-term resources to provide the supportive services needed by the clients through their sub-contracts with local Intensive Case Management Services agencies that cover the entire City of Los Angeles and the multiple populations that are served by the Homeless Program.

**Vision Plan:** PLACE Strategy #4 – Steward efforts to reduce and alleviate homelessness

With Board approval, this proposal will result in permanent housing for homeless individuals and families.

**PEOPLE Strategy #9 – Increase access to mental health services including peer-to-peer support**

The mental health services provided by DMH will enable families to obtain and retain permanent housing.

**PEOPLE Strategy #12 – Improve access to physical health services**

The physical health services provided by DHS will enable families to obtain and retain permanent housing.

**Funding:** The Chief Administrative Officer confirms the following:

*Source of Funds:* No funding is required for this action.

**Environmental Review:** Not applicable.

**Section 3:** Not applicable.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHEREAS**, since 1991, the Housing Authority has successfully administered the Section 8 Homeless Program, an initiative designed to assist the City of Los Angeles in combating homelessness;

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority has currently allocated 4,011 vouchers for the Homeless Program through a limited preference of its overall Housing Choice Voucher program;

**WHEREAS**, the combination of Section 8 rental assistance and supportive services make the Section 8 Homeless Program a highly effective means of assisting homeless individuals and families in locating permanent housing and assisting them in their efforts to become self-sufficient;

**WHEREAS**, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (“DMH”) and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (“DHS”) have the long-term resources to provide the supportive services needed by the various homeless populations across the entire city and to efficiently administer the program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority desires to enter into one-year intergovernmental agreements, each with four one-year options to renew, with DMH and DHS, to provide referrals, case management, and supportive services for the Section 8 Homeless Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the President & CEO, or designee, to execute one-year intergovernmental agreements, each with four one-year options to renew, with DMH and DHS, to provide referrals, case management and supportive services for the Section 8 Homeless Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
James Johnson, General Counsel

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ben Besley, Chairperson

DATE ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_