

RESOLUTION NO. 22-5505

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS FOR THE CITY'S REVISED PILOT FOR GUARANTEED INCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE PUBLIC PUPOSE OF THE CITY'S REVISED PILOT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals.

A. The City of West Hollywood (City) desires to implement a revised pilot for guaranteed income program in partnership with Mayors for Guaranteed Income and the Center for Guaranteed Income Research (CGIR) at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Policy and Practice.

B. There are more than 15 programs in various stages of development and implementation in cities throughout the state that range from Sacramento to Long Beach, Oakland to San Diego, Compton to San Francisco, and include both the City and County of Los Angeles.

C. The proposed West Hollywood pilot program would focus on older adults, which at this time, would make it the first older adult focused guaranteed income pilot program in the country. The pilot would provide 25 recipients with \$1,000 per month for 18 months, for a total disbursement cost of \$450,000.

D. The 2019 West Hollywood Community Study previously identified the financial vulnerability of older adults, and community members living on fixed, low incomes. According to Community Study data, residents ages 55 and older make up 23% of the City's population, but 44% of the residents living in poverty. Overall, 22% of the City's residents live on a fixed income, 14% live below the Federal Poverty level (\$12,880 in annual income for 2021), and 27% of households have incomes of up to 200% the Federal Poverty Level (\$25,760 in annual income for 2021).

E. The West Hollywood pilot for guaranteed income program seeks to provide a poverty reduction intervention to older adults who struggle with financial insecurity.

F. To conduct the pilot, the City is working with the Center for Guaranteed Income Research at the University of Pennsylvania (CGIR/UPenn) as the research and evaluation partner and National Council of Jewish Women, Los Angeles (NCJW|LA) as the non-profit administrator partner. The City

Council approved service agreements with CGIR/UPenn and NCJW/LA for the original pilot for guaranteed income in December 2021.

G. Amendments to the original NCJW/LA and CGIR/UPenn agreements are necessary to reflect the new scope of services to be performed under the revised pilot. The cost of pilot partner services will not change. The NCJW agreement will remain at a not-to-exceed amount of \$648,638 (inclusive of \$337,500 in pass-through funds from Los Angeles County Measure H funds and \$112,500 donated to NCJW for the City's pilot from the private funder), and the CGIR agreement will remain at the not-to-exceed amount of \$86,236. Both contracts are budgeted for fiscal year 2021-2022 under existing line items 100-3-05-54-536035 (Homelessness Prevention) and 100-3-05-54-536038 (Aging In Place)

H. No City dollars will be used for the \$450,000 direct distribution to participants as these funds will come from two external sources: (1) Los Angeles County Measure H Innovation funds for homelessness prevention, distributed through the Westside Cities Council of Governments (COG) to the City and passed through to NCJW|LA and (2) a private donor, Dr. Sharon Dailey, a University of Pennsylvania alumnus, interested in guaranteed income projects and supporting older adults. Dr. Dailey's donation was contributed to NCJW|LA for the pilot to honor her late partner of 39 years, Patricia Dengler.

I. These two external funding sources will comprise the total participant distribution amount (\$450,000) given to NCJW|LA for the monthly distribution of \$1,000 to 25 participants for 18 months. Accordingly, as unearned income distributed by a non-profit organization in furtherance of its mission to advance economic justice, the direct funds that NCJW|LA distributes to participants should not be subject to federal tax.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood as follows:

SECTION 2. Public Purpose. City Council finds that City funds used to develop or implement the revised pilot program are for the public purpose of helping some of the most vulnerable members of the City - older individuals living on low incomes - remain housed, age in place, and reduce the stressors of poverty and financial insecurity and are therefore not gifts of public funds prohibited by the California Constitution.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are severable. The City Council hereby declares

that it would have adopted this Resolution irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 16th day of May 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico, Erickson, Horvath, Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and Mayor Meister.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.



LAUREN MEISTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MELISSA CROWDER, CITY CLERK