



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

City of Anaheim CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

DATE: AUGUST 11, 2020
FROM: OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION AND ACTION CONCERNING MAYOR'S PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE ANAHEIM COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN, INCLUDING AUTHORITY TO SPEND UP TO \$4,000,000, TO ASSIST ANAHEIM RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND OTHERS IMPACTED BY COVID-19

ATTACHMENT (Y/N): NO **ITEM # 14**

REQUESTED ACTION:

That the City Council, by Motion, approve the Mayor's proposed modifications to the Anaheim Community and Economic Recovery Plan ("Plan"), to help Anaheim recover from the economic harm caused by the coronavirus pandemic, also known as COVID-19, and associated governmental orders necessary to protect public health, including authority to spend up to \$4,000,000, to assist Anaheim residents, businesses, and others impacted by COVID-19.

DISCUSSION:

The Anaheim City Council, in a special meeting on March 26, 2020, approved the Anaheim Community and Economic Recovery Plan (Plan), as proposed by Mayor Harry Sidhu, to help seniors, the homeless, needy families and to support and promote business and the return of tourism and conventions when the time is right to do so. Under the community relief portion of the Plan, \$8 million was made available to provide relief to our community, including \$6 million to fund community support initiatives such as rental assistance programs, efforts to address homelessness and small business support. An additional \$2 million grant to the Anaheim Community Foundation (ACF) under the community relief portion of the Plan has provided direct assistance to seniors, youth, needy families and others by funding nonprofits that serve Anaheim.

Additionally, on May 5, 2020, the City Council approved and directed that: the Interim City Manager make an additional \$1 million allocation to ACF from the community relief portion of the Plan; and that up to \$3 million of the remaining community relief funding be utilized on housing assistance programs to aid Anaheim residents with rental repayment once the temporary moratorium on evictions expires through the City's rental repayment program to aid renters impacted by COVID-19.

Given ongoing impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, the Mayor is recommending the following modifications to the Plan, including authority to spend up to \$4 million to assist Anaheim residents, businesses, and others impacted by COVID 19 by authorizing and directing the City Manager to:

- Reinstigate protections from eviction for renters by reinstating the city's eviction moratorium; provide additional funding for residents through the Anaheim rental assistance program; and expand the small business grant program;
- Enter into an agreement with the Anaheim Chamber of Commerce to begin implementation of the shop/dine/purchase local/hire program, utilizing funds that have previously been set aside for that program;
- Establish a plan for increased outdoor dining and business activities and enter into agreements in order to implement this plan;
- Provide for additional testing, personal protective equipment, and education/communications to help residents with the public health implications of COVID-19;
- Extend and further implement incentives, waivers, and procedures to continue and further local development projects;
- Coordinate and provide additional funding to local non-profits and other organizations through ACF to provide financial and other assistance to Anaheim residents in need;
- Implement the expansion of the recovery plan and provide other forms of relief, incentives, extensions, forbearance, adjustments, deferrals, waivers, procedures, services, programs, and assistance determined necessary to respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

The City has previously received approximately \$33 million in federal CARES Act funding as a pass through from both the State and the County. These funds can be used for a variety of purposes including reimbursing the city for COVID-19 related expenditures. It is anticipated that CARES Act funding will be utilized to fund these additional programs specified in the Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Garcia
Interim City Manager