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### **Amended Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule**

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1) (E), the City of Whittier Successor Agency (Agency) submitted an Amended Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 (Amended ROPS 21-22B) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on October 1, 2021. Finance has completed its review of the Amended ROPS 21-22B.

Based on our review and application of the law, Finance makes the following determination:

- Item No. 78 – Property maintenance for the requested adjustment of \$120,000 from the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) funding is not allowed. It is our understanding the building located at 12549 Washington Boulevard burned down, and the Agency is requesting a \$120,000 adjustment to demolish the building and clear the lot. However, pursuant to HSC section 34177.3 (b), the work of winding down the successor agency does not include demolition or land clearance. Further, HSC section 34177 (o) (1) (E) states a successor agency may only amend the amount requested for payment of approved enforceable obligations. Because there is no approved enforceable obligation to make payment during the ROPS 21-22B period, the requested adjustment of \$120,000 RPTTF funding is not allowed.

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the Amended ROPS 21-22B period is \$2,813,188, as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution table (See Attachment).

Please refer to the Amended ROPS 21-22B schedule used to calculate the total RPTTF approved for distribution:

<http://dof.ca.gov/Programs/Redevelopment/ROPS/>

This is Finance's determination related to the funding of enforceable obligations reported on your Amended ROPS 21-22B. Please note there is not a Meet and Confer option for the Amended ROPS process; therefore, Finance's determination is final. This determination is effective for this time period only and should not be conclusively relied upon for future ROPS periods. All items listed on a future ROPS are subject to Finance's review and may be denied, even if it was not denied on this Amended ROPS or a preceding ROPS. The only exception is for items that have received a Final and Conclusive determination from Finance pursuant to HSC section 34177.5 (i). Finance's review of Final and Conclusive items is limited to confirming the scheduled payments as required by the obligation.

The amount available from the RPTTF is the same as the amount of property tax increment available prior to the enactment of the redevelopment dissolution statutes. Therefore, as a practical matter, the ability to fund the items on the ROPS with property tax is limited to the amount of funding available to the Agency in the RPTTF.

Please direct inquiries to Joshua Mortimer, Supervisor, or Michael Barr, Staff, at (916) 322-2985.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Cheryl L. McCormick for:

JENNIFER WHITAKER  
Program Budget Manager

cc: Ben Pongetti, Development Project Manager, City of Whittier  
Kristina Burns, Manager, Department of Auditor-Controller, Los Angeles County

**Attachment**

<b>Approved RPTTF Distribution January 2022 through June 2022</b>	
Authorized RPTTF on ROPS 21-22B	\$ 2,688,188
Authorized Administrative RPTTF on ROPS 21-22B	125,000
<b>Total Authorized RPTTF on ROPS 21-22B</b>	<b>2,813,188</b>
<b>Total Requested 21-22B RPTTF Adjustments</b>	<b>120,000</b>
<b>Finance RPTTF Adjustments</b>	
Item No. 78	(120,000)
<b>Total Amended ROPS 21-22B RPTTF approved for distribution</b>	<b>2,813,188</b>