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## 2024-25 Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1), the City of Compton Successor Agency (Agency) submitted an annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (ROPS 24-25) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on February 5, 2024. Finance has completed its review of the ROPS 24-25.

Based on a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, Finance made the following determinations:

- Item No. 25 Agency Owned Properties in the requested amount of \$39,000 is partially allowed. The Agency was able to provide details and support for appraisal services totaling \$27,300. Therefore, Finance made an adjustment of \$11,700 to decrease the total requested amount of \$39,000 to \$27,300. To the extent the Agency can provide suitable documentation, such as additional executed contracts or vendor invoices to support the total requested amount, the difference may be considered on a future ROPS.
- Item No. 30 Agency Owned Properties in the requested amount of \$61,800 is partially allowed. The Agency was able to provide details and support for maintenance and landscaping services totaling \$47,400. Therefore, Finance made an adjustment of \$14,400 to decrease the total requested amount of \$61,800 to \$47,400. To the extent the Agency can provide suitable documentation, such as additional executed contracts or vendor invoices to support the total requested amount, the difference may be considered on a future ROPS.
- Item No. 218 Tax Allocation Series 2022 A Bond debt service. The Agency requested \$4,200,100 from the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) in error. According to the debt service schedule provided by the Agency, the amount requested for the July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 (ROPS 24-25A) and January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 (ROPS 24-25B) periods should be \$3,078,182 and \$1,412,556, respectively. Therefore, to accurately reflect the correct debt service payment, Finance made an adjustment in the amount of \$78,082 for ROPS 24-25A and \$212,556 for ROPS 24-25B to increase the total requested amount of \$4,200,100 to \$4,490,738.

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- Item No. 219 Tax Allocation Series 2022 B Bond debt service. The Agency requested \$5,747,318 from RPTTF in error. According to the debt service schedule provided by the Agency, the amount requested for the ROPS 24-25A and ROPS 24-25B periods should be \$5,751,926 and \$0, respectively. Therefore, to accurately reflect the correct debt service payment, Finance made an adjustment in the amount of \$94,608 to increase the requested amount in the ROPS 24-25A period and made an adjustment in the amount of \$90,000 to decrease the requested amount in the ROPS 24-25B period; increasing the total requested amount of \$5,747,318 to \$5,751,926.
- The claimed administrative costs exceed the allowance by \$3,001. HSC section 34171 (b) (3) limits the fiscal year Administrative Cost Allowance (ACA) to three percent of actual RPTTF distributed in the preceding fiscal year or \$250,000, whichever is greater; not to exceed 50 percent of the RPTTF distributed in the preceding fiscal year. As a result, the Agency's maximum ACA is \$320,496 for fiscal year 2024-25. Although \$323,497 is claimed for ACA, only \$320,496 is available pursuant to the cap. Therefore, as noted in the table below, \$3,001 in excess ACA is not allowed:

Administrative Cost Allowance (ACA) Calculation	
Actual RPTTF distributed for fiscal year 2023-24	\$ 11,070,354
Less distributed Administrative RPTTF	(387,138)
RPTTF distributed for 2023-24 after adjustments	\$ 10,683,216
ACA Cap for 2024-25 per HSC section 34171 (b)	\$320,496
Total ACA Requested	\$ 323,497
ACA in Excess of the Cap	(\$ 3,001)

Pursuant to HSC section 34186, successor agencies are required to report differences between actual payments and past estimated obligations (prior period adjustments) for the July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (ROPS 21-22) period. The ROPS 21-22 prior period adjustment (PPA) will offset the ROPS 24-25 RPTTF distribution. The amount of RPTTF authorized includes the PPA resulting from the County Auditor-Controller's review of the PPA form submitted by the Agency.

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$10,620,209, as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution table (see Attachment).

RPTTF distributions occur biannually, one distribution for the ROPS 24-25A period, and one distribution for the ROPS 24-25B period, based on Finance's approved amounts. Since this determination is for the entire ROPS 24-25 period, the Agency is authorized to receive up to the maximum approved RPTTF through the combined ROPS 24-25A and ROPS 24-25B period distributions.

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Except for the adjusted items, Finance approves the remaining items listed on the ROPS 24-25 at this time. If the Agency disagrees with our determination with respect to any items on the ROPS 24-25, except items which are the subject of litigation disputing our previous or related determinations, the Agency may request a Meet and Confer within five business days from the date of this letter. The Agency must use the RAD App to complete and submit its Meet and Confer request form. The Meet and Confer process and guidelines are available on our website:

http://dof.ca.gov/Programs/Redevelopment/Meet\_And\_Confer/

Absent a Meet and Confer, this is our final determination regarding the obligations listed on the ROPS 24-25. This determination only applies to items when funding was requested for the 12-month period. If a determination by Finance in a previous ROPS is currently the subject of litigation, the item will continue to reflect the determination until the matter is resolved.

The ROPS 24-25 form submitted by the Agency and this determination letter will be posted on our website:

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

This determination is effective for the ROPS 24-25 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 adjusted even if not adjusted on this 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 law. Therefore, as a practical matter, the ability to fund the items on the ROPS with property tax increment is limited to the amount of funding available to the Agency in the RPTTF.

Please direct inquiries to <u>RedevelopmentAdministration@dof.ca.gov.</u>

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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cc: Willie Hopkins, City Manager, City of Compton Linda Santillano, Property Tax Apportionment Division Chief, Los Angeles County Cesar Hernandez, Countywide Oversight Board Representative

## Attachment

Approved RPTTF Distribution July 2024 through June 2025				
		ROPS A	ROPS B	Total
RPTTF Requested	\$	8,888,665 \$	1,520,048 \$	10,408,713
Administrative RPTTF Requested		161,748	161,749	323,497
Total RPTTF Requested		9,050,413	1,681,797	10,732,210
RPTTF Requested		8,888,665	1,520,048	10,408,713
Adjustment(s)				
ltem No. 25		0	(11,700)	(11,700)
ltem No. 30		0	(14,400)	(14,400)
ltem No. 218		78,082	212,556	290,638
Item No. 219		94,608	(90,000)	4,608
		172,690	96,456	269,146
RPTTF Authorized		9,061,355	1,616,504	10,677,859
Administrative RPTTF Requested		161,748	161,749	323,497
Excess Administrative Costs		(0)	(3,001)	(3,001)
Administrative RPTTF Authorized		161,748	158,748	320,496
ROPS 21-22 prior period adjustment (PPA)		(378,146)	0	(378,146)
Total RPTTF Approved for Distribution	\$	8,844,957 \$	1,775,252 \$	10,620,209