



# Emergency Proclamation to Address Homelessness Update 6

City Council Meeting – April 4, 2023

# Mission Statement

To reduce the number of persons experiencing homelessness in the City and the region by increasing housing opportunities and by enhancing current initiatives that provide field-based outreach, engagement, and supportive services while maintaining the safety and security of the people experiencing homelessness, the general public and staff, and improving overall public safety for the entire community.

# Homelessness Strategic Plan

- The Statement of Possibility from the Everyone Home Homelessness Strategic Plan continues to define success in Long Beach in its mission to end homelessness.
- Statement of Possibility: The experience of homelessness in Long Beach is rare and brief when it occurs.



A nighttime photograph of a city waterfront. In the foreground, a large white boat with a red wheel is docked at a pier. The water is dark, reflecting the colorful lights from the buildings and streetlights. In the background, several tall buildings are lit up, and palm trees are visible. The sky is dark. The text 'Homelessness Emergency Funding' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

# Homelessness Emergency Funding

# City Funding Budget Sources

## Sources

Fund	Available
General Fund	\$5,359,009
Tidelands	\$2,186,577
Measure A	\$5,800,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,345,586</b>

All funds are one-time and both Tidelands and Measure A have restricted uses.

# Creating the Budget

- Budget items are outlined in the key goal areas:
  - Increase Access to Services
  - Increase Interim and Long-Term Housing Access
  - Build Capacity to Address Homelessness Crisis
  - Engage Community in Data, Planning and Assistance
- Budget numbers are broken out between Infrastructure and Operations/Services
  - Operational costs are through Sept 30, 2023
- Budget does not include funding for:
  - Building purchases and infrastructure improvements
  - Recuperative care or step-down site and operations
- Budget numbers are estimates

# City Funding Budget

## Goal: Increase Access to Services

Project	Infrastructure	Operations/Services	Total
Safe Parking (short term)	\$32,000	\$160,000	\$192,000
Safe Parking (long term)	\$400,000	\$326,000	\$726,000
Safe RV Parking	\$400,000	\$282,000	\$682,000
Street Outreach (MAC/REACH)		\$154,000	\$154,000
Vehicles for Homeless Services Outreach	\$177,000		\$177,000
Navigation Center Improvements (12 bed youth shelter/Personal Item Storage Location)	\$2,800,000		\$2,800,000
RV Sanitation and Water Filling Site	\$5,000	\$74,000	\$79,000

# City Funding Budget

## Goal: Increase Access to Services

Project	Infrastructure	Operations/Services	Total
Homeward Bound		\$235,000	\$235,000
After Hours Mental Health Supports		\$30,000	\$30,000
Right to Counsel (LA County MOU)		\$232,000	\$232,000
Shower Trailer	\$90,000	\$91,000	\$181,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,727,000</b>	<b>\$1,530,000</b>	<b>\$5,257,000</b>



# City Funding Budget

## Goal: Increase Interim and Long Term Housing Access

Project	Infrastructure	Operations/Services	Total
Warming Center		\$71,000	\$71,000
Winter Shelter	\$10,000	\$172,000	\$182,000
Non-Congregate Interim Housing			
Luxury Inn	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000
Tiny Homes/Modulars	\$1,400,000		\$1,400,000
Motel Vouchers		\$100,000	\$100,000
Future Congregate Shelter		\$400,000	\$400,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,410,000</b>	<b>\$743,000</b>	<b>\$4,153,000</b>

# City Funding Budget

## Goal: Build Capacity to Address Homelessness

Project	Infrastructure	Operations/Services	Total
Grant Discovery		\$30,000	\$30,000
EOC Staffing		\$100,000	\$100,000
Supports for Front Line Staff		\$50,000	\$50,000
Homeless Management Information (HMIS) Enhancements		\$41,000	\$41,000
Grants to Community Based Organizations		\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Communications/Story Telling		\$100,000	\$100,000
Policy Analysis and Addressing Changes		\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,021,000</b>	<b>\$2,021,000</b>

# City Funding Budget

## Engage Community and Other Costs

Project	Infrastructure (in thousands)	Operations/Services (in thousands)	Total (in thousands)
Engage Community			
Community Meetings		\$3,000	\$3,000
Update Everyone Home Plan		\$100,000	\$100,000
Encampment Clean-Ups		\$200,000	\$200,000
Miscellaneous		\$250,000	\$250,000
Contingency/Reserve			\$1,129,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$553,000</b>	<b>\$1,682,000</b>

# City Funding Budget

Fund	Available	Budgeted	Contingency/ Reserve
General Fund	\$5,359,009	\$5,297,700	\$61,309
Tidelands	\$2,186,577	\$1,118,500	\$1,068,077
Measure A	\$5,800,000	\$5,800,000	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,345,586</b>	<b>\$12,216,200</b>	<b>\$1,129,386</b>

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# Actions Taken in the Past Two Weeks

# Progress on Goals and Metrics

## Increase access to services

- Launched Text Alert Program to connect people experiencing homelessness to resources and services, those interested can text keyword "HOME" to 99411 to receive updates
- Information has been centralized on the emergency response on a newly created Homelessness Services Information Hub available at [longbeach.gov/homelessness](http://longbeach.gov/homelessness)



Mobile Access Center:  
767 Interactions  
394 Engaged in Services



Safe Parking:  
901 Vehicle Nights  
Avg 12 vehicles per night



Multi Service Center:  
9,899 Visits



Community Organizations:  
41 signed up

# Progress on Goals and Metrics

## Engage Community in Data and Planning

- Announced survey seeking community members' knowledge and perceptions of homelessness to garner feedback to further inform City resources, services, and response efforts. Survey can be accessed at [longbeach.gov/homelessness](https://longbeach.gov/homelessness)
- Supported five Mayor's Community Partner Roundtables with two remaining in the upcoming weeks
- Confirmed data refresh interval for Homeless Dashboard will be the first Thursday of every month
- Completed community engagement around RV Sanitation and Water Filling site



Dashboard Elements:  
47 Data Points



Outreach Events:  
12 Events



Donations:  
13 Sites



Donated Items:  
7,692 items  
424 items distributed

# Progress on Goals and Metrics

## Build capacity to address homelessness crisis

- Met with LA County, LAHSA, and Metro to discuss opportunities to develop homeless services and resources along the A line
- Hosted first donation drive-thru event



City Staff Reassigned:  
146



Reassigned Staffing:  
5,648 Hours



Funding:  
\$13 Million Identified



New Grants:  
\$5.5M in Applications



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## Focus Areas for the Next Two Weeks

# Focus For Next Two Weeks

## **Increase access to services**

- Announce RV Sanitation and Water Filling Site
- Continue partnership conversations with LA County Department of Health Services and LAHSA

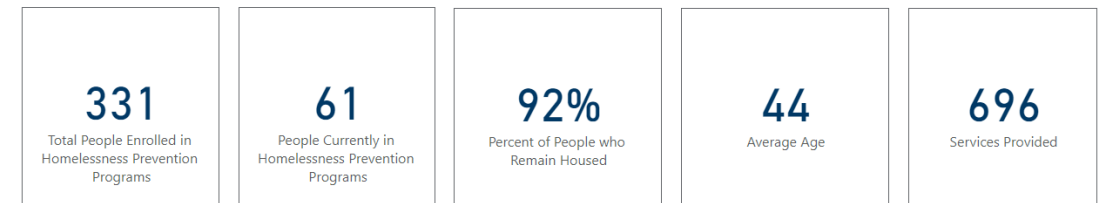
# Focus For Next Two Weeks

## Engage community in data and planning

- Complete remaining two Mayor's Community Partner Roundtables and aggregate the data. These meetings are focused on how partners can collaborate within the emergency response efforts and support short-term and long-term solutions to addressing homelessness
- Plan an Interfaith convening of faith organizations from across the City who are committed to supporting the efforts of not only the emergency response, but ongoing after the emergency has been lifted
- Adding Prevention Programs to the dashboard and continuing to add metrics related to the emergency.

## Homeless Prevention

Homelessness Prevention programs provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless. These programs are intended to target individuals and families who would be experiencing homelessness but for this assistance. Information on the programs and the enrollees of Homelessness Prevention is provided below. Veterans make up a large proportion of program enrollees due to program emphasis on preventing veteran homelessness.



# Focus For Next Two Weeks

## **Build capacity to address homelessness crisis**

- Present utilization of \$13 million budget
- Finalize letter to federal leadership regarding the City's priorities to address the emergency
- Continue evaluating potential Airport and Port of Long Beach properties that can support additional homelessness services
- Continue to staff up the Homeless Services Bureau to address case management and public health nursing needs
- Engage with consultants to identify grants to support efforts
- Continue to engage LA County on request to support emergency activities

# Focus For Next Two Weeks

## **Increase interim and long-term housing access**

- Continue to conduct enhanced engagement with housing providers to boost participation in Emergency Housing Voucher Program
- Host three remaining virtual information sessions for property owners and landlords to educate them on different aspects of the housing voucher process
- Work to identify emergency shelter location for when the winter shelter program ends
- Continue evaluating other properties citywide (both public and private) that could be temporarily used or acquired to further support homeless services housing opportunities



Thank you

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