

A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of a modern building with a curved facade. The building features large, circular windows with white frames and a grid of vertical white lines. The sky is overcast and grey. A semi-transparent white banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the title and date.

# **Unsheltered Homelessness NOFO Plan**

**August 17, 2022**

# Background

- On June 22, 2022 HUD released the supplemental Unsheltered / Rural Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity
- The NOFO is a response to increasing rates of unsheltered homelessness throughout the country and the difficulty of navigating services in rural areas

Unsheltered  
Homelessness Set  
Aside  
\$267,500,000

Rural  
Homelessness Set  
Aside \$54,500,000

Applications are  
due on October  
20, 2022

# Details

- Long Beach CoC is registered as an eligible bidder through the usual annual registration process
- NOFO competition process is largely aligned with the requirement and process for the annual competition
- Awarded programs will be included into the larger FY-22 NOFO process for programs
- Long Beach is eligible to be awarded up to \$5,193,648
- The initial grant term for projects will be 3 years, and then may be extended
- A maximum of 10 CoC's per state can be awarded funding
- Collaborative process must be conducted in creating and submitting proposals as part of this NOFO

# Community Engagement

- Long Beach has hosted multiple input sessions for different groups to elicit feedback around response for unsheltered homelessness
  - Lived Experience/Expertise Input Session #1 – July 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Community Input Session – August 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Housing Input Session – August 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Service Provider Input Session – August 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Healthcare Input Session – August 9<sup>th</sup>
  - County Partner Input Session – August 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Lived Experience/Expertise Input Session #2 – August 11<sup>th</sup>
- In total we had 48 people that weighed in to provide input on addressing unsheltered homelessness here in Long Beach.

# Unsheltered Homelessness Plan Recommendations

- This report is meant to capture the high level recommendations from the various groups that City staff met with.
- Recommendations that have a \*\* after them signify recommendations that our lived experience/expertise group were lifting up as things that they would like to be prioritized.
- All recommendations will be included into an unsheltered action plan.

# System Recommendations

- Throughout the input sessions it was identified many times that there should be more resources at all points of the system. It doesn't feel like that there is adequate resources at any point of the system
- Need for additional interim housing as many people desiring interim housing are not currently able to access shelter
- Create a prioritization and pathway for people staying within safe parking to get into interim housing\*\*
- Consistent feedback of wanting to see processes at all levels to go faster and be streamlined\*\*
- Increasing media engagement around homelessness and how to access services
- Increasing connections and support for people reentering\*\*

# Prevention Recommendations

- Comment that any new funding should be used to prevent homelessness
- Comment on prioritizing older adults on a fixed income for prevention
- Conversation about increasing services for family's and children to reduce future homelessness\*\*

# Access Centers and Outreach Recommendations

- Request for more funding for access centers and points where people can engage in services
- More places where people can access restrooms or showers. These spaces should have expanded hours including weekends and evening hours.\*\*
- Create more safe parking opportunities
- Having more access points throughout the city, example given was something like mini MSCs



# Shelter Recommendations

- Do more development of modular shelters / tiny homes\*\*
- Identify open land that could be used for modular shelters and tiny homes\*\*
- Repurpose vacant buildings for additional shelters\*\*
- Recommendation for a women's specific shelter\*\*
- Question on the durability of motel vouchers and whether there are other ways to look at private sheltering spaces?

# Housing Recommendations

- Conversion of vacant buildings into housing and/or shelter\*\*
- Explore ways to build housing faster and less expensive
- Increasing the use of modular construction
- Increase partnership with private developers and philanthropy to build more housing faster
- Increase the focus and connection with landlord partners\*\*
- Increasing the density of housing in Long Beach to increase housing options
- Allowing for housing authority vouchers to be used in a shared housing approach\*\*
- Master lease apartments through agencies in order to reduce people being turned down for credit or other issues\*\*

# Housing Recommendations Cont.

- Look at options for things such as Single Room Occupancy Housing
- Increase landlord incentives to get landlords to work with programs
- Look at ways to adjust funding for rental assistance within housing authority programs\*\*
- Funding for furniture as people are moving into housing
- Increase rapid rehousing programs
- More funding towards finding housing\*\*
- More services for housing retention services

# Healthcare Recommendations

- Increasing street-based medicine programs
- Shelter places that provide nursing care supports as people are getting out of the hospital
- Discussion of funding opportunities to expand healthcare linkages and how housing is a part of people's overall health
- Step down beds for people coming off of a 5150 hold
- Discussion around data sharing and access with the healthcare system
- Getting as many agencies certified to be able to use Medi-Cal insurance to pay for housing services
- Long Beach was encouraged to submit a proposal to the collaborative of insurance company for additional funding for this opportunity

# RFP Recommendations

- Based upon feedback and updated guidance from HUD, HSB staff recommend the following be included into the RFP:
- Allow for SSO projects that add capacity. Priorities for spaces that will include additional restrooms, healthcare connections, and increasing connections and engagement to landlords.
- Rapid Rehousing with prioritization to programs that can utilize CalAIM funding for services and move-in assistance.
- Permanent Supportive Housing: utilization of Housing Choice Voucher set asides, utilizing CalAIM funding for services and move in assistance.
- Long Beach will be submitting a proposal to the managed care providers for Housing and Homelessness Innovation Program (HHIP) funding to connect into any awarded programs.



**Thank you**

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