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To: Homeless Services Advisory Committee

## **History of Feed LB**

Over the past 8 years Feed Long Beach has been fighting homelessness. Feed L.B. has provided homeless outreach services, free Clothing Closets, Food Banks, Free Lunches for Children, and Permanent Housing Navigation and placement assistance for those experiencing homelessness. We have collaborated in partnership with the Multiservice Center, Help Me Help You, MHA Village, HIP, Mobile Closet, Kingdom Causes, Rental Management Companies, CA State SFSP Program, Dream Center of LA and LB and various local ministries. All efforts have been primarily funded by the resources provided by the generous donors of Good News Church.

We are excited to be embarking on a new SafePark program which will be a first in the City of Long Beach. The parking lot will be open for individuals and families that are currently experiencing vehicular homelessness. Individuals using their vehicles for shelter face the risk of parking citations, break-ins, and unsanitary living conditions. "SafePark Long beach will provide vehicle dwellers a safe and legal place to park and sleep in their vehicles overnight.

## **About the SafePark Program**

The LACDC SafePark Program provides more than just a dependable place to park each night. SafePark Program clients also benefit from a comprehensive suite of services, including case management, housing navigation, financial assistance, financial asset building strategies and more – all with the goal of getting individuals and families back on their feet. The program's holistic, person/family centered approach offers an individualized service plan to mitigate and reverse the downward spiral of homelessness.

LACDC is the pioneer for this program, and we have been working closely with the Multiservices Center to develop the infrastructure to establish the new program.

The SafePark program will be operated by LACDC in collaboration with the Long Beach Multiservices Center. SafePark will provide a place to park overnight, security, service coordination, light food items, clean restrooms and hand washing stations. The MSC will provide social services, showers, counseling, and permanent housing placement.

The Long Beach Police Department will provide support with all safety concerns.

The idea is to create a homeless services center that will be housed at the SafePark lot. The services center will be constructed with reclaimed shipping containers. It will have an office,

restrooms, and limited storage for warm clothing, and toiletries as well as other essentials that are needed to aid those that are experiencing vehicular homelessness.



This is a labor of love in which we plan to make significant investment in monetary and human capital.

### **Statement of Need:**

People who live in their cars are often difficult to spot by street outreach teams and many people will move around continuously to not draw attention to their situation. For some, their vehicle is that last vestige of independence they have and for others it is more comfortable than going to a shelter. No matter the reason, living in a car is not a choice that's made easily. Like many other cities across Southern California, the state and nationally, Long Beach has a need for SafePark which currently does not exist - creating a gap in services for people who are homeless. According to the last two Point in Time (PIT) Counts, 784 clients said they lived in a car in Long Beach in 2018, and rising to 868 in 2019.

### **Request for City of Long Beach**

LACDC respectfully requests a one-time gap funding grant to develop the SafePark Program on the The Good News Church property located at 1833 Harbor Ave, Long Beach, CA 90810. The Safe Park program will provide space for 15 households living in their cars with a safe, overnight place to sleep every night.

Funds requested from the Mayor's Fund would build the capacity of Long Beach to serve people living in their cars and support them by providing an access option for permanent housing.

The grant will be used to leverage funds for security, lot improvements, access to restrooms, hand washing stations, lighting and other improvements necessary to make the site ready for programming.

One-time Start-up funds for Phase 1.

Amount Requested: \$40,000

There are significant upfront costs for which the non-profit organization is not currently prepared to outlay.

1. Modified Shipping Containers
2. Concrete walkways
3. Parking Lot Striping
4. ADA Parking Signs
5. Architectural renderings

6. Electrical Drop from public utility
7. Necessary Permitting and City Fees
8. Parking lot Lighting
9. Employment manual and staffing models
10. Security Guard
11. Fence Repair
12. Privacy Tarps
13. General Liability Insurance
14. Workers Comp Insurance Plan
15. Site Coordinator



With monies provided by the Mayor's Fund To End Homelessness, the Los Angeles Clergy Development Council proposes to launch a SafePark Program in Long Beach. Prioritizing vulnerable families, college students, and older adults currently living in vehicles in the city of Long Beach.

A dedicated 3-staff team will provide daily onsite support along with engagement of community partners and volunteers.

The Good News Church located at 1833 Harbor Ave, Long Beach, CA has generously offered to lease space to the LACDC to develop and operate the SafePark Program. The hours of operation will be 6:30pm until 7am, Monday through Sunday. The location will be open 365 days a year.

The drafted space agreement includes, but is not limited to:

- 15 parking spaces 7 days a week, 365 days a year
- Space for portable toilets and community gathering space (indoors or outdoors)
- Security gate access for guests to enter and exit the premises
- Provide a space welcoming of all people and will not discriminate against anyone based on race, color, religion, beliefs, culture, language, sexual orientation or gender identity.

**Impact:** This infusion of capital will help bridge the gap in the continuum of care and provide a safe haven for the vehicular homeless while developing a services center that can be used for many years to come. The funds are needed in order to bring this resource to fruition, helping the most vulnerable members of our community.

