

June 2021 Long Beach Homeless Services Advisory Committee

Item: Long Beach Mayor's Fund to End Homelessness Proposals from Christian Outreach in Action (COA)

Staff Analysis:

Staff have reviewed the two proposals submitted by COA in addition to having a follow up conversation with their leadership. The two proposals would assist in meeting a one-time gap that would support food insecurity for persons experiencing homelessness. The request would provide infrastructure that would allow for COA to provide more food both through their hot meals program as well food bank. Both proposals fit the intent of the Mayor's Fund.

In reviewing both proposals and speaking with COA we find that both proposals have equal ability to expand both the variety of what they are able to offer in food and goods as well as the overall quantity. The freezer would allow them to store and provide more cold and fresh goods. The purchase of a truck would allow them to do more donation pick-ups and be able to provide more.

The two requests when combined make a substantial request totaling nearly 1/3 of what is currently available in the Mayor's Fund. This is larger than past Mayor's Fund requests, however there is not set guidelines as far as a maximum amount or having proposals that outline multiple needs. Staff do not have any current recommendations around the size of the requests, however wanted to ensure that HSAC members are aware of the scale of the proposals in comparison to the current funding available.

