

September 14, 2021

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute an Agreement to Apply with the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC), for the entire Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP) Round 3 grant in the amount of \$8,516,928, to begin the grant application process, and to redirect the City of Long Beach (City) Large Cities program allocation in the amount of \$5,682,194 to the Long Beach Continuum of Care (CoC). (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to execute an Agreement to Apply with the HCFC for the HHAP Round 3 grant, as required by the grantor to begin the grant application process and to redirect the City of Long Beach (City) Large Cities program allocation in the amount of \$5,682,194 to the Long Beach Continuum of Care (CoC). Through the HHAP Round 3 allocations, the City is eligible to receive \$5,682,194 from its Large Cities program allocation and \$2,834,734 from its Long Beach CoC program allocation. The total expected funding from HHAP Round 3 is \$8,516,928, which must build upon the foundation established with past rounds of HHAP funding to build stronger collaboration and partnership in communities across the State to address immediate homelessness challenges.

The Health and Human Services Department, Homeless Services Bureau serves as the lead agency in administering homeless services grant funds across the Long Beach CoC. Redirecting funds from the HHAP Round 3 Large Cities program allocation to the CoC will not change the intended use of funds to address homelessness challenges, and there will be no impact to current City programs or future programming supported by the funds. Redirecting funding from the Large Cities program to the CoC will only facilitate administrative efficiencies by consolidating funding allocations into a single entity.

The Homeless Services Bureau will be leading a strategic planning process to assess how the HHAP Round 3 funding will be utilized. At this early stage of the application process, the following needs have been identified for possible ongoing operations or expansion, utilizing HHAP Round 3 funds: rapid rehousing, navigation center for transitional age youth (TAY) shelter beds, sobering center, intensive case management services (ICMS), mobile Multi-Service Center (MSC) clinics, modular shelter program, conversion of the Project Homekey site to permanent housing, and potential expansion of the MSC. Based upon timing and priority needs, some of these items may be financed with additional funding to be released by the State in FY 22. If and when the HHAP Round 3 grant is awarded to the City, the Department will return to City Council with a detailed budget showing how the funding will be utilized.

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This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Taylor M. Anderson on August 25, 2021 and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on August 24, 2021.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on September 14, 2021, to submit an Agreement to Apply and a binding Resolution that redirects funds prior to the grantor's deadline, which is 30 days after the Agreement to Apply is released or before September 15, 2021.

EQUITY STATEMENT

The City has incorporated the Equity Toolkit into this recommendation as requested by the City Council on April 21, 2020. This recommendation will provide assistance to people experiencing homelessness in the city by providing services and resources to reduce and end homelessness in Long Beach, if HHAP 3 funding is awarded to the City.

FISCAL IMPACT

HHAP funding in the amount of \$5,682,194 will be redirected from the Large Cities program to the Long Beach CoC to support regional coordination and expand local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges. Redirecting funding to the CoC will consolidate HHAP funding and will improve administration of funds. There will be no change to intended funding uses and no impact to current or future programming. The grant has no match requirement. If approved, the Department will return to the City Council with a request for appropriation, offset by grant revenues. There is no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

KELLY COLOPY DIRECTOR

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ATTACHMENT: RESOLUTION

APPROVED:

THOMAS B. MODICA

CITY MANAGER

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH REDIRECTING FUNDS FROM LARGE CITY - LONG BEACH TO LONG BEACH CONTINUUM OF CARE

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, pursuant to Resolution No. RES-20-0049 authorizing the City Manager and Assistant City Manager to execute agreements required to accept financial assistance for the declared emergency due to COVID-19 as well as expend these funds, the City of Long Beach ("City") entered into Agreement No. 20-HHAP-00011 (City Contract 35541) with the State of California Business, Consumer Service, and Housing Agency for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention ("HHAP") Program through the Large City Grant Program ("Large City - Long Beach"); and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, pursuant to Resolution No. RES-20-0049 authorizing the City Manager and Assistant City Manager to execute agreements required to accept financial assistance for the declared emergency due to COVID-19 as well as expend these funds, the City entered into Agreement No. 20-HHAP-00012 (City Contract 35540) with the State of California Business, Consumer Service, and Housing Agency for the HHAP Program through the Continuum of Care Program ("Long Beach CoC"); and

WHEREAS, the HHAP Program's general purpose is to provide one-time block grant funding to support regional coordination, and to expand or develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges. Activities will be informed by a best-practices framework focused on moving homeless individuals and families into permanent housing and supporting the efforts of those individuals and families to maintain their permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, the California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council

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requires a binding resolution to redirect the funds from one entity to the other by the application due date and this resolution is intended to satisfy such a requirement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Beach, California, desires to designate and authorize certain City officials to execute documents pertaining to financial assistance for the HHAP Round 3 Large Cities Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. That the officials employed in the named positions are hereby authorized to execute for and in behalf of the City of Long Beach, California, a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, applications and other related documents to be filed with State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council, for the purpose of obtaining federal, state, or local financial assistance financial assistance for the Homeless Housing and Assistance Program Round 3 Large Cities Program:

City Manager

Assistant City Manager

Section 2. That the City of Long Beach, a public entity established under the laws of the State of California, hereby authorizes the above-designated agents of the City to provide to the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council the assurances and agreements required for all matters pertaining to the Homeless Housing and Assistance Program Round 3 Large Cities Program.

Section 3. That the City of Long Beach may redirect funds from the HHAP Round 3 Program Large City - Long Beach allocation in the amount of \$5,682,194.20 to the Long Beach CoC in the amount of \$2,834,733.75 to form a single CoC, for a total combined amount of \$8,516,927.95, which will build upon the foundation established with past rounds of HHAP funding to build stronger collaboration and partnership in communities across the state to address immediate homelessness

1	challenges shall be redirected to Long Beach CoC to support the same programs.		
2	Section 3. Long Beach CoC accepts the redirected funds and		
3	responsibility for the application of those funds as well as the ongoing collaboration		
4	between Large City - Long Beach and Long Beach CoC on HHAP projects.		
5	Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption		
6	by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.		
7	I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City		
8	Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of, 2021		
9	by the following vote:		
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