



CITY OF LONG BEACH

HOMELESS SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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March 6, 2012

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the recommendations of the Homeless Services Advisory Committee for allocation of Mayor's Fund for the Homeless funds in the total amount of \$8,500 to agencies in the amounts as outlined below; authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents with these community agencies for the provision of services for the homeless; and increase appropriations in the General Fund (GP) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$8,500. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION:

On September 14, 1990, the City Council approved an ordinance establishing the Mayor's Fund for the Homeless (Mayor's Fund). Since January of 1992, a solicitation envelope for the Mayor's Fund has been included in the City's utility bill each year. The Mayor's fund receives an average of \$25,000 in contributions annually. The balance of the Mayor's Fund, as of December 31, 2011 was \$78,729.

On February 1, 2012, the Homeless Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) held a meeting to discuss a special allocation of the Mayor's Fund. Agency representatives were in attendance to present information related to the requests. HSAC recommends that a portion of the Mayor's Fund in the amount of \$8,500 be allocated as follows to three (3) community agencies for the provision of homeless services, with the balance to remain in the Mayor's Fund to accrue interest.

RECOMMENDED ALLOCATIONS:

Urban Community Outreach: \$3,000

Funding will provide operational support for the Urban Community Outreach (UCO) Sunday Drop-in-Center Program. The UCO provides indoor respite and access to meals, computer training, and basic medical screenings, along with linkage to the Multi-Service Center for case management and housing coordination services.

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Long Beach Rescue Mission: \$3,000

The Rescue Mission operates the Los Angeles County funded Winter Shelter Program from December 1, 2011 to March 15, 2012 at 6845 Atlantic Avenue in Council District 9. Beyond the nighttime shelter, the Rescue Mission provides respite during daytime hours for rainy days at the Winter Shelter site, a program service that is not funded by the County. There have been three rainy days thus far during this program season.

Christian Outreach in Action: up to \$2,500

Christian Outreach in Action (COA) is the largest provider of hot meals in Long Beach serving an average of 500 hot meals per day. The COA provides an indoor food distribution/meal site in the downtown area. This recommended allocation is to support the upgrade of industrial kitchen equipment at the site.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on February 9, 2012 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on February 15, 2012.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is requested on March 6, 2012, so that the Department of Health and Human Services, Homeless Services Division may prepare contracts with these agencies effective the date of Council approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are allocated from donations to the Mayor's Fund Expendable Trust. An increase in appropriations in the amount of \$8,500 is requested in the General Fund (GP) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) and is included in the recommendation. Appropriations are fully offset by revenue from the Expendable Trust. There is no impact on the General Fund, and no net impact to jobs.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED:



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