
Homeless Services Advisory Committee Community Capacity Building Subcommittee

Date: August 20, 2021

Item: Family Promise of South Bay Proposal for Mayor's Fund to End Homelessness

Staff Analysis:

Staff have reviewed the proposal submitted by Family Promise of South Bay (FPSB) on July 13, 2021 by Andrew Nishimoto.

FPSB is a transitional housing provider and intend to open a trauma-informed workspace for workforce development and welcoming space supporting parents experiencing housing insecurity. The workforce development program will be implemented at Wrigley Coffee at 437 W Willow St., Long Beach, CA 90806. Participants in the program will be identified from FPSB's existing network of providers and shelters, prioritizing families that are Long Beach residents. The proposal would support a one-time gap need for FPSB's program by providing \$10,000 towards start-up costs for Wrigley Coffee, including purchases of one brewer, two grinders, and one espresso machine.

The proposal fits the intent of the Mayor's Fund to End Homelessness. Workforce development and employment skills for individuals and parents experiencing homelessness is an existing service need. Coffee shop equipment represent one-time capital needs that will enable this program. Staff have concerns about how the program would best prioritize Long Beach families, as well as whether the coffee equipment would be exclusively utilized towards prevention of homelessness.

As of July 31, 2021, the Mayor's Fund to End Homelessness balance is \$216,146.39, with \$124,146.39 available after previous funding awards. This proposal would represent 8% of the remaining available funds.

