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# **LBRA Programs - Homeless Services Bureau**

**Homeless Services Advisory Committee**

**January 5, 2022**

# Long Beach Recovery Act

## LONG BEACH RECOVERY ACT



**ECONOMIC  
RECOVERY**

**\$64 million**



**HEALTHY AND SAFE  
COMMUNITY**

**\$108.5 million**



**SECURING OUR  
CITY'S FUTURE**

**\$76.7 million**



# Healthy and Safe Community - \$108.5 million

- Addresses the underlying factors impacting health and prioritizes the basic mental and physical health needs of the community hardest hit by the pandemic



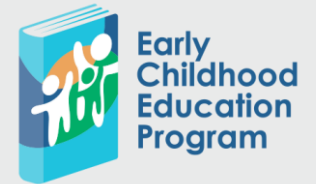
Public Health  
COVID-19 Response:  
**\$15.7 million**



Basic Needs:  
**\$6.3 million**



Physical and Mental  
Health Equity:  
**\$12.1 million**



Early Childhood Education  
and Support:  
**\$2.8 million**



Violence Prevention  
and Safe Cities:  
**\$3.6 million**



Homelessness:  
**\$10.9 million**



LB Justice  
Fund:  
**\$300,000**



Housing Support:  
**\$56.4 million**



Language Access:  
**\$500,000**

# Long Beach Recovery Act Takes a Collective Impact Approach

- The COVID-19 pandemic has had disparate effects on communities and the Plan aims to address the intersectional impacts of the pandemic on different communities
- Programs are not independent, but rather form a coordinated approach to support lasting economic recovery and public health equity
- Each of the programs builds upon existing Council-adopted plans
- The Plan seeks to avoid duplication of other federal and State programs to ensure the most effective use of City funds



# Homeless Services LBRA Programs

Program	Budget	Funding Source
Motel Vouchers	\$184,000	ARPA
Social Enterprise and Healthy Foods Market	\$1,000,000	ARPA
Non-Congregate Shelter/Modular Units	\$1,200,000	HOME-ARP
Mobile Outreach Stations	\$2,208,101	HOME-ARP
Intensive Case Management Services	\$4,261,769	HOME-ARP
REACH Team Operations	\$177,004	HOME-ARP
Project Homekey Facility Conversion	\$1,369,898	HOME-ARP



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# ARPA Programs

# Motel Vouchers

## **Background:**

- Homeless Services staff at the MSC provide referrals and connections to housing solutions, but this may take several days to weeks
- Current low barrier shelter opportunities can be limited or may not be appropriate
- When necessary, the MSC will provide motel vouchers to provide vulnerable individuals or families with a motel room as temporary shelter
- Due to health concerns and economic realities of COVID-19, Homeless Services has more than doubled the usage of motel vouchers in 2020 and 2021

# Motel Vouchers

Funds will be used to expand and extend the motel voucher program. Motel vouchers are prioritized based on health conditions, age, vulnerability, individuals with children, shelter bed availability, and permanent housing connections.

## **Outcomes:**

- Reduction in people experiencing unsheltered homelessness
- Improved connections to case management, services, and permanent housing
- Increased number of participating motels

## **Program Implementation:**

- RFP for motel providers (already completed)



# Social Enterprise and Healthy Foods Market

## Background:

- February 2019 – City acquires Atlantic Farms property in North Long Beach
- October 2020 - Atlantic Farms Bridge Housing Community opens as a 125-bed low barrier shelter for people experiencing homelessness
- Vacant liquor store and warehouse were also part of the campus
- Long-term visioning and development of the campus still in process



# Social Enterprise and Healthy Foods Market

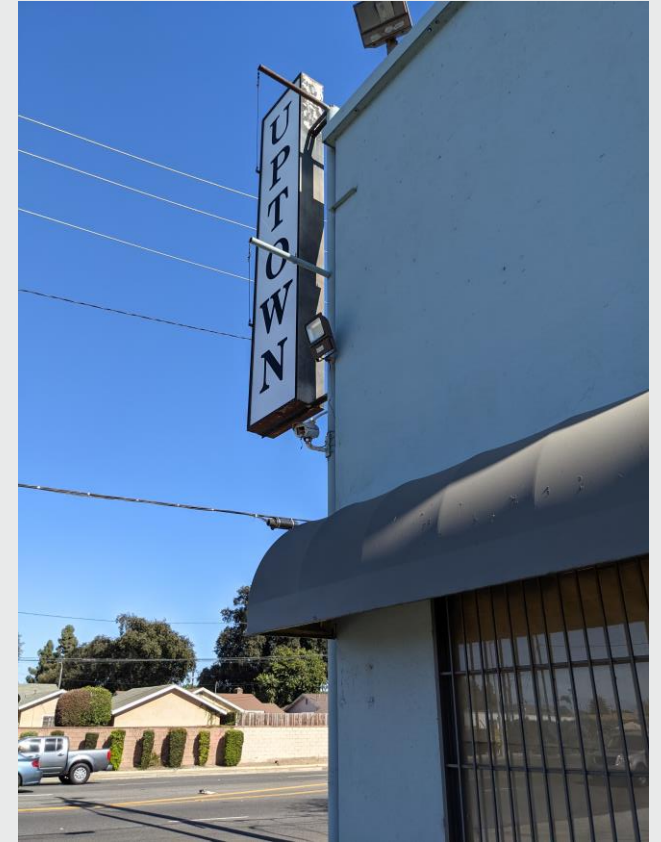
- Creation of a social enterprise healthy foods market that will provide workforce development opportunities for Transition Age Youth (TAY) experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- Market will provide fresh produce and groceries to the ABC Shelter participants and the surrounding community

## **Outcomes:**

- Homelessness prevention and mitigation through workforce development and income
- Increased access to groceries for surrounding neighborhood

## **Program Implementation:**

- Clean-out and rehabilitation of property to code
- RFPs for developer, market operator, and workforce development provider



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# HOME-ARP Programs



# Non-Congregate Shelter/Modular Units

Construction of modular non-congregate shelter units (i.e., “Tiny Home Shelters”) at the Multi-Service Center (MSC) for operation as temporary shelter.

## Outcomes:

- 25-50 additional non-congregate shelter units to serve as temporary housing pending placement into permanent housing solutions
- Decreased barriers to case management, services, and shelter

## Program Implementation Plan:

- Assessment of MSC and other potential sites for necessary improvements
- RFP(s) for developer and operator
- Build out of non-congregate shelter units



# Mobile Outreach Stations

Staffing, vehicles, and resources for the operation of two Mobile Outreach Stations, each consisting of 2 Case Managers, 2 Outreach Staff, and 1 RN. These teams will travel to high impact areas that have difficulty accessing the MSC, such as North or East Long Beach. HSB Staff will also explore partnership with other agencies and providers to accompany these teams.

## **Outcomes:**

- Increased access to case management, shelter and housing referrals, social service enrollments, mental health services, healthcare services and screenings, and other resources for people experiencing homelessness

## **Program Implementation Plan:**

- Procurement of vehicles and recruitment of staff
- Tentative implementation of Mobile Outreach Stations in Summer 2022



# Intensive Case Management Services

Intensive Case Management Services (ICMS) for the 582 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) awarded to Long Beach through the American Rescue Plan.

- EHVs are one-time housing vouchers provided to individuals or families experiencing or at risk of homelessness and/or fleeing domestic violence
- ICMS consists of case managers focused on increasing housing stability through housing navigation and planning, care coordination, physical and mental health linkages, legal support, housing retention, income assistance, and other services

## **Outcomes:**

- Increased housing placements and stability, as well as community belonging and wellness for EHV participants

## **Program Implementation Plan:**

- RFP process already completed with four agencies selected
- Contract begins in December 2021

# REACH Team Operations

## Restorative Engagement to Achieve Collective Health (REACH) Teams

- Mobile response team focused on urgent community requests and low-level, non-violent calls for services related to people experiencing homelessness
  - Two teams consisting of one public health nurse, one mental health clinician, and two outreach workers
  - One FTE focused on field coordination
  - Alternate response model focused on linking people to services such as interim and permanent housing, mental and physical health services, case management, crisis intervention, and trauma-informed care.
- REACH Teams currently operating on weekdays from 7am-5pm, with further expansion as additional staffing and resources are secured. Diversion of 911 Calls for Service to begin once REACH Teams are fully staffed.
- HOME-ARP funds will be used to augment the existing budget of the REACH Team for the purchase of program supplies, PPE, and technology.

# REACH Team Operations

## **Outcomes:**

- Reduced unnecessary criminal justice involvement for people experiencing homelessness and improved linkages to services
- Reduced impact on emergency response system by calls for service related to homelessness
- Improved collaboration between Public Safety, Homeless Services, and Service Providers

## **Program Implementation Plan:**

- Purchase of program supplies using HOME-ARP funds
- Continued input from REACH Team staff and ACR Workgroup
- Recruitment to fully staff REACH Teams and diversion of 911 calls

# Project Homekey Conversion

Conversion of the Project Homekey Facility from interim housing to permanent housing with supportive services.

- Using Project Homekey funds, the City purchased the Best Western in December 2020, and has operated the facility as non-congregate shelter since March 2021
- Conversion will include the installation of kitchenettes, office space for supportive services, and other improvements

## Outcomes:

- Creation of 102 units of permanent housing for very low-income individuals

## Program Implementation Plan:

- Aggregation of other funding sources
- RFP project to affordable housing developer and permanent supportive housing operator





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**Thank you**

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