

C-14

November 15, 2022

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit an Agreement to Apply with the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC), for the Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP) Round 4 grant, to begin the grant application process, and to redirect the City of Long Beach (City) Large Cities program allocation to the Long Beach Continuum of Care (CoC). (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to submit an Agreement to Apply with the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) for the Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP) Round 4 grant, as required by the grantor to begin the grant application process and to redirect the City Large Cities program allocation to the Long Beach CoC. The HHAP Round 4 allocations have not yet been released by the grantor and it is expected that the allocations will be released before the end of December 2022. The anticipated allocation amount will range from \$12 to \$16 million dollars (\$12,000,000 to \$16,000,000). The State has not yet finalized their allocation numbers because they are working to finalize homeless count numbers (which determines funding allocation). The HHAP 4 funding 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 4 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.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on October 31, 2022 and by Budget Analysis Officer, Greg Sorensen on October 26, 2022.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on November 15, 2022, to begin the application process and meet the grantor's deadline set for November 29, 2022.

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 Long Beach by providing services and resources to reduce and end homelessness, if HHAP 4 funding is awarded to the City.

FISCAL IMPACT

HHAP funding, once released by the grantor, 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 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.

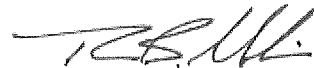
Respectfully submitted,



KELLY COLOPY
DIRECTOR
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ATTACHMENT - Resolution

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER

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

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

3 WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Long Beach, California, desires
4 to designate and authorize certain City officials to execute documents pertaining to
5 financial assistance for the HHAP Round 4 Large Cities Program;

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

8 Section 1. That the officials employed in the named positions are hereby
9 authorized to execute for and in behalf of the City of Long Beach, California, a public
10 entity established under the laws of the State of California, applications and other related
11 documents to be filed with State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing
12 Agency Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council, for the purpose of obtaining
13 federal, state, or local financial assistance financial assistance for the Homeless Housing
14 and Assistance Program Round 4 Large Cities Program:

15 City Manager

16 Assistant City Manager

17 Section 2. That the City of Long Beach, a public entity established under
18 the laws of the State of California, hereby authorizes the above-designated agents of the
19 City to provide to the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing
20 Agency Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council the assurances and agreements
21 required for all matters pertaining to the Homeless Housing and Assistance Program
22 Round 4 Large Cities Program.

23 Section 3. That the City of Long Beach may redirect funds, if awarded,
24 from the HHAP Round 4 Program Large City - Long Beach allocation to the Long Beach
25 CoC in the amount not to exceed 16 million dollars (\$16,000,000) which will build upon
26 the foundation established with past rounds of HHAP funding to build stronger
27 collaboration and partnership in communities across the state to address immediate
28 homelessness challenges shall be redirected to Long Beach CoC to support the same

1 programs. Once the actual allocation amount is provided, this dollar amount shall be
2 amended.

3 Section 4. Long Beach CoC accepts the redirected funds and
4 responsibility for the application of those funds as well as the ongoing collaboration
5 between Large City - Long Beach and Long Beach CoC on HHAP projects.

6 Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
7 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

8 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
9 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2022,
10 by the following vote:

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12 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

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16 Noes: Councilmembers: _____

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18 Absent: Councilmembers: _____

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20 Recusal(s): Councilmember: _____

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City Clerk