Long Beach HHAP Round 4

Continuum of Care

November 15, 2022

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Background

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Overview

- The State of California as part of its Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 4 requires that each community update the goals it had created as a part of HHAP3

- The application process to the state is due by November 29, 2022, and the funding must be spent down by June 30, 2027

- 5th Annual allocation of funding from the State

  - 4th Round under the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program

ENTITY	FUNDING ALLOCATION - Estimate
Long Beach Continuum of Care	$4-5 million
City of Long Beach	$8-10 million
Total:	**$12–15 million**

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Overview Cont.

- As part of the HHAP Round 3 process there was a requirement for community input and goals

- The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services, Homeless Services Bureau staff is hosted multiple community input sessions to hear from community members and ensure that the feedback of the community is reflected within the creation of our spending plan and goal
  - Community Feedback Sessions May 11th and May 17th
  - Lived Experience/Expertise Session May 19th
  - Posted for Written Feedback May 24th – June 8th

- The Governor has frozen Round 3 disbursement due to feeling that the cumulative goals lacked ambition. However, the regulations for HHAP Round 4 requires that submissions happen by the end of November 2022.

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Planning Process

Eligible Activities

- The following activities are eligible under HHAP Round 4:
  - Capacity Building / Workforce Development for Service Providers
  - Investing in Data Systems
  - Improving Homeless Point In Time (PIT) Counts
  - Improvements to the Coordinated Entry System (including Youth CES)
  - Rapid Re-Housing
  - Operating Subsidies for PSH or Interim Housing
  - Street Outreach
  - Service Coordination
  - System Supports to Create Regional Partnerships
  - Delivery of Permanent Housing
  - Prevention and Shelter Diversion
  - New Interim Housing
  - Improving Existing Interim Housing

Funding Recommendations

- Through pandemic response the City/CoC have received multiple allocations of funding and have built out capacity. As we look to future funding, the City/CoC look to balance maintaining existing capacity and adding new services.

- The following is an initial recommendation of priority areas for funding based upon previous planning efforts through HHAP round 3 and the CoC Special NOFO. Within our application we will be reflecting percentages that will be put towards program types as we have not received our allocation totals.

- Staff are open to feedback on areas that could be adjusted.

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Initial Funding Recommendations

Activity Type	Funding Priority or %	Description
Recuperative Care Beds / Behavioral Health Step Down	High	Increase the number of opportunities for people with acute physical or mental health needs who are being discharged from hospitals.
ICMS Services / CalAIM	High	Funding that can be utilized to pay for Intensive Case Management Services as well as supporting agencies to maximize utilization of CalAIM to provide retention services
Document / Application Specialist	High (doesn't need much funding)	Based on the experience of EHVs, the benefit of having someone that can support people with gathering vital documents and preparing applications
Additional Shelter Funding	High	Funding that can be utilized for both congregate and non-congregate shelter options
DV supports post fleeing	Medium-High	Assistance for persons who have fled a DV situation within the past 3 months and are seeking safety and processing
Mental Health Supports	Medium-High	Looking at creative ways to expand mental health access for people who are not currently enrolled in mental health services
Rapid Rehousing	Medium	Short to Medium term case management and financial assistance. Staff are recommending additional focus on shared/roommate housing situations
Further Affirming Services	Medium	Funding would be utilized for creating further training and efforts to ensure that services are culturally affirming to groups that have historically faced discrimination and lower engagement in services (ex.. Black, Indigenous, LGBTQ+ community)
Landlord Incentives	Low-Medium	Additional ways of incentivizing landlords to work with homeless service participants
Administrative	7%	Max of 7% of grant amount by statue
Total:	$12 – 15 million	

Goal Setting

- The state requires that as a community we set goals for addressing homelessness based upon 2021 baseline data. The areas we need to create goals are for the following:

    1) Reducing the number of persons experiencing homelessness

    2) Reducing the number of persons experiencing homelessness on a daily basis

    3) Reducing the number of persons who become homeless for the first time

    4) Increasing the number of people exiting homelessness into permanent housing

    5) Reducing the length of time persons remain homeless

    6) Reducing the number of persons who return to homelessness after exiting homeless to permanent housing

    7) Increasing successful placements from street outreach

Goal 1a – Recommendation

- Reducing the number of persons experiencing homelessness both on an annual basis

Baseline Data: Annual Estimate of the number of people accessing services who are experiencing homeless	Outcome Goals July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025	
	Decrease/Increase in # of People	Decrease/Increase as % Change from Baseline
2,970	-30	-1%

- Long Beach has seen a 23% increase between 2018 – 2020 and was flat between 2020 and 2021, however we know that there will be an increase from 2021 to 2022.

- Based upon the previous trend we would look for success to be stopping the increase to work towards a decrease

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Goal 1b – Recommendation

- Reducing the number of persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness on a daily basis

Baseline Data:	Outcome Goals July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025	
Estimate of the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness on the 2022 PIT Count	Decrease/Increase in # of People	Decrease/Increase as % Change from Baseline
2,287	-705	-31%

- Between 2020 and 2022 Long Beach saw a significant increase in people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

- This would be a significant change in trend from previous years which can be accomplished through adding additional shelter capacity and increasing permanent housing opportunities.

Goal 2 – Recommendation

- Reducing the Number of persons who become homeless for the first time

Baseline Data: Annual estimate of the number of people who become homeless for the first time	Outcome Goals July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025	
	Decrease/Increase in # of People	Decrease/Increase as % Change from Baseline
1,256	-13	-1%

- Long Beach has seen a 26% increase between 2018 – 2020 and slight decrease from 2020 to 2021. There will be an increase from 2021 to 2022

- With additional funding and support for homeless prevention over the past two years the goal should be to flatten this trend. However, it is difficult to say what will occur as eviction moratoriums are lifted.

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Goal 3 – Recommendation

- Increasing the number of people that exit to permanent housing

Baseline Data: Annual number of people that are exiting to permanent housing. 2021 exits to PH	Outcome Goals July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025	
	Decrease/Increase in # of People	Decrease/Increase as % Change from Baseline
406	+707 annually	+174%

- Long Beach saw a significant drop between 2020 and 2021 with the anticipation of going back to 2020 rates in 2022.

- With the additional housing resources through the pandemic including the 582 Emergency Housing Vouchers we are hoping that we can continue trending in a positive direction.

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Goal 4 – Recommendation

- Reducing the length of time persons remain homeless

Baseline Data:	Outcome Goals July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025	
Average length of time (in # of days) persons enrolled in street outreach or other non-residential projects, emergency shelter, transitional housing, safe haven projects, and time prior to move-in for persons enrolled in rapid rehousing and permanent housing projects	Decrease/Increase in # of People	Decrease/Increase as % Change from Baseline
189	-29 days	-15%

- Long Beach has seen a 2% decrease between 2018 – 2020 and a 15% increase between 2020 and 2021

- The goal is reflective of getting back to the 2020 baseline in number of

Goal 5 – Recommendation

- Reducing the number of persons who return to homelessness after exiting homelessness to permanent housing

Baseline Data: % of people who return to homelessness within 6 months of exiting homelessness to permanent housing	Outcome Goals July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025	
	Decrease/Increase in # of People	Decrease/Increase as % Change from Baseline
5%	N/A	-1%

- Long Beach has seen a flat rate between 2018 – 2021.

- We have seen consistent trends over time around returns. Our real focus within the decrease goal should be focusing on reducing higher return rates for black households. This can be accomplished with increasing retention services such as ICMS.

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Goal 6 – Recommendation

- Increasing successful placements from street outreach

Baseline Data:	Outcome Goals July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025	
Annual # of people served in street outreach projects who exit to emergency shelter, safe haven, transitional housing, or permanent housing destinations	Decrease/Increase in # of People	Decrease/Increase as % Change from Baseline
0	325	3,250%

- Not sure what had occurred in data capture between 2020 and 2021. In assessing data from the current year there is a much higher connection from outreach to programs. Currently in 2022 there has been over 180 positive exits.

- Without a great baseline the City is proposing to set the metric at one and a quarter positive connection per day, with 260 workdays.

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Thank you

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