

A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of a modern building with a glass and metal facade. The building features several large, circular windows with white frames. The sky is overcast and grey. A semi-transparent white banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing text.

Homeless Services Division Staff Presentation

Homeless Services Advisory Committee Meeting

April 7, 2021

A nighttime photograph of the Long Beach skyline. The city lights are reflected in a body of water in the foreground. A semi-transparent white banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text 'Long Beach Recovery Act'.

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- American Rescue Plan resulted in \$178 Million allocated to the City of Long Beach
- March 16 - Long Beach City Council unanimously adopted the Long Beach Recovery Act allocating these funds
- Three major categories:
 - Economic Recovery - \$56.25 million
 - Healthy and Safe Community - \$80.9 million
 - Securing the City's Future - \$83.2 million
- \$12 Million to Homelessness Programs
- \$5 Million to Clean City Programs
- \$29 Million to Emergency Rental Assistance

Long Beach Recovery Act - Homelessness

Program	Description	Funding
Modular Shelter Units	Purchase and site set up of approximately 50 modular units that will be located at the Multi-Service Center and at least one other location to provide temporary shelter and engagement for persons seeking services.	\$1,725,000
Mobile Outreach Stations (2)	Provides people experiencing homelessness greater access to resources and linkages to service through expanded mobile services. The two Mobile Stations will consist of six outreach workers, four case managers, and representatives from partner agencies that will provide outreach services, intake and assessment, case management, referrals, and other social service programs. Services will be provided five days a week and can include programming on days that the MSC is closed.	\$3,000,000
Property Acquisition	Provides funding towards property acquisition and/or capital improvements towards the development of interim or permanent housing.	\$2,000,000
Health Department HEART Program Operations	Provides two years of programming, beyond staffing, for the Homeless Education and Response Team (HEART). Programming costs include vehicle outfitting, fuel and maintenance, as well as program materials consisting of outreach incentives, hygiene kits, PPE, and technology for staff out in the field.	\$125,000
Mobile Restrooms and Showers	Provides for the purchase of a trailer that has showers and restrooms along with the truck to pull it to increase access to restrooms and hygiene services.	\$400,000

Long Beach Recovery Act - Homelessness

Motel Vouchers	Provides non-congregate sheltering for people experiencing homelessness during the pandemic while they are being connected to the City's Multi-Service Center for case management and services.	\$500,000	
Local Alternative Subsidy	A local Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (FHSP) will quickly create supportive housing for 75 people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach. Through partnership with a nonprofit, Long Beach would provide case management, supports, and rental assistance to persons experiencing homelessness.	\$3,750,000	
Training through Social Enterprise	Provides training and income-generating opportunities for people experiencing homelessness. The Department of Health and Human Services would partner with a nonprofit agency to create an affordable healthy food market at the convenience store owned by the City of Long Beach at 6841 Atlantic Blvd. that would provide supported employment opportunities for young adults who are experiencing homelessness.	\$500,000	
		Total	\$12,000,000

Long Beach Recovery Act - Other Relevant Categories

Emergency Rental Assistance	The City's emergency rental assistance program will assist lower-income renters who have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19. Households earning up to 80% of AMI who have experienced economic impacts due to COVID and are at risk of housing instability are eligible to apply. Long Beach's ERAP will prioritize assistance to households under 50% of AMI who have been unemployed for longer than 90 days due to COVID-19 impacts and who have past due rent from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021, as well as utility payments for water, gas, and refuse.	\$29,000,000
Housing Support and Right to Counsel	Provides assistance to tenants in distress by connecting with appropriate services and providing information about local, state, and federal tenant protection programs such as eviction moratoriums, tenant protections, and rental assistance. Expands the Right to Counsel pilot program with LA County contracted to administer the program, which provides legal representation to prevent mass evictions and displacement.	\$900,000
Corridor Cleanups	Provides funding to expand illegally dumped item collection crews and promote scheduled special collection program to reduce illegal dumping. New equipment will allow for staff to access narrow alleys and other difficult terrain for cleanups and provide additional support to neighborhood associations and other group cleanup activities for litter abatement in commercial corridors and support cleaning properties owned by other jurisdictions.	\$5,000,000

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AB-71 - Bringing California Home Act

AB-71 Bringing California Home Act

- Establishes sustainable annual revenue source to address homelessness in California
- Initially funded through change the corporate tax rate
 - Recent amendment focuses on Water's Edge Elections, which specifically relates to how personal or corporate income/sales outside of a state or handled by a state. Anything that reduces a person/corporation's tax liability over \$5M would be subject to taxation within the state.
- The expected total generated annual revenue is still unclear
 - 60% of funds would be allocated to Counties and Continuums of Care
 - 40% of funds would be allocated to the 13 Large Cities, including Long Beach
- Currently within Revenue and Tax Committee in the State Assembly
- Many jurisdictions are signing on in support of AB-71

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Homeless Services Division Staff Report

Outreach Update

Between Jan-Mar 2021:

- 227 unique contacts
- 176 visits to locations throughout the City
- 150 contacts accepted services such as hygiene, emergency shelter, or case management
- 72 individuals referred to crisis motel or emergency shelter
 - 37 were transferred to Project Roomkey or Project Homekey

Operations Update

Project Homekey Facility (former Best Western)

- Began intake on Thursday, March 18th
 - Staggered intake and transition to ensure positive engagement and experience
- As of April 1 – facility at 80% occupancy of 100 available rooms
- Included transition of participants from other shelter locations in order to meet occupancy requirements

Winter Shelter (Old North Library)

- Operations extended and currently at full occupancy

Atlantic Bridge Community (ABC)

- Significant vacancy due to longer quarantine and transition of participants to Project Homekey.
- Referrals being made to ABC for participants not qualified for Project Homekey.

Operations Update

LA County Project Homekey Sites

- DHS has continued to refer participants to LA County Project Homekey sites
- Approximately 25 move-ins in the past month

Mobile Opiate Treatment Pilot (mid-April)

- DHHS partnership with UCLA for study
- Mobile clinic active throughout CD 1 to engage people on opiate treatment
- Participants will either receive ongoing care in the mobile clinic or treatment in existing brick and mortar care facility



HSD Hiring still in process to reach full staffing (68 Staff)

- Hanna Stribling (MSC Mental Health Coordinator)
- Amanda Hasegawa (Public Health Nurse – Outreach)
- 3 Temporary Outreach Workers



Thank you

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