

Homeless Services Advisory Committee Community Capacity Building Subcommittee

Date: October 18, 2021

Item: Long Beach Community Table Application for Mayor's Fund to End Homelessness

Staff Analysis:

Staff have reviewed the proposal submitted by Long Beach Community Table (LBCT) on October 15, 2021 by Kristen Cox, Executive Director. The proposal fits the intent of the Mayor's Fund to End Homelessness.

LBCT is a mutual aid organization providing food, clothing, and hygiene products to people experiencing and at risk of experiencing homelessness. The proposal would support a one-time gap need for LBCT's program by providing \$8,000 towards the purchase of food products (\$2,850), hygiene products (\$1,850), vehicle expenses such as maintenance, insurance, repairs, and rentals (\$2,500), and stipends for drivers (\$800). LBCT has confirmed that these represent a one-time need, as the amount of donations from food banks and other agencies has decreased significantly due to the impact of COVID-19, forcing LBCT to purchase food and hygiene products to meet the growing needs. LBCT also noted that other grant funds have been identified, which will ensure sustainability of this program moving forward.

Lack of access to basic needs like food, clothes, and hygiene products is a challenge facing people and families experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity, and these challenges have been exacerbated due to the economic impact of COVID-19.

As of September 31, 2021, the Mayor's Fund to End Homelessness has a balance of \$181,089.38, with \$110,889.38 available after previous awards. This proposal would represent 7.2% of the remaining available funds.

