



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to execute an Agreement to Apply with the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC), for the entire Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP) Round 3 grant in the amount of \$8,516,928, to begin the grant application process, and to redirect the City of Long Beach (City) Large Cities program allocation in the amount of \$5,682,194 to the Long Beach Continuum of Care (CoC). (Citywide)

City Council approval is requested to execute an Agreement to Apply with the HCFC for the HHAP Round 3 grant, as required by the grantor to begin the grant application process and to redirect the City of Long Beach (City) Large Cities program allocation in the amount of \$5,682,194 to the Long Beach Continuum of Care (CoC). Through the HHAP Round 3 allocations, the City is eligible to receive \$5,682,194 from its Large Cities program allocation and \$2,834,734 from its Long Beach CoC program allocation. The total expected funding from HHAP Round 3 is \$8,516,928, which 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 3 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 Taylor M. Anderson on August 25, 2021 and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on August 24, 2021.

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 the city by providing services and resources to reduce and end homelessness in Long Beach, if HHAP 3 funding is awarded to the City.

City Council action is requested on September 14, 2021, to submit an Agreement to Apply and a binding Resolution that redirects funds prior to the grantor's deadline, which is 30 days after the Agreement to Apply is released or before September 15, 2021.

HHAP funding in the amount of \$5,682,194 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 the 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.

Approve recommendation.

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