



City of Long Beach
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Memorandum

Date: August 14, 2017
To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *PHW*
From: Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services *KC*
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: Funding to Address Homelessness and Measure H Update

Funding to Address Homelessness

The City's approach to addressing homelessness is a coordinated effort that involves multiple City departments led by the Health and Human Services Department. The FY 18 Budget includes \$11.5 million in funding to address homelessness as follows:

Health Department

- \$7.64 million in federal grant funds for the Long Beach Continuum of Care (CoC) to provide permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, supportive services, data collection, planning and Unified Funding Agency administration.
- \$786,233 in federal grants for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and HOME Programs to provide rapid rehousing and shelter services, Multi Service Center (MSC) costs related to oversight and coordination and security deposits for households.
- \$11,093 in federal pass-through grant funding for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program to provide motel vouchers for short-term placement of individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- \$500,000 in Los Angeles County grant funds from Supervisor Hahn's Office to extend the Homeless Veteran's Initiative.
- \$100,000 in grant funds from the Council of Governments to assist in regional efforts to expand capacity for Service Planning 8 to address homelessness.
- \$134,550 in the Mayor's Fund to provide gap funding for support services not otherwise covered by grants.
- \$572,549 in Measure MA funds for proactive homeless initiatives and to support the MSC operations.
- \$540,548 in General Fund structural funding to support and operate the MSC and for grant administration.
- \$255,000 in General Fund one-time funding to fund the intradepartmental team rapid response and engagement activities.

Police Department

- \$351,489 in Measure MA funds to support and retain the two Quality of Life (QOL) Officers that had previously been funded by one-time Proposition H funds, which are no longer available. The QOL Officers are responsible for assisting individuals who are homeless and specifically remediating the homeless encampments throughout the City.

Fire Department

- \$471,045 to fund the HEART Unit. The Homeless Education and Response Team (HEART) Unit collaborates with CoC Partners throughout the City and educates fire service and community members about issues surrounding homelessness and available resources. Of the \$471,045, \$341,045 in Measure MA funds will structurally fund two Firefighter/Paramedics, and \$130,000 in General Fund (non-Measure MA) one-time funding for the acquisition of a vehicle and equipment.

Public Works Department

- \$118,161 in Measure MA funds for two Maintenance Assistant I positions that are dedicated to homeless rapid response clean-up activities, including encampment clean-ups and proper storage of belongings.

Status of Measure H

In May 2017, the Measure H Revenue Committee completed its recommendations for the distribution of Measure H funds for FY 17-18. The funds were aligned under 19 strategies to address homelessness; 6 of the 19 strategies are to be managed by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the Continuum of Care (CoC) for Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles combined. Kelly Colopy served on the Measure H Revenue Committee representing the Gateway Council of Governments (COG). The Revenue Committee recommendations were presented and approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on June 13, 2017.

During this process, the three CoCs that are independent of LAHSA (Long Beach, Pasadena, and Glendale) began negotiations for a direct carve out of resources specific to activities provided by Continuums. The final conversation with the County's Homeless Initiative Director and LAHSA regarding carve outs for the independent CoCs was held on July 19, 2017. Participants agreed to funding amounts, and on some areas of flexibility, within strategies that will help us better meet the needs in Long Beach. Services that will be carved out specifically for Long Beach funded under Measure H include: 1) homeless prevention for single adults, 2) rapid rehousing, 3) housing location and navigation through the Coordinated Entry System, 4) outreach services, and 5) enhancing the emergency shelter system.

There is no flexibility to move funding across strategies or to utilize this funding other than what was approved in the strategies. Long Beach programs that cannot be funded utilizing Measure H resources include QOL Teams in the Police Department, the HEART unit in the Fire Department, and clean-up activities.

Measure H Funding

The Long Beach CoC (Homeless Services Division) will receive \$1,874,318 as a direct allocation for the five strategies outlined above. A portion of this allocation will be subcontracted out to local non-profit organizations. The \$1,874,318 represents nine months of funding because Measure H tax collection begins October 1, 2017, the second quarter of the County's fiscal year. Year two funding will reflect 12 months of funding so the amount will be higher (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019). The year two allocation will require a new negotiation and approval through the County Board of Supervisors.

In addition to the five strategies and funding listed above, Measure H will also benefit the City in the following ways:

- The Housing Authority will receive approximately \$770,000 in support to landlords who house homeless individuals/families. This will underwrite 220 vouchers. Participants must come through the MSC and be placed in housing using a voucher.
- Pacific Gateway is engaged in conversations to receive funding to provide employment services.
- The City will have greater access to permanent supportive housing resources from the County's Housing for Health program. The Homeless Services Division is working to negotiate a streamlined approach to gaining access to these resources.

In addition to these funding sources amounting to \$2.6 million in FY 18 and when it is time to build a year-round shelter, \$322,000 in one-time capital funding and \$667,627 in on-going funds to provide beds has been set aside. The City will work with the County and Supervisor Hahn to increase this funding, if needed, when a plan for a year-round shelter is finalized.

With the \$2.6 million in new funding through Measure H, the total available FY 18 budget to address homelessness amounts to \$14.1 million.

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