

Date: March 30, 2022

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager



From: Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services



For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

**Subject: Tiny Home Shelters Expansion Feasibility Study Update**

On February 8, 2022, the City Council requested the City Manager to work with Long Beach Continuum of Care Partners and all appropriate departments to study the feasibility of acquiring land and funds to support the expansion of the Health and Human Services Department's Tiny Home Shelters for individuals experiencing homelessness, and report back within 60 days.

The Health and Human Services Department (Department) is currently applying for modular/tiny home funding through Project Homekey to support the construction and operation of modular units at the Multi Service Center. The Department has been engaged in an exploration of what potential opportunities may exist to construct additional modular units within Long Beach, including outreach to property owners to determine interest in providing space for modular units as well as to determine additional funding opportunities to support the programs. There have been presentations to both the Continuum of Care Board and Homeless Services Advisory Committee regarding modular shelters and utilization as an approach in providing both interim and permanent housing solutions. In addition, the Department has been conducting surveys of people experiencing homelessness to understand their interests and hesitations with moving into modular unit housing. These surveys will be followed up by listening sessions to learn more from our unhoused populations to ensure we are centering recommendations in the voice of those who will be served by the program. The Department will provide additional information by June 1, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (562) 570-4016 or by email at [kelly.colopy@longbeach.gov](mailto:kelly.colopy@longbeach.gov).

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