

**REPORT FROM**

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Council District: All

To: The City Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer



Reference: C.F. 20-1524-S7

Subject: **HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE, AND PREVENTION PROGRAM  
ROUND 5 (HHAP-5) APPLICATION**

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**SUMMARY**

On January 19, 2024, a motion (Raman - Blumenfield; C.F. 20-1524-S7) was introduced to instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to apply for the State of California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program Round 5 (HHAP-5) funding. The State of California HHAP-5 program is a \$1 billion block grant program designed to provide jurisdictions with one-time grant funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges. This fifth round of HHAP was authorized by Assembly Bill 129 and signed into law by Governor Newsom on July 10, 2023. The City of Los Angeles anticipates receiving a total HHAP-5 allocation of \$164,335,500. The funds received from the HHAP-5 award will primarily be applied towards continuing shelter interventions, outreach, hygiene services, supportive services, systems support, and administration costs; which will also support the Regionally Coordinated Homeless Action Plan (RCHAP).

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Note and file this Report

## **BACKGROUND**

The State of California HHAP-5 program is a block grant program designed to provide jurisdictions with one-time grant funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges. The City of Los Angeles anticipates receiving a total HHAP-5 allocation of \$164,335,500. The application process for these funds differs a great deal from the past four rounds of HHAP in that regional coordination is required, resulting in the creation of a RCHAP, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The signed MOU commits each signatory to comply with the RCHAP and must accompany the application. The participating entities are the County of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Agency (LAHSA), and the Cities of Los Angeles, Long Beach, Pasadena and Glendale. The County of Los Angeles is leading the effort to consolidate the individual entities' responses and prepare the final application. The deadline to submit the regional application is March 27, 2024.

## **RCHAP COMPONENTS**

Cal ICH established six System Performance Measures (SPMs), each followed by a racial equity component, that are required components of the RCHAP. Each jurisdiction submits a draft response detailing how their respective jurisdiction will address the following six SPMs:

- SPM 1.** a) Number of people accessing services who are experiencing homelessness.  
b) Number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness on a single night.
- SPM 2.** Number of people accessing services who are experiencing homelessness for the first time.
- SPM 3.** Number of people exiting homelessness into permanent housing.
- SPM 4.** Average length of time that people experienced homelessness while accessing services.
- SPM 5.** Percent of people who return to homelessness within 6 months of exiting the homelessness response system to permanent housing.
- SPM 6.** Number of people with successful placements from street outreach projects.

The RCHAP must describe key actions each jurisdiction intends to take to improve each of the above system performance measures towards the regional effort. For each Key Action, applicants must identify:

- The sources of federal, state, and local funding the region intends to use to achieve the action steps and objectives.
- The lead entity and collaborating entities responsible for achieving each key action.
- Timeframes for implementing the key actions.
- Methods to measure the success of the key actions and related performance measures.

The individual jurisdiction's responses will be consolidated to create the RCHAP. The RCHAP will detail how the participating jurisdictions are collaborating to create a unified regional response to reduce and end homelessness.

## **DISCUSSION**

The County of Los Angeles has facilitated eight meetings with all regional partners since November of 2023 to discuss various aspects of the HHAP-5 regional applications. Discussions have not only centered on procedural clarifications but also how the partners will address homelessness together. As a result, a draft application that incorporates responses to the six SPMs from each applicant is being compiled as a regional application by the County of Los Angeles. The next steps are: submission of the signed MOU by all jurisdictions and development of the funding plans by each jurisdiction. All jurisdictions are to sign the MOU and submit their completed funding plans by March 8, 2024. When these two steps are completed the signed MOU and the funding plans will be added to the RCHAP, which will complete the regional application packet as required by Cal ICH. The application deadline is March 27, 2024, but the County of Los Angeles anticipates submitting the regional application on March 25, 2024.

Upon receipt of the application with the MOU, Cal ICH will conduct a 90 day review period. After the 90 day review period has ended Cal ICH will send award notifications in July of 2024. Cal ICH will then issue award letters and will send contract packages to each jurisdiction. Jurisdictions will have 30 days to complete the contract packages required to receive their funding. Each jurisdiction has chosen to receive their approved funding individually. The initial disbursement for the City of Los Angeles is expected between August and September of 2024. The initial disbursement will be \$92,515,500 of the total \$164,335,500. In order to receive the remainder of the funding, grantees must obligate at least 75 percent of the initial HHAP-5 allocation and expend at least 50 percent of the initial HHAP-5 allocation by June 30, 2026.

## FUNDING BREAKDOWN

The City has aggressively ramped up homelessness interventions, particularly through the Roadmap which has led to the creation of 6,608 beds as of December 31, 2023. A total of 6,000 new open and occupiable beds must be maintained to meet the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding with the County through June 30, 2025. These interventions are also supported by the annual \$60 million the County agreed to provide towards operating costs based on the maintenance of the minimum 6,700 interventions. With the exception of the funding youth set-aside component (which still needs to be identified) and administrative costs, HHAP-5 will provide the City the opportunity to continue to fund its ongoing homelessness shelter operations and supportive services through 2025-26. These funds will be used for the operating costs of the City's various interim housing interventions, including the A Bridge Home Program (ABH), City COVID-19 Homelessness Roadmap (Roadmap) interventions and ongoing hygiene, outreach, prevention and supportive services (Table 1).

Table 1: Funding Breakdown

<b>Program Funding Uses</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1. Interim Housing	\$98,237,090
2. Housing Operations in Skid Row	\$2,045,149
3. Rapid Rehousing and Housing Navigation	\$11,975,385
4. Outreach, Hygiene, Prevention, and Supportive Services	\$24,140,841
5. Youth Experiencing or At Risk of Homelessness (10% Set Aside Required)	\$16,433,550
6. Administrative Costs and Systems Support	\$11,503,485
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$164,335,500</b>

## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no impact to the General Fund at this time as a result of the recommendations in this report. The City expects to receive \$164,335,500 from the State through the HHAP-5 grant program to support the implementation of the RCHAP. If the City does not receive these funds, or does not receive additional funding beyond Round 5, there may be a potential impact to the General Fund at such time.

## FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendation in this report complies with the City's Financial Policies.