

MOTION

In March 2024, California voters passed Proposition 1 which includes the Behavioral Health Services Act and a \$6.4 billion Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond for community infrastructure and housing services. The Behavioral Health Services Act modernizes the 2004 Mental Health Services Act to address the evolving needs of today’s behavioral health system.

The **Behavioral Health Services Act** aims to reform behavioral health care funding by enhancing oversight at the state and local levels, expanding housing interventions, adding treatment for substance use disorders, and increasing the behavioral health workforce. The act requires that 30 percent of each county's funding allocation be used for housing interventions for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness with the most significant behavioral health needs.

Distributed by the California Department of Health Care Services, the **Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond** has two rounds of funding. The bond allocates \$4.4 million in competitive grants to public and private entities for behavioral health treatment and residential facilities. An additional \$1.972 billion is allocated to permanent supportive housing for individuals at risk of or experiencing homelessness and behavioral health challenges. While there was no regional funding cap for the first round of funding, Los Angeles County is eligible to receive approximately \$292.8 million in the upcoming funding round.

The City of Los Angeles should apply for resources from the Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond to support some of our most vulnerable populations. With the second round of funding applications set to open in May 2025 and offering up to \$1.1 billion, it is crucial that we apply to secure these essential resources for our communities.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council instruct the CAO to assess and report the necessary steps for submitting a City-wide unified application for Proposition 1 funding, including any requirements on behalf of the City that may need to be fulfilled to be eligible to receive funding.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Council instruct the CAO to report on potential facilities, either public or privately owned, within the City of Los Angeles that would be suitable for the second round of Proposition 1 funding, and that are capable of accommodating at least 48 behavioral health beds in a medical facility setting.

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