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California and the City of Los Angeles (City) continue to be immersed in a homeless crisis. In 2023, as reported through the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, Los Angeles County experienced a 9% rise in homelessness, with an estimated 75,518 homeless people on any given night. The same report noted that the City of Los Angeles experienced a 10% rise in homelessness during the same period, with an estimated 46,260 homeless people on any given night. Due to the societal and public health impact homelessness imposes, the State recognized that the complex issues of homelessness cannot be completely addressed without supportive funding.

Beginning in fiscal year 2019-20, the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Program was established by the State to provide jurisdictions with one-time grant funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address their immediate homelessness challenges with a focus on moving homeless individuals and families into permanent housing and supporting the efforts of those individuals and families to maintain their permanent housing. To start, the State Budget for fiscal year 2019-20 allocated \$275 million, as part of a \$650 million fund, for homelessness programs to the largest 13 cities in the State proportional to their homelessness population. For fiscal year 2020-21, the State made available \$130 million in HHAP Round 2 funding to the same cities as part of a \$300 million dollar program. For HHAP Round 3, the State, for fiscal year 2021-22, expanded the program into a \$1 billion supportive funding source to address homelessness. For fiscal year 2023-24, HHAP continues to be a \$1 billion supportive funding source on the part of the State.

HHAP Round 5 funding grant, except for a few new limitations, generally follows the same guidelines for spending as the prior rounds, which the City previously received under Rounds 2 and 3. HHAP Round 5 funding continues to be eligible to be used for evidence-based solutions that address and prevent homelessness which includes: rental assistance and rapid rehousing, operating subsidies for supportive housing and shelters, landlord incentives, outreach and coordination, permanent and innovative housing solutions, prevention, and capital for navigation centers and emergency shelters.

The application for HHAP Round 5 is due by March 27, 2024. Differing from prior funding rounds where the cities submitted their own application, HHAP Round 5 is a regional application to be submitted together with the County of Los Angeles (County) and other participating cities located within the County. The regional application must include a regionally coordinated homeless action plan, funding plan, and a memorandum of understanding, signed by each participating entity committing them to participate in and comply with the regionally coordinated homeless action plan. Although the City is part of regional application, the City may choose to receive and administer its grant allocation separately.

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In order to be ready for the receipt of the grant, the City should begin to produce a plan to spend the HHAP Round 5 grant and establish priority categories. The City should work in coordination with the County, other participating cities located within the County, its City departments, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and other relevant parties, in order to formulate the regionally coordinated action plan and funding plan.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to take into consideration input from Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority, City departments, priorities of the Council and Mayor, and other relevant parties with respect to the regionally coordinated homeless action plan and funding plan and report to Council with recommendations as part of the HHAP Round 5 application within 30 days; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the CAO to work with the CLA and the City Attorney in reviewing the memorandum of understanding (MOU) in connection with the HHAP Round 5 application and report to City Council for approval of the MOU within 30 days; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the CAO to take all actions necessary to document and effectuate the submission of the HHAP Round 5 application with the County and other regional co-applicants to meet the March 27, 2024 deadline.

PRESENTED BY:


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