

REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

DATE: April 11, 2024

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: Sharon M. Tso *open for SMT* Council File No.: 23-0002-S101
Chief Legislative Analyst Assignment No.: 24-03-0203

SUBJECT: Resolution (Krekorian – Raman) to Support any legislation or administrative action to continue or increase the funding of Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program.

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution (Krekorian – Raman) to support any legislation or administrative action to continue or increase the funding of Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program.

SUMMARY

Resolution (Krekorian – Raman) was introduced on February 23, 2024 and states that according to the Point-in-Time Count, the City experienced a 10 percent rise in homelessness on any given night. The Resolution states that the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) program was established by the State to provide jurisdictions with one-time grant funds to address the homelessness crisis in the state. The Resolution states that there have been five rounds of the HHAP grants so far with \$1 billion in round five funding which will be disbursed in 2024.

The Resolution states that the City has relied greatly on HHAP in the last few years to fund the City's hygiene programs, operations of interim housing facilities, programs for youth, rapid rehousing, and outreach programs. The Resolution states that in order to address the homelessness crisis in the City, it is important to have a continuous source of funding from the state to support the City's homelessness programs.

The Resolution recommends that the City support any legislative or administrative action that would continue and/or increase the funding for the implementation of HHAP.

BACKGROUND

The HHAP 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 challenges regarding homelessness. HHAP is eligible to be used for solutions to address and prevent homelessness, including programs such as rental assistance, rapid rehousing, supportive interim and permanent housing, outreach and hygiene services, regional coordination, prevention, and emergency shelters.

The City received \$117 million in HHAP 1, \$55 million in HHAP 2, \$143 million in HHAP 3, and \$153 million in HHAP 4. The City anticipates receiving a total HHAP 5 allocation of \$164,335,500.

For Fiscal Year 2023-24, the City Administrative Officer reported that a total of \$160,144,472 has been committed to housing interventions and services, such as interim housing, interim housing acquisition and construction, Project Homekey, and time-limited subsidies. Additionally, a total of \$45,444,597 in HHAP grant funds have been committed for other homeless services, such as hygiene, outreach, prevention, navigation, and supportive services. HHAP is also used for staffing and administrative costs. In total, \$763 million has been committed from the HHAP grant for current and projected commitments by the City with regards to homelessness interventions and services.

The reliance of the City on receiving HHAP grant funds annually has allowed the City to invest in interim housing infrastructure with supportive services, as well as to provide necessary and life saving hygiene and outreach services. Furthermore, the HHAP grant allows the City to invest in programs including prevention services to help avoid at-risk individuals from falling into homelessness. Without this source of funding, the City will potentially be unable to continue these important programs.

Therefore, it is recommended that the City Council approve this Resolution to request the state to support any legislative or administrative actions to continue this significant block grant program to continue to provide and increase services to people experiencing homelessness.

DEPARTMENTS NOTIFIED

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority



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Attachment: Resolution (Krekorian – Raman)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, according to the Point-In-Time count, the City of Los Angeles experienced a 10 percent rise in homelessness, with 46,260 people experiencing homelessness (PEH) on any given night; and

WHEREAS, starting in Fiscal Year 2019-2020, the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) program was established by the State to provide jurisdictions with one-time grant funds to address the homelessness crisis; and

WHEREAS, to date, the State has implemented five rounds of the HHAP grant with a total of \$1 billion in funding statewide for round five, which will be disbursed in 2024; and

WHEREAS, HHAP is eligible to be used for solutions to address and prevent homelessness, including programs such as rental assistance, rapid rehousing, supportive interim and permanent housing, outreach and hygiene services, regional coordination, and emergency shelters; and

WHEREAS, the City has relied greatly on HHAP in the last few years to fund the City's hygiene programs to support unsheltered PEH and to maintain the development of operations of the City's multiple interim housing facilities; and

WHEREAS, in order to address the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles, it is important to have a continuous source of funding from the State to support the City's supportive homelessness programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT, for any legislation or administrative action that would continue or increase the funding and implementation of the State's Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention grant program.

PRESENTED BY:

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