

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

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MOTION

There is a homelessness crisis in the state of California and in the City of Los Angeles. As reported by the Continuums of Care to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 2020, there were approximately 151,000 individuals experiencing homelessness in the state of California. To address this need, the State Budget for fiscal year 2019-20 allocated \$275 million for homelessness programs to the largest 13 cities in the State proportional to their Point-In-Count through the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Program. In 2020, the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council, through the State Budget, is making available \$300 million in HHAP Round 2 funding. According to the formula, the City of Los Angeles could receive up to approximately \$55 million in direct allocation.

The Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) 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. HHAP Round 2 funding follows the same guidelines for spending as the first round. HHAP funding is 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 City can apply for the HHAP Round 2 starting on November 30, 2020 and has up to 60 days to submit the application. The City is expected to be notified of the award grant in March 2021. In order to be ready for the receipt of the grant, the City should begin to produce a plan to spend the HHAP grant and establish priority categories in order to apply for the grant. The City should work in coordination with its City departments, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and community partners, in order to prioritize its needs for the expenditure categories.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to apply for the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Round 2 funding within the 60 days of application period starting on November 30, 2020; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the CAO and the Chief Legislative Analyst to take into consideration input from Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, City departments, and priorities from the Council and Mayor and report to Council with recommendations on the HHAP Round 2 funding categories to be submitted to the State as part of the application.

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