

MOTION

There is a homelessness crisis in the State of California. To address this need, the State Budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 allocated funding 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. The City of Los Angeles received \$117,562,500 in direct allocation from the State of California through the HHAP grant of which approximately \$7 million was allocated for Street Strategy, Outreach, Public Health, and Hygiene Programs.

At the beginning of the COVID-19 emergency in March 2020, the City established two hygiene programs as part of the City's COVID-19 response: 1) a partnership with the YMCA to offer shower services five days a week at nine of its local branches to people experiencing homelessness; and 2) the deployment of portable toilets and hand washing stations in the public right of way at or near homeless encampments across the City. Both programs have successfully served tens of thousands of people experiencing homelessness. To date, the YMCA program has provided more than 59,700 showers. Additionally, the City deployed more than 300 toilets and hand washing stations, which are accessible to thousands of unhoused Angelenos.

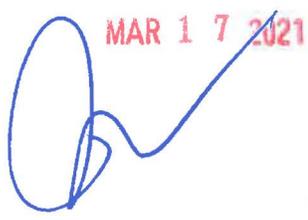
Additional funding is now required to keep the YMCA and the portable hygiene station programs open for an additional six months, from January 2021 to June 2021. The total cost for six months of operations is \$2,706,000, with \$1,516,000 for the hygiene stations and \$1,119,000 for showers. While the contract for the programs expired in December 2020, the programs were continued by the Bureau of Sanitation and Department of General Service with the understanding that the City would identify additional funding. HHAP funds have been identified in the Street Strategy, Outreach, Public Health, and Hygiene Programs line item for this purpose. Extending these programs is essential to continuing hygiene services to individuals experiencing homelessness as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council approve up to \$2,706,000 of Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) funding from Category 5 – Street Strategy, Outreach, Public Health, and Hygiene Programs line item for the City’s YMCA Shower Program (\$1.5M) and the Portable Hygiene Station Program (\$1.1M) to provide continued hygiene services to people experiencing homeless from January to June 2021; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer \$2,706,000 (YMCA Shower: \$1,516,000 and Portable Hygiene Stations: \$1,119,000) from the HHAP Special Fund Grant Fund No. 62Y, Account No. 10S656 to the Bureau of Sanitation Fund 100, Dept 82, Appropriation Unit 003040;

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Sanitation to prepare any additional documents, controller instructions, or make any technical corrections or clarifications, if necessary, consistent with the Mayor and Council action in this matter, to effectuate the intent of this Motion and AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement these instructions.

PRESENTED BY: 
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SECONDED BY: 
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