

MOTION

The City of Los Angeles received \$85,013,607 from the State of California Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), the State's first homeless grant allocation. The grant provided three (3) years to expend 100 percent of these funds, June 30, 2021. Any funds that are unexpended will be recaptured by the State of California. The City has used these funds to finance the construction and services for interim housing sites through A Bridge Home (ABH) Program and the COVID-19 Homelessness Roadmap, as well as homeless prevention, hygiene services and other crucial services for people experiencing homelessness.

The City Administrative Officer (CAO) has confirmed that \$135,981.74 from the HEAP set-aside for Skid Row must be reprogrammed and expended by June 30, 2021, to avoid losing these funds to recapture. These savings are derived from funds allocated to the Downtown Women's Center to provide rapid rehousing and related services to women on Skid Row. It is recommended that these savings be allocated to purchase equipment needed to establish four (4) cooling centers Skid Row to operate during the summer months. This motion also recommends \$583,233 in General Fund savings from a previous General City Purpose allocation for construction of a completed A Bridge Home project to pay Homeless Healthcare Los Angeles (HHCLA), through the ReFresh Spot contract, to operate the cooling centers in 2021. Operations include program staff during operating hours for 16 hours per day, and security for the 24 hours per day.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council APPROVE the following State of California Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) reprogramming actions to ensure that the full amount of the City's HEAP allocation is expended by the statutory June 30, 2021 deadline:

1. REPROGRAM \$33,279 allocated to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority for the Downtown Women's Center to provide rapid rehousing and related services to approximately 150 women in the Skid Row community, to HEAP Activity Category 2 - Capital and Operating Support - Skid Row (Activity Category 2);
2. REPROGRAM \$5,700 allocated to Bureau of Sanitation for the cost of operations of a six (6) sharp collection boxes in Skid Row at four (4) Pit Stop locations, The Bin, and the ReRefresh Spot to HEAP Activity Category 2;
3. REPROGRAM \$1,230.40 allocated to Board of Public Works for Mobile Pit Stop Program in Skid Row in Fiscal Year 2019-20 (\$1,025.40) and 2020-21 (\$205), to HEAP Activity Category 2;
4. APPROVE \$135,981.74 in savings (\$40,209.40) and reserved balance (\$95,772.34) from HEAP Activity Category 2 - Capital and Operating Support -

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Skid Row to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Homeless for the Health Care ReFresh Spot Program as follows:

- a. \$126,981.74 for furniture, fixtures, and equipment at four (4) cooling center sites in the Skid Row area;
- b. \$9,000 for one-time landscaping costs for sawcutting and planting trees for the ReFresh Spot in the Skid Row area.

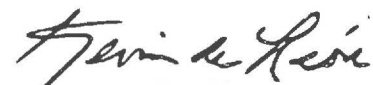
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council approve the following reprogramming actions to support the operations of the Skid Row cooling centers in 2021:

5. REPROGRAM \$583,233 in savings allocated to the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program Fund No. 100/54, Account No. 00S704 for the construction of the A Bridge Home site located at 828 Eubank Street in Council District 15, to HEAP Fund No 60P/43, Account No. 43S850 for the Homeless Health Care Los Angeles ReFresh Spot Program through Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority for the cost of labor associated with the four (4) Cooling Centers in Skid Row area from June 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021;

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the General Manager, Housing and Community Investment Department, or designee, to amend Contract no. C-133135 with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to decrease the Downtown Women's Center Rapid Rehousing by \$33,279 and amend the necessary contract to increase funding for the Skid Row - Homeless Health Care Los Angeles ReFresh Spot by \$719,214.74 to establish and operate four (4) cooling centers in Skid Row through August 2021; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be AUTHORIZED to prepare Controller instructions or make any necessary technical adjustments consistent with the intent of these transactions, and AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement these instructions.

PRESENTED BY:



KEVIN DE LEÓN
Councilmember, 14th District



SECONDED BY: _____