

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

MOTION

There is a homelessness crisis in the state of California and in the City of Los Angeles. 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 State made available \$300 million in HHAP Round 2 funding and for fiscal year 2021-22, the State is providing \$1 billion for HHAP Round 3. The City of Los Angeles is expected to receive approximately \$143,640,000 in HHAP Round 3.

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 3 funding follows the same guidelines for spending as the second 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 application for HHAP Round 3 is due by June 30, 2022. 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 3 before the deadline of June 30, 2022; 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 3 funding categories to be submitted to the State as part of the application.

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