

April 9, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and all necessary documents, subcontracts, and any subsequent amendments, with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to receive and expend grant funding in the amount of \$90,000 for the Adverse Weather Shelter Program for a period of January 1, 2024, to March 31, 2024; and,

Increase appropriations in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department by \$90,000, offset by grant revenue. (District 7)

DISCUSSION

The Adverse Weather Shelter Program (AWSP), referred to as the Inclement Weather Shelter by the City of Long Beach (City), was created to provide short-term emergency shelter for up to 60 individuals experiencing homelessness in the City during times when weather conditions are harsh and severe, such as temperatures below 45°F, rainstorms, and flash floods. Providing individuals with emergency shelter during these times helps to prevent medical/health-related conditions such as, but not limited to, hypothermia and pneumonia that may be caused by exposure to the elements during severe weather conditions.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on March 20, 2024, and Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on March 19, 2024.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on April 9, 2024, in order to meet the deadline for reimbursements.

EQUITY STATEMENT

The City has incorporated the Equity Toolkit into this recommendation as requested by the City Council on April 21, 2020. This recommendation will provide assistance to people experiencing homelessness in the City by providing services and resources to reduce and end homelessness in Long Beach.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The City's total funding allocation from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority AWSP will not exceed \$90,000, for the estimated period of January 1, 2024, through March 31, 2024. An appropriation increase is requested in the amount of \$90,000 in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department, offset by grant revenues. Funding will support inclement weather shelter operations including staffing, meals, and supplies, as well as administrative costs. The grant has no match or in-kind service requirement. Any indirect costs that might not ultimately be eligible for grant funds will be funded by the Health Operating Fund, General Fund, or other eligible funds. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



Alison King
Director
Health and Human Services

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER