

June 11, 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, including any amendments to the award amount and term dates, with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), to receive and expend \$15,004,433 for the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Round 5 Program, for the estimated period of June 15, 2024, through June 30, 2028, with the option to renew for one additional five-year period, at the discretion of the City Manager; and,

Increase appropriations in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department by \$15,004,433. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Round 5 funding was authorized by California Assembly Bill 129 (AB 129) and signed into law by Governor Newsom on July 10, 2023. HHAP-5 is a \$1 billion block grant program that provides local jurisdictions with flexible funding to continue efforts to end and prevent homelessness in their communities. This funding is intended to build on regional coordination developed through previous rounds of California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) and Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) funding including the Homeless Emergency Aid Program, and HHAP Rounds 1, 2, 3, and 4, to reduce and end homelessness. The total available HHAP-5 funding for the City of Long Beach (City) is \$15,004,432.85.

This funding is spread across seven different eligible use categories, as outlined below. Please note that the Homeless Services Bureau may redistribute funds across applicable HHAP categories as budgetary needs change.

Eligible Use Category	Goal	Amount
Prevention & Shelter Diversion	Assist low-income participants who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless to secure and/or retain permanent housing. Homeless Prevention is assistance aimed at helping rent-burdened, low-income participants resolve a crisis that would	\$119,011

	otherwise lead to a loss of housing.	
Delivery of Permanent Housing and Innovative Housing Solutions	Intensive Case Management and tenancy support services (ICMS) for federal voucher holders provides housing support and services to clients in City of Long Beach Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) programs. Persons served by this project are experiencing homelessness and have chronic illness and/or physical disability and/or are high utilizers of Long Beach Health and Human Services' programs and resources. ICMS is designed to be flexible to meet the complex needs of people experiencing homelessness. These services assist clients in achieving and maintaining their health, mental health, and housing stability.	\$5,970,443
Interim Housing	Support of the ongoing operations of two existing City of Long Beach Interim Housing projects – a Project Homekey non-congregate interim housing program and a low-barrier Navigation Center for homeless Transition Age Youth (TAY).	\$7,473,488
Services Coordination	HHAP-5 funds are allocated in support of Re-Entry Services. Long Beach Homeless Services partners with Long Beach Police and LA County Probation to identify eligible participants. Homeless Services provides screening, assessment, intake, and case management to support persons experiencing homelessness with justice involvement, ensuring individuals are connected to and engaged in legal services, employment services, mental health and substance abuse treatment services.	\$77,200
Systems Support	HHAP-5 funds are in support of the City's regional planning, collaboration, and application processes. Funds are utilized to create and sustain regional partnership among and between the regional HHAP recipients (City and County of Los Angeles, City of Glendale, City of Pasadena, and the Los Angeles	\$163,936

	Homeless Services Authority) to maintain a homeless services and housing delivery system.	
Administrative (Up to 7 percent)	Support administrative costs incurred by the city/continuum of care to administer its program allocation.	\$1,050,310
HMIS Costs (Up to 1 percent)	Costs related to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), including licenses, training, system operating costs.	\$150,044
Total All Categories		\$15,004,433

HHAP-5 funding will have a minimum of two funding disbursements. An initial disbursement of 50 percent of the City’s HHAP-5 funds after submitting the Standard Agreement and Request for Funds form, and the remaining 50 percent disbursement after demonstrating that the City has contractually obligated no less than 75 percent of the City’s Round 4 program allocation and has spent no less than 50 percent of the initial HHAP-5 disbursement by May 31, 2025.

Per AB 129, HHAP-5 recipients within Los Angeles County (County of Los Angeles; Cities of Glendale, Long Beach, Los Angeles, and Pasadena; and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority) were required to participate in a regional planning and coordination process to develop a unified, Countywide plan and application regarding the intended uses of HHAP-5. Per AB 129, the State further required that the HHAP-5 proposal be developed through a process of public engagement, and that the aforementioned funded entities and regional partners collectively enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) affirming the alignment and coordination of the funding plan. The County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority led a series of seventeen in-person and virtual listening sessions across the County, which informed the development of the regional plan, as well as each recipient’s funding plan. City of Long Beach staff, residents, and homeless service providers had an opportunity to participate in the SPA 8 listening session, held November 9, 2023, and in the Gateway Cities listening session held October 27, 2023. With these sessions satisfying the State’s stakeholder engagement requirements, an MOU between each of the regional partners was fully executed on March 22, 2024. Further, the HHAP-5 regional plan and funding plans have each been adopted independently by City of Los Angeles via Council Motion March 22, 2024 (Council File 20-1524-S7); by County of Los Angeles via Board Motion adopted February 6, 2024; and by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority via its Commission, approved February 23, 2024.

Based on the input and feedback of the listening sessions and regional planning efforts, the following needs were identified to be programmed and delivered, utilizing the City of Long Beach’s allocation of HHAP-5 funds: Intensive Case Management Services for high-acuity homeless and chronically homeless persons matched to permanent housing through the Long Beach Coordinated Entry System; Project Homekey (PHK) services and operations; operations and services for the Transition Age Youth (TAY) Navigation Center; homelessness prevention services for persons at imminent risk of homelessness within the City of Long

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Beach; re-entry services for persons experiencing homelessness in the City of Long Beach who have justice involvement; the operation and administration of the Long Beach HMIS; and regional planning, to support the creation and implementation of a Regional Plan among and between all HHAP recipients within Los Angeles County. Based upon timing and priority needs when the HHAP-5 award is distributed, some of these items may be financed with additional funding to be released by the State.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on May 22, 2024, and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on May 17, 2024.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 11, 2024, to receive and expend these funds to continue to provide these services.

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 if HHAP-5 funding is awarded to the City.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City's total funding allocation from the HHAP-5 program will not exceed \$15,004,433, for the estimated period of June 15, 2024, through June 30, 2028. An appropriation increase in the amount of \$15,004,433 is requested in the Health Fund Group in the Health and Human Services Department, offset by grant revenues. The grant has no match or in-kind service requirement. Funding will support programs with clear pathways to connect people to resources, including permanent housing options, as well as administrative costs. 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