



City of Santa Ana
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Staff Report
June 21, 2022

TOPIC: Approve Local Homelessness Action Plan and HHAP3 Application

AGENDA TITLE:

Approve the Local Homelessness Action Plan and HHAP Round 3 Application to Receive \$10,290,351.69 from the State of California's Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) to Address Homelessness

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the Local Homelessness Action Plan and Submission of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Round 3 Application.

DISCUSSION

On December 17, 2021, the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC), now called the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH), announced the availability of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 3 grant funding. HHAP Round 3 is a one billion dollar block grant program authorized by AB 140, which was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 19, 2021. HHAP Round 3 is designed to build on the regional coordination developed through previous rounds of HCFC Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), HHAP, and COVID-19 funding. Round 3 funds are to be used to continue building regional coordination and a unified regional response to reduce and end homelessness, focused on moving individuals experiencing literal homelessness into permanent housing and supporting the efforts of those individuals and families to maintain their permanent housing.

As a condition of receiving funding through the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program, local governments are required, by June 30, 2022, to submit an approved local homelessness action plan to Cal ICH. The local homelessness plan will provide the baseline information to measure the progress of local jurisdictions as they outline the steps that will be taken to achieve outcomes. In addition, the state will employ local homelessness action plans submitted by overlapping cities, counties, and Continuums of Care as a tool to create stronger regional coordination, aligned goals, and joint opportunities for impact and accountability.

The City's final application includes a completed narrative template, a local homelessness action plan, and outcome goals. The approved local homelessness action plan includes the following: a local landscape analysis that assesses the current number of people experiencing homelessness, existing programs and funding which address homelessness, the identification of the number of individuals and families served, demographic subpopulations that are underserved relative to their proportion of individuals experiencing homelessness, and identification of all funds currently being used, and budgeted to be used, to provide housing and homelessness-related services to persons experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness.

Cal ICH provided the required application templates to be used by jurisdictions seeking HHAP 3 funding. In addition, Cal ICH provided baseline data for the outcome goals spreadsheet from calendar years 2018, 2019 and 2020. The baseline data was prepared to provide standardized baseline data about each Continuum of Care (CoC) on all six of the following required outcome goals:

- Reducing the number of persons who become homeless for the first time.
- Increasing the number of people exiting homelessness into permanent housing.
- Reducing the length of time persons remain homeless.
- Reducing the number of persons who return to homelessness after exiting homelessness to permanent housing.
- Reducing the number of persons experiencing homelessness.
- Increasing successful placements from street outreach.

The baseline data was used to assist in identifying underserved populations and in establishing trackable data equity goals as they apply to underserved populations and populations disproportionately impacted by homelessness.

In seeking to develop a robust plan informed by local stakeholders, the Homeless Services Division of the Community Development Agency facilitated a community listening session held at the April 27, 2022 Community Development Commission meeting. The meeting was held in person and on Zoom. It was shown on the City's social media platforms and shared with the Continuum of Care mailing list. Feedback received at the community listening session has been consolidated in Exhibit 3. With the guidance of HCFC and the listening session feedback received, staff prepared an application that includes all the required sections and identifies a funding plan to provide individuals experiencing homelessness with pathways for success. These HHAP3 funding plans include the operation and purchase of the Homeless Navigation Center, street outreach services, administration and oversight, and the delivery of permanent housing for youth. Approval of the recommended local homelessness action plan will complete the required functions to submit a HHAP 3 application on behalf of the City of Santa Ana.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. HHAP3 Narrative Template
2. Local Homelessness Action Plan
3. Community Listening Session Engagement Summary

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