



City of Santa Ana
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Staff Report
November 15, 2022

TOPIC: Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Round 4 Application

AGENDA TITLE:

Approve the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Round 4 Application to Receive Funding from the State of California's Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) to Address Homelessness

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the submission of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 4 Application to receive funding from the State of California's Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) to address homelessness.

DISCUSSION

On September 30, 2022, the HCFC, now called the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH), announced the availability of HHAP Program Round 4 grant funding. This \$1 billion flexible block grant program is available to large cities, counties, and continuums of care to address homelessness challenges in ways that best meet their local needs. HHAP Round 4 follows previous rounds in a response to build regional coordination to reduce and end homelessness. Cal ICH encourages that funding be housing-focused, by funding either permanent housing interventions directly or, when used for shelter or street outreach, to have clear pathways to connect people to permanent housing options. They also encourage collaboration within each Continuum of Care (CoC).

Cal ICH provided the required application templates and baseline data to standardize data for CoC regarding equity goals as they apply to underserved populations and populations disproportionately impacted by homelessness, and for the six (6) 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; and
- Increasing successful placements from street outreach.

As a condition to receive funding through the HHAP Program, local governments are required, by November 29, 2022, to submit an application, or draft an application that has been agendaized at a regular meeting of the governing body for public comment. The City is waiting for both the funding amount to be released by Cal ICH and for the CoC to provide the required data to finalize the application. The draft application is included as Exhibit 1. Once information is received, the City will finalize the application.

Because the application is due to the State prior to receiving all information, the City drafted the HHAP-4 application using information from the local homelessness action plan and the HHAP-3 application as a tool to respond to the required templates. The planned investments of HHAP- 4 is consistent with the HHAP-3 funding. Resources will help drive the progress toward addressing homelessness and responding to the needs within the City. The City's draft HHAP-4 application funds the operation and future purchase of the Navigation Center, street outreach and engagement services, administration oversight, and the delivery of permanent housing for youth and seniors. Housing assistance for youth, and the fastest growing demographic of people experiencing homelessness - those over the age of 55 years - will be accomplished by partnering with the Santa Ana Housing Authority on an allocation to pair project-based and tenant-based vouchers with an allocation of HHAP Round 4 funds for landlord incentives and wrap-around supportive services.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item. However, staff will return to City Council once the application is approved and funding amounts are available to appropriate.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 4 Application
2. Local Homelessness Action Plan

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