

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 7

**SUBJECT: ACTION RELATED TO HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND
PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On July 19, 2021, the Governor signed California Assembly Bill (AB) 140, authorizing the allocation of \$1 billion in a third round of funding through the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) grant program. HHAP is a block grant program that provides local jurisdictions with flexible funding to continue efforts to end and prevent homelessness. The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) currently administers HHAP round one and two funding.

Under AB 140 (Health & Safety Code § 50218.6, et seq.) jurisdictions applying for HHAP round three (HHAP-3) grant funds are required to create a Local Homelessness Action Plan and present it at a regular meeting of the governing board and include opportunity for public comment. This is a new requirement for HHAP-3. In alignment with the County's Framework on Ending Homelessness (Framework) that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved on November 2, 2021 (4), the County HHSA, Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities began the development of the County's Homelessness Solutions Prevention and Action Plan (Plan). The initial draft of the Plan will be submitted with the State application to meet the new HHAP-3 funding requirement.

On February 8, 2022, (14) the Board authorized the receipt of the initial disbursement of HHAP-3 funds. Today's action requests the Board to approve acceptance of the final disbursement of HHAP-3 funds and to authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency to execute agreements, execute certification forms, prepare, and execute all necessary documents for the submittal, regulatory processing, and implementation of the third round of HHAP grant funds; and authorize a competitive solicitation for Housing Our Youth services.

Today's item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically disadvantaged and demonstrates ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This item also aligns and supports the Framework by ensuring our most vulnerable community members, including youth experiencing homelessness, have access to housing, care coordination, and connections to healthcare and workforce opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Authorize application for and acceptance of the final disbursement of the State of California Interagency Council on Homelessness Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention round three grant funding.

2. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to execute agreements, execute certification forms, prepare, and execute all necessary documents for the submittal, regulatory processing, and implementation, and take any other actions necessary as required by the State of California for the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention round three grant funding.
3. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a competitive solicitation for Housing Our Youth services and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for an initial term of one year with up to four option years and six additional months if necessary; and to amend the contracts to reflect changes in program, funding or service requirements, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The We All Count Point-in-Time Count identifies the number of individuals living on the streets or in emergency shelters on one specific designated day of the year. In the 2020 We All Count Point-in-Time Count, 7,638 individuals were identified as living on the streets or in shelters throughout San Diego County. Of those who were unsheltered, 58% reported having a disability, which includes 37% of the population who reported having a mental health condition. A youth count was conducted, and 659 youth were counted, of those youth 41% reported experiencing homelessness for a year or longer. Unified under a County of One approach, the County of San Diego is dedicated to addressing the root causes of homelessness and providing preventative and supportive services to the most vulnerable residents. The Framework for Ending Homelessness (Framework) outlines the path towards building the capacity to advance the San Diego County of Board of Supervisors' priority of addressing homelessness.

People of color are disproportionately impacted among those experiencing homelessness, with 27.2% identifying as Black or African American, roughly five times the proportion of African Americans in the region; 3.4% identifying as American Indian or Alaska Native, which is nearly three times the proportion in the region; 2.8% identifying as Asian and 28% identifying as Hispanic. Individuals at-risk of or experiencing homelessness, impacted residents, community partners and other key stakeholders were engaged during the development of the plans outlined in today's actions, and their feedback was sought and incorporated.

Ensuring racial and social equity in all aspects of homelessness prevention and response is one of the key principles that guide the Framework and all items that fall under its strategic domains. Additionally, securing equitable housing, supports, and funding will assist those who are experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness throughout San Diego County. Therefore, it is anticipated that the recommended actions will provide needed housing and supports to individuals countywide, including youth and those who are disproportionality represented in the homeless system including, justice involved individuals and individuals with a range of health and social needs, as well as Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC). In general, the incidence of Black, Native Americans, and other persons of color experiencing homelessness mirrors the disparities found at the broader community levels.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 CAO Recommended Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$7.0 million in Fiscal Year 2022-23 and costs and revenue of \$5.8 million in FY 23-24 for a total of \$12.8 million. The funding source is the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program round three grant. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Fletcher, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

ABSENT: Anderson

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter

