

City Council Report

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Discussion Item 20

Title: Homeless Mitigation Funding

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or City Manager's designee to: 1) increase the expenditure budgets in the Homeless Housing Initiative Program (I02000200) with a transfer of up to \$400,000 from General Fund (Fund 1001) Administrative Contingency; 2) add 2.0 FTE limited-term Integrated Waste Equipment Operators to the Department of Public Works; 3) adjust the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018/19 operating expenditure budgets within the Department of Public Works as necessary to offset the cost of the limited term positions and any necessary services and supplies to support the Homeless Housing Initiative Program (I0200200); and 4) replenish the General Fund (Fund 1001) Administrative Contingency with available FY2017/18 resources by an amount up to \$400,000.

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Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Resolution

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: In June of 2018, the Governor signed SB 850, which allocated over \$553 million in one-time State funding for two new programs: the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) and the California Emergency Solutions Program (CESH). On October 16, 2018, the City Council approved a collaborative investment plan for the HEAP and CESH programs and authorized the City to submit an application for the City HEAP allocation to the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH) no later than December 31, 2018. On November 8, 2018, the City declared a shelter crisis, effective on December 1, 2018 as required to apply for the funding.

As part of the discussion around HEAP, Council expressed concerns over possible increases in impacts related to unsheltered homelessness during the period of the shelter crisis and while the City is standing up new homeless sheltering programs. Council asked that staff return with specific recommendations to increase mitigation responses that could be implemented concurrent with the shelter crisis declaration. Staff from the Homeless Services Division, Police and Fire Departments, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment met several times to explore opportunities to enhance and expand current mitigation efforts.

The table below details the recommendations, and the amount needed to fully implement these recommendations in the current fiscal year as well as estimates that will be needed to continue these activities in subsequent fiscal years.

Program/Service	Description	FY 2018/19 Funding	Future Funding
Public work support for homeless clean up needs	2.0 limited term FTE to provide trash collection/disposal for homeless encampments, including the two new Downtown Street Teams	\$150,000	\$450,000 (July 2019 – December 2020)
Dedicated solid waste support for IMPACT	Purchase of a small compact rear loader garbage truck, one year O&M and fuel (to be supported by FTE above)	\$125,526	-
	Operating, maintenance, and fuel for rear loader (estimated at \$31,231/year)	\$15,616	\$31,231/year
Additional support for Parks, PD, PW for debris clean up throughout City	Purchase of one new trash trailer for YPSE	\$9,000	-
	Trash trailer dump fees (estimated at \$6,300/year)	\$3,675	\$6,300/year
	Purchase of a “gator” truck to support clean up to human waste for YPSE/IMPACT	\$32,000	-
	Expand existing contract with Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps, add two additional days/month	\$30,333	\$52,000/year
TOTAL		\$391,150	

In addition to these items, staff also recommends exploring alternative transportation systems to support the Sacramento Fire Department and Police Department in diverting nonemergency cases from emergency services, providing transport to a non-hospital setting (clinic, pharmacy, etc.) or to social service programs and shelters. Staff from the Homeless Services Division and Sacramento Fire have started initial research on possible transport services and will return at a later date with recommendations related to this mitigation services.

Policy Considerations: Start Here

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations: None.

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: Homelessness is one of the biggest issues facing the City, and the City Council has made significant investments over the past years to increase services, shelter capacity and housing supports for people experiencing homelessness. Despite these efforts, homelessness is on the rise, and is affecting communities throughout the City and the County of Sacramento. The HEAP and CESH programs offer a unique opportunity to access significant funding from the State of California to address local needs related to homelessness, including public health related mitigation, and to collaborate with Sacramento County, SSF, and other cities in the county to develop a true county-wide response to homelessness. In addition to the need to bring new funds to increase services and shelter to support people experiencing homelessness, the City also wants to ensure that there are resources available to address the impacts on the community of unsheltered homelessness. Ensuring that funds are available for both new services and mitigation reflects the commitment of the City to address homelessness in a way that considers the needs of the entire community.

Financial Considerations: The costs to implement all of the mitigation programs for the remainder of the FY2018/19 is approximately \$400,000. Additional funds will need to be identified through the FY2019/20 budget process to continue those components that have on-going costs beyond the end of FY2018/19. With the transfer of up to \$400,000 from the General Fund (Fund 1001) Administrative Contingency to the Homeless Housing Program (102000200) and an adjustment to the Department of Public Works operating budget, there will be sufficient funding to cover the costs of all components through the end of FY2018/19.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

FUNDING FOR HOMELESS MITIGATION PROGRAMS

BACKGROUND

- A. Despite increased collaboration and funding, homelessness in Sacramento is more visible and widespread, and impacts of unsheltered homelessness are being felt in communities throughout the City.
- B. On October 16, 2018, City Council endorsed the collaborative funding approach for California's new Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) and authorized staff to apply for these funds on behalf of the City.
- C. On November 8, 2018, City Council declared a shelter crisis, as a requirement for eligibility for the HEAP funding.
- D. While HEAP will bring substantial new investments into shelter, service and housing programs to help people experiencing homelessness in the City, it cannot pay for the costs to the City to mitigate the impacts of unsheltered homelessness. As part of the discussions around HEAP, City Council asked staff to return with recommendations to expand and enhance mitigation activities.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1.** The City Council finds that the statements in the Background are true.
- Section 2.** The City Manager or the City Manager's designee is authorized to increase the expenditure budget in the Homeless Housing Initiative Program (10200200) up to \$400,000 from General Fund (Fund 1001) available fund balance to support the mitigation activities.
- Section 3.** The City Manager or the City Manager's designee is authorized to add 2.0 FTE limited-term Integrated Waste Equipment Operators to the Department of Public Works.

Section 4. The City Manager or the City Manager's designee is authorized to adjust the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018/19 operating expenditure budgets within the Department of Public Works as necessary to offset the cost of the limited term positions and any necessary services and supplies to support the Homeless Housing Initiative Program (I02000200).

Section 5. The City Manager or the City Manager's designee is authorized to replenish the General Fund (Fund 1001) Administrative Contingency with available FY2017/18 resources by an amount up to \$400,000.