RESOLUTION 2024-0039

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

February 6, 2024

Disbursement of Homeless Housing Assistance Prevention Funds for Youth Sheltering

BACKGROUND

A. Homelessness is an issue that impacts communities without regard to geographic or political boundaries and for which there is no single answer or approach. Shelters play a significant role in addressing homelessness and as such it is necessary to create a systemic approach to addressing homelessness which includes low to no barrier crisis shelters. The City of Sacramento recognizes the important role that such shelters play in helping move people out of homelessness and into permanent housing.

B. According to the 2022 Point in Time Homeless Count released by the Sacramento County Continuum of Care, the County of Sacramento had a homeless population of 9,278 individuals, an increase of 67% since 2019. Approximately 636 Transitional Age Youth were experiencing homelessness, an increase of 53% since 2019.

C. The Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 31, 2019. Authorized by Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 159, Statutes of 2019), HHAP is designed to provide jurisdictions with one-time grant funding to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges.

D. In November 2022, the City submitted an application for HHAP-4 funds in the amount of $24,791,417. On February 7, 2023, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-0036, which authorized the City Manager, or the City Manager’s designee, to accept the state allocation of $24,791,417 in grant funds. The City received the first disbursement of HHAP-4 funds in August 2023. The HHAP-4 funding allocation for youth sheltering is 10%, or $2,479,142.

E. The City has collaborated with Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF), the local Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) Lead Agency, as part of the collaborative approach to utilize the combined City and CoC allocations of HHAP-1 and HHAP-2 funding for Transitional Age Youth programming. City and SSF staff wish to continue this collaborative approach to utilizing the City’s HHAP-4, and the CoC’s HHAP-3 and HHAP-4, funding for Transitional Age Youth.
F. On October 4, 2023, City staff released a Request for Proposals for Homeless Youth Shelter and Rehousing Services for 2 years of service from January 2024 through December 2025. This RFP was released in partnership with Sacramento Steps Forward as part of the collaborative approach to utilize the combined allocations of HHAP-3 and HHAP-4 funding for Transitional Age Youth programming. A review panel, including both City and Sacramento Steps Forward staff, scored the three responsive proposals and recommended funding them all including Sacramento LGBT Community Center’s Short-Term Emergency Shelter Program (STEP) and the Transitional Living Program (TLP), Waking the Village’s Village Youth Family Shelter Program, and Wind Youth Services Common Ground Shelter Program.

G. The Sacramento LGBT Community Center STEP program will support a 12-bed emergency shelter program in Midtown, Sacramento. STEP provides 24-hour shelter in a residential neighborhood and has an average length of stay of 90 days that includes meals, clothing, and transportation assistance for transitional age youth (ages 18-24) who have been victims of crime.

H. The Sacramento LGBT Community Center TLP program will support a 6-bed transitional housing for up to 24-months for transitional aged youth who experience high barriers to alternative housing options. Youth will receive regular support and checkups to meet specific performance objectives, promote self-sufficiency, and attain successful outcomes.

I. The Waking the Village Youth Family Shelter provides eight shelter units for pregnant and parenting Transitional Age Youth, and their children experiencing homelessness. Waking the Village offers parenting youth and their children a holistic program centered on youth development, the strengthening of physical and mental health, educational attainment, career development, and financial management so that they leave prepared to be leaders in their own lives and leaders in the lives of their children and community.

J. The Wind Youth Service Common Ground Shelter provides services to a total of 20 youth (at any given time) experiencing homelessness who have been victims of crime. While sheltered at Common Ground, all unemployed youth will engage in the Workforce Development Hybrid Program including job readiness training and on the job training. Youth simultaneously participate in job training while working up to 20 hours per week.
BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

The City Manager or the City Manager’s designee is authorized to execute the Homeless Housing Assistance Prevention Program Round 3 & 4 (HHAP-3 & HHAP-4) Funds Transfer Memorandum of Understanding with Sacramento Steps Forward to receive and administer $832,311 in HHAP-3 funding, and $1,233,309 in HHAP-4 funding.

SECTION 2.

The City Manager or the City Manager’s designee is authorized to establish the CoC HHAP Youth Funding Project (G23000100).

SECTION 3.

The City Manager or the City Manager’s designee is authorized to establish revenue and expenditure budgets in the amount of $2,065,620 for the CoC HHAP Youth Funding Project (G23000100) in the Operating Grants Fund (Fund 2702).

SECTION 4.

The City Manager or the City Manager’s designee is authorized to execute an agreement with Sacramento LGBT Community Center for the Short-Term Emergency Shelter Program (STEP) for an amount not to exceed $1,512,775.

SECTION 5.

The City Manager or the City Manager’s designee is authorized to execute an agreement with Sacramento LGBT Community Center for the Transitional Living Program (TLP) for an amount not to exceed $161,226.

SECTION 6.

The City Manager or the City Manager’s designee is authorized to execute an agreement with Waking the Village for the Village Youth Shelter Program for an amount not to exceed $1,366,560.
SECTION 7.

The City Manager or the City Manager’s designee is authorized to execute an agreement with Wind Youth Services for the Common Ground Shelter Program for an amount not to exceed $1,233,309.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on February 6, 2024, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Guerra, Jennings, Kaplan, Maple, Talamantes, Valenzuela, and Mayor Steinberg

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Member Vang

Attest: ___________________________ 02/14/2024

Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk

The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Sacramento City Council.