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I MOVE that the matter of the Homelessness and Poverty Committee Report relative to the City's Comprehensive Homeless Strategy, Item No. 6 on today's Council agenda (CF#15-1138-S1), BE AMENDED to:

1. Revise Strategy 3A - Standardize First Responder Training for Homeless, to:
 - Include the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) in the list of collaborating departments/agencies; and
 - Incorporate the needs of homeless individuals with HIV/AIDS into first responder training.

2. Revise Strategy 3E – Integration With County Health Sobering Centers to instruct the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to report relative to the feasibility and the costs of providing short-term residential beds to individuals accessing Sobering Centers.

3. Revise Strategy 7B - Expand Rapid Rehousing to:
 - Direct LAHSA to manage a financial assistance program, including move-in and rental assistance; and
 - Include in the first bullet point in the Description section the following bolded language:

“Financial assistance includes short-term and medium-term rental assistance and move-in assistance, including payment for rental application fees, security deposits, and utility deposits **as well as furniture, kitchen items, bedsheets, towels and other basic household necessities**. Financial assistance can come in the form of a full subsidy, covering the full rent for a period of time, or a shallow subsidy, covering a portion of the rent with gradual decreases in the subsidy over time. **LAHSA should be directed to manage this assistance program**“

4. Revise Strategy 7H – Facilitate Utilization of Federal Housing Subsidies to add three additional bullet points in the Description section and add three items to the Performance Metrics, as follows:
 - Increased landlord incentives through provision of security deposits, other move-in costs that lead to greater rental stability
 - Participation by all federal subsidy programs serving the homeless, including but not limited to the following: Housing Choice Vouchers; Shelter Plus Care; and HOPWA rental assistance.
 - Security Deposit/Move-in Assistance. Develop a program to source security deposit and move-in assistance funds for formerly homeless individuals and families receiving HUD vouchers. Average costs based on other municipalities and homeless housing providers here suggest that costs for security deposit and move-in assistance are around \$2,000. This is a significant cost burden for someone coming off the street and can present a hindrance for a landlord housing a formerly homeless individual or family. The City and County in partnership

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with philanthropic sources could help offset these costs and lower potential barriers for landlords to house the homeless.

- Amend the performance metrics to include:
Landlord retention rates, leasing success rates, and processing times.

5. Add the following instruction to Section 7: Instruct LAHSA to report on the feasibility of developing a prevention and diversion program under the Coordinated Entry System. The prevention program should include, but not be limited to serving transition age youth and seniors and the diversion program should include, but not be limited to serving single adults. In addition, the report should include the feasibility of identifying funding for the prevention and diversion pilot program in the Family system.
6. Revise Strategy 9F – Expand Youth Homeless Services to instruct LAHSA to: partner with local community colleges to help identify transition age youth homeless students and housing solutions for those youth; and identify additional emergency shelter, crisis and bridge housing resources and supportive services targeting the unique needs of the transition age youth homeless population.

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