HOMELESS EMERGENCY AID PROGRAM (HEAP)

Information provided by the California Business, Consumer and Housing Agency (BCSH) as of August 10, 2018

- HEAP is a \$500 million block grant program designed to provide direct assistance to cities and counties to address the homeless crisis. HEAP was authorized by Senate Bill 850; signed into law by Governor Brown in June 2018.
- Available Funding (One-Time Funding)
 - o City of Los Angeles: \$85,013,607
 - Los Angeles City and County Continuum of Care (CoC): \$81,099,807.86
 (Only five percent of the grant may be used for administrative costs)
- Eligible Uses
 - Immediate emergency assistance to people experiencing homelessness. Uses include, but not limited to:
 - Homelessness prevention activities;
 - Criminal justice diversion program for homeless individuals with mental health needs;
 - Establishing or expanding services meeting the needs of homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness;
 - A minimum of five percent of the funding must be set aside for emergency assistance for homeless youth (\$4,250,680.35).
 - Emergency aid (shelters, shelter beds, public bathrooms and shower facilities are eligible uses).

• Expenditure Deadlines

- o By statute:
 - 50 percent of the funds must be contractually obligated by January 1, 2020
 - 100 percent of the funds must be expended by June 30, 2021.
 - Unexpended funds will revert to the State General Fund.
- Shelter Crisis Declaration
 - Required to receive HEAP funds. (The City of Los Angeles declared a shelter crisis emergency on April 17, 2018.)
- Application Timeline 2 Rounds
 - First Round: Application period opens on September 5, 2018 and closes on December 31, 2018.
 - Second Round: Application period opens on February 15, 2019 and closes on April 30, 2019.
 - o Funds not claimed in the first round; will be redistributed in the Second Round,

Next Steps:

- The State will release the draft HEAP funding application by August 20, 2018.
- The CAO will work with Homeless and Poverty Committee to transmit a report shortly after the draft application is released.
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