

MOTION

In April 2018, the City Council and the Mayor declared a shelter crisis in the City of Los Angeles. According to the 2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Point in Time Count released by Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), 31,516 homeless individuals reside in the City, 23,114 of whom are unsheltered. To respond to this crisis and the immediate need for shelter, the Mayor and Council allocated \$20 million to the Crisis and Bridge Housing Fund in the 2018-19 Adopted Budget to establish temporary crisis and bridge housing facilities. The goal of this fund is to add 50 to 100 new beds per Council District. Additionally, \$45 million has been allocated within the City of Los Angeles' Homeless Emergency Aid Program allocation from the State of California and \$10M was included in the Unappropriated Balance (Homeless Services Program) and to augment the Crisis and Bridge Housing Fund.

On December 4, 2018, the City Council adopted recommendations from the Homeless and Poverty Committee instructing City staff to evaluate and report on the feasibility of using property owned by the County of Los Angeles at 2817 South Hope Street in Council District 9 for interim housing purpose (C.F. 18-0750).

At this time, the City Administrative Officer, Bureau of Engineering (BOE), and other appropriate City departments have determined that this property is suitable for a tension membrane structure and modular trailers to establish bridge housing beds for 100 individuals. The site will also include storage for residents, personal hygiene and laundry facilities, supportive and community engagement services, and 24-hour security. Additionally, LAHSA has identified the Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA) as the service provider to manage and operate the site in partnership with St. John's Well Child and Family Center. The City will lease the site to VOALA and is coordinating with the County to secure operating funding for this facility.

In order to assess the site feasibility, the BOE conducted a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis of the proposed use of the site and Council must approve the BOE's determination that this use is categorically exempt from CEQA.

The estimated total development cost is \$6,323,049, \$243,174 of which has been paid from the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program Homeless Projects account for design and CEQA analysis.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council:

1. **APPROVE** funds in the amount of \$6,079,875 to develop a bridge housing facility on property owned by the County of Los Angeles at 2817 South Hope Street. Funds to be appropriated from the Homeless Emergency Aid Program Grant Fund No. 60P/10, AC-1 – Capital and Operating Support;
2. Establish a new account within the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program Fund No 100/54, entitled "Bridge Housing – Hope Street" and appropriate the amount of \$2,590,942; and
3. Establish a new account within the Homeless Emergency Aid Program Grant Fund No. 60P/10 entitled "Bridge Housing – Hope Street" and appropriate \$280,340.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, authorize the Controller to appropriate the amount of \$6,079,875 to develop a Crisis and Bridge Housing site at 2817 South Hope Street, as follows:

1. Transfer the total of \$6,079,875 from the Homeless Emergency Aid Program Grant Fund No. 60P/10, AC-1 – Capital and Operating Support, Account No. 10R630 to the following accounts:



Fund/Department	Account Number	Account Title	Amount
100/40 General Services Department	001014	Salaries, Construction Project	\$213,000
100/40 General Services Department	001101	Hiring Hall Construction	\$600,000
100/40 General Services Department	001121	Benefits Hiring Hall Construction	\$400,000
100/40 General Services Department	003180	Construction Materials	\$1,220,600
100/78 Bureau of Engineering	001010	Salaries General	\$774,993
100/54 Capital Improvement Expenditure Program	TBD	Bridge Housing – Hope Street	\$2,590,942
60P/10 Homeless Emergency Aid Program	TBD	Bridge Housing – Hope Street	\$280,340

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be directed to prepare any additional Controller instructions or make any necessary technical adjustments consistent with the Mayor and Council action in this matter, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

I FURTHER MOVE that the General Manager, Housing and Community Investment Department be instructed to amend the contract with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority for Homeless Emergency Assistance Programs funding to include funds in the amount of \$280,340 for Volunteers of America Los Angeles to purchase furniture, fixtures and equipment for the bridge housing facility at 2817 South Hope Street.

I FURTHER MOVE that the General Manager, General Services Department, be instructed report to Council relative to the following actions:

- a. Negotiating a three-year lease agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the property located at 2817 South Hope Street, with the option to renew at the discretion of the City Council; and
- b. Negotiating a three-year sub-lease agreement with the Volunteers of America Los Angeles to operate a bridge housing facility at this site, with the option to renew at the discretion of the City Council.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be directed to prepare any additional Controller instructions to reimburse the City Departments for their accrued labor, material or permit costs related to this project from the "Bridge Housing – Hope Street" account consistent with the Mayor and Council action on this matter, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Homeless Coordinator to coordinate with Los Angeles County to identify funds for interim housing operations at this site, including, but not limited to County Measure H revenue.

PRESENTED BY: 
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 Councilman, 9th District

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