

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

MOTION

There is a homelessness crisis in the City of Los Angeles. To address this need, the City of Los Angeles has received \$85 million in direct allocation from the State of California through the statewide Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). The City Council adopted an \$85 million proposed budget for funding eligible activities. Consistent with Council action (C.F. 18-0628) any HEAP funding request will be reviewed by the Homeless Strategy Committee (HSC) and submitted to Council for approval.

North Valley Caring Services (NVCS) is an independent, tax-exempt nonprofit whose mission is to empower neighborhood residents to build a vision of their community's future and actively solve local problems. NVCS provides services such as hot meals, hygiene facility, and outreach to the homeless population in North Hills, Panorama City, Van Nuys, Arleta, and Langdon/Orion Street neighborhood of North Hills.

NVCS is requesting funding in the amount of \$114,568 which would underwrite the addition of 5 staff members and supplies for their programs. The 5 staff will help oversee and manage existing homeless outreach programs that serve approximately 1,200 unduplicated homeless clients annually. Due to the increase in homeless population, NVCS has increased the scope of their programs to address the increased needs, but have not been able to secure the necessary staff to implement the programs. NVCS is requesting staffing and supplies to implement the following:

- The Shower Program: provides more than 6,000 showers annually;
- The Breakfast Program: serves more than 30,000 breakfast meals annually;
- The Wednesday Night Outreach Meals Program: provides approximately 240 meals every Wednesday night;

Additionally, they are requesting two staff members:

- Volunteer Coordinator: new addition to manage, train, and engage volunteer corps; and
- Campus Security: new addition to ensure safety of all clients, staff, and volunteers.

NVCS has other funding sources leveraged and secured in the amount of \$93,800 through various sources for these programs. While this proposal is primarily for staff positions, all proposed positions are direct program staff – necessary for the safety, efficacy, and long-term sustainability of the existing homeless outreach programs. All proposed staffing will fill gaps for services/programs that are already being implemented.

NVCS has made a concerted effort to expand and diversify their funding base and has recently expanded its development operations. NVCS will continue to leverage all future funding with its existing base of partnerships and individual donors to continue any program(s) beyond the HEAP grant term.



To address the needs in Council District 7, the Council should allocate HEAP funds to the activity described below:

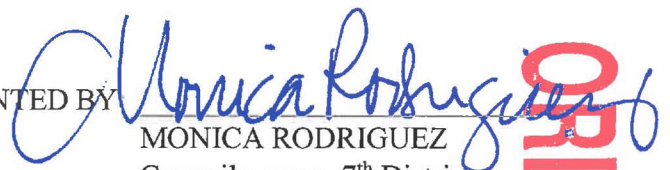
- From the \$11.5 Capital and Operating Support for Short Term Housing Interventions, Homeless Prevention, and Diversion Programs line item, allocate:
 - \$114,568 for the addition of 5 staff members (two full-time, three part-time) in addition to supplies for North Valley Caring Services' Shower Program, Breakfast Program, Wednesday Night Outreach Meals Program, and for a Volunteer Coordinator and Campus Security.

Approximately \$11.4 million remains available in this category to consider funding these requests.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to submit to the Homeless Strategy Committee (HSC) for review the funding requests stated above to utilize State Homeless Emergency Aid (HEAP) funds;

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the CAO to submit HSC's recommendation to Council relative to the use of HEAP funds for the funding requests stated above.

PRESENTED BY


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