

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

MOTION

There is a homelessness crisis in the City of Los Angeles. According to the 2018 Point-in-time Homeless Count, there are approximately 31,516 homeless individuals in the City of Los Angeles of which 4,673 are unsheltered people experiencing homelessness in Council District 8, 9, and 15. 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 and submitted to Council for approval.

There is a large population of homeless individuals living in vehicles along the I-110 Corridor. The I-110 Corridor is defined as starting from Council District 9 in the North (South of Washington Boulevard) and ending in CD 15 in the South (North of West Anaheim Street). Council District 8, 9, and 15 are requesting funding in the amount of \$600,000 to provide assistance to people living in their vehicles along this Corridor. The funds would support a vehicular homelessness outreach program that would conduct outreach to vehicle dwelling homeless and link them to housing and services. The program would serve homeless single individuals, families, and TAY vehicle dwellers in the I-110 Corridor communities of Avalon, Harbor Gateway, South Park, University Park, Vermont Square, and Westmount. The funding would serve 697 vehicles which is approximately 1,236 individuals.

To address the needs in Council District 8, 9, and 15, the Council should allocate HEAP funds to the activity described below:

- From the \$11.5 million Capital and Operating Support for Short Term Housing Interventions, Homeless Prevention, and Diversion Programs line item, allocate:
 - \$600,000 for a vehicular homelessness outreach program in Council District 8, 9, and 15 to provide assistance to people living in vehicles along the I-110 Corridor and provide services and links to housing. This is an ongoing project and alternative funding will be needed on July 1, 2021.

Approximately \$11.4 million remains available in this category, pending Council approval of outstanding requests.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the City 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;

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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.

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