

MOTION HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

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 in need of funding in the amount of \$450,000 to centralize and expand navigation and supportive services for homeless families that have been placed in motels in the areas they serve.

Families experiencing homelessness are often placed in motels as a first step towards securing permanent housing solutions. Though this an important step in keeping families safe and sheltered, there are still many challenges that they face as they transition out of homelessness. A lack of internet access impacts housing and job searches. The need for childcare limits the ability to attend leasing and job interviews, and can make it a challenge to get older children to school.

NVCS seeks to become a centralized hub where homeless families from the area can access a one-stop-shop of relevant services on their campus. Participants in NVCS family navigation and supportive services program will have access to in-house:

- Case management services
- Housing navigation services
- Food security program
- License exempt childcare (cooperative model)
- Activities for children in motels
- Workforce development

To address the need 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:
 - \$450,000 for staff and supplies to the North Valley Caring Services for navigation and supportive services for homeless families.

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

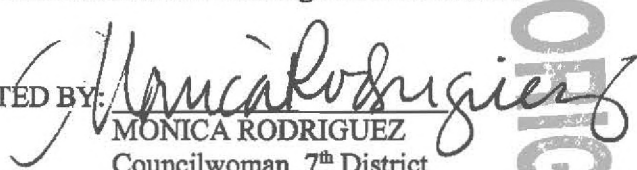
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to submit to the Homeless Strategy Committee (HSC) for review a funding request for \$450,000 to utilize Homeless Emergency Aid (HEAP) funds for staff and supplies to the North Valley Caring Services for navigation and supportive services for homeless families in Council District 7, as further detailed in this motion;

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;

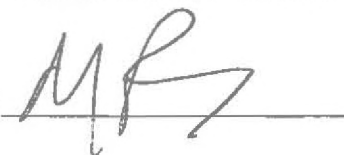
I FURTHER MOVE that if sufficient HEAP funds are not available in Category Three to fully fund this proposal, that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to recommend alternative funding sources available.

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