

MOTION

There is a homelessness crisis in the City of Los Angeles. According to the 2019 Point-in-time Homeless Count, there are approximately 36,165 homeless individuals in the City of Los Angeles and 2,385 (995 living in vehicles) unsheltered people experiencing homelessness in Council District 1.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health found in October 2019 that deaths among homeless people have increased each year, from 536 in 2013 to 1,047 in 2018.

To address public health concerns, and the personal welfare of unsheltered residents, in 2019, Council District 1 took the following actions: opened the Casa Azul A Bridge Housing (ABH) shelter for women and families; established two Safe Parking sites; provided 33 Homeless Connect Events that touched 2,631 people; provided 4,898 Mobile Shower services, deployed a mobile pit stop facility that has the highest utilization rate in the City of 11,000 visits per month, and provided RV Waste Disposal services that assisted 86 participants. Additionally, in December, we launched our mobile laundry truck.

To help address this ongoing crisis, the State of California through the statewide Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program aims to assist the City of Los Angeles with an allocation of \$117,562,500. The City Council adopted an \$117,562,500 proposed budget for funding eligible activities.

Below is the City Council adopted budget categories and the Council District 1 request to continue assisting people experiencing homelessness in our district and City of Los Angeles:

Council District 1**• A Bridge Home Capital (Proposed Category 1)**

- Request for \$3,900,000 to fund one ABH site in CD1 as indicated in the prior council adopted report that will provide temporary shelter to help the City increase bed inventory available to unsheltered homeless residents.

• Budget for Street Strategy, Outreach, Public Health, and Hygiene (Proposed Category 5)

- Request \$285,219 annually for two years to **continue and expand** CD1's Shower of Hope hygiene services from five days to seven days a week at locations in high need areas. Each operating day has capacity for 45 showers. This is an ongoing project and alternative funding will be needed once current funding ends.
- Request \$280,000 annually for two years to **continue** CD1's Mobile Pit Stop program in Pico Union/ Westlake areas that provides hygiene services for seven days a week. Our current site has an average of 11,000 users monthly. This is an ongoing project and alternative funding will be needed once current funding ends.

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- o Request \$287,300 for year one and \$269,070 for year two to **expand** CD1's Laundry Truck LA hygiene services from two days to five days a week at locations in high need areas and each operating day has capacity for 40 laundry loads. This is an ongoing project in which alternative funding will be needed once current funding ends.
- o Request \$209,196 for year one and \$204,984 for year two to **start** a CD1 PATH Outreach Case Management Team (two staff) five days a week at our district wide program sites where we currently do not have an onsite outreach or case management presence. Program sites to include the following: mobile showers, laundry services, RV waste disposal, mobile pit stop, and office walk-ins. This team will also focus on outreach/ referrals to our two Safe Parking Program sites. The team will have a shared caseload of 110 people annually. This is an ongoing project and alternative funding will be needed once current funding ends.

Citywide

• Budget for Street Strategy, Outreach, Public Health, and Hygiene (Proposed Category 5)

- o Request \$180,000 annually for two years to fund three full time staff at three non-profits to **enhance** the Jail In Reach Project at three LAPD Regional Jails (Van Nuys, 77th, Metropolitan) that would allow the project to have dedicated funding for three full days at each site and two days for follow up. The project since January 2017 through December 2019 has contacted 4,868 homeless people in custody with 3,079 consenting for services in efforts to divert them from the criminal justice system. **Unfortunately, in December 2019 agencies went from two to one day at jail sites given inability to continue providing this unfunded staffing.** Dedicated City funding will save and enhance the project to achieve better outcomes. This is an ongoing project and alternative funding will be needed once current funding ends.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst be instructed to submit to the Homeless Strategy Committee for review a funding request of approximately \$5.6M using the State's Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention program grant for the Citywide and Council District 1 programs as listed is this Motion.

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