

MOTION

The City of Los Angeles is in the midst of a homelessness crisis. The City must create and expand a variety of services to meet the diverse needs of our most vulnerable residents. For many individuals experiencing homelessness a vehicle can be their last resort to living directly on the street. Safe Parking programs provide individuals and families living in their vehicles a safe place to park and get a more restful night's sleep.

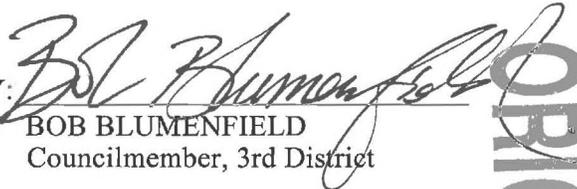
The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) released a request for proposals (RFP) for Safe Parking Programs on January 16, 2020 to provide families or individuals who dwell in their vehicle with a safe place to sleep at night and also ensure participants have access to supportive services and other resources through the Coordinated Entry System (CES). LAHSA is funding the 2020 program through the State of California Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), County of Los Angeles Measure H funds, and City of Los Angeles General Funds.

The Safe Parking Program in Reseda launched in July 2019 and has served residents from the West San Fernando Valley and residents who work in the Valley. The program is operated by SafeParkingLA on two City-owned parking lots with the capacity of serving up to 25 vehicles with portable restrooms and security. To date, participants in the program have not been chronically homeless therefore they have limited support services available. It is critical that this program continue to operate in the next fiscal year with funding secured through the LAHSA RFP or other means.

The State of California is issuing the Homeless, Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) block grant to expand or develop local capacity to address the immediate homelessness challenges. In the event the Reseda Safe Parking Program is not funded through the LAHSA RFP, the City of Los Angeles should allocate HHAP funding to cover the cost with additional case management services. This program would fall under funding category 5: Street Strategy, Outreach, Public Health, and Hygiene.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council instruct the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst to submit to the Homeless Strategy Committee a request of approximately \$320,000 from the State's pending Homeless, Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program grant to continue and expand the Reseda Safe Parking Program in Council District 3.

PRESENTED BY:



BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



ORIGINAL



FEB 04 2020