



City of San Leandro

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Staff Report

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TO: City Council

FROM: Jeff Kay
City Manager

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Recreation and Human Services Director

FINANCE REVIEW: Not Applicable

TITLE: Staff Report for a Resolution of the San Leandro City Council to Establish Eligibility for State Homeless Funding

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City of San Leandro City Council, in accordance with California Government Code section 8698.2 and in order to qualify and receive State funding to address homelessness, adopt a resolution declaring a shelter crisis.

BACKGROUND

The Legislature passed SB 850, which allocates through a grant program State funding to address homelessness. To that end, the FY 2018-19 State Budget allocated \$500 million in one-time funding for the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). Alameda County's designated applicant is Alameda County and/or the Continuum of Care (Everyone Home) and the total amount of available funding throughout the County is \$16,192,049. The Board of Supervisors assigned Alameda County's internal Homelessness Council to lead the application and outreach process for the final grant application to the State. Cities and other homelessness stakeholders will be included in this process, and many other cities throughout the region are anticipated to adopt similar resolutions. The submission period for the final application is from September 5 through December 31, 2018.

Analysis

HEAP requires that any jurisdiction seeking SB 850 funding directly or through a non-profit must adopt a "Shelter Crisis" resolution.

The following are allowable uses of HEAP funding:

- a. Homelessness prevention activities

- b. Criminal justice diversion programs for homeless individuals with mental health needs
- c. Establishing or expanding services to meet the needs of homeless youth or youth at-risk of homelessness
- d. Emergency aid

The resolution calls for the Alameda County 2017 Point-in-Time Count number of homeless individuals in each jurisdiction. These numbers usually undercount the amount of actual homeless persons and should serve only as estimates. For example, the San Leandro 2017 number is 50. Staff believes that the actual count estimate is closer to 200. The next official count will be in 2019.

San Leandro has already started to provide input into the broad categories of need for the City's homeless population. The City will continue to be included in subsequent meetings as the countywide application is developed for final submission. Staff recommends that the City Council adopt this resolution to ensure the City meets all of the qualifications to obtain this one-time funding.

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The City of San Leandro Finds:

WHEREAS, California's Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. and the members of the California Legislature have recognized the urgent and immediate need for funding at the local level to combat homelessness;

WHEREAS, The Governor and Legislature have provided funding to local governments under the Homeless Emergency Aid Program as part of SB 850 and the 2018-19 Budget Act (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018);

WHEREAS, The Governor and Legislature require jurisdictions seeking an allocation through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program to declare a Shelter Crisis pursuant to Government Code §8698.2;

WHEREAS, the City of San Leandro has developed a homelessness plan and undertaken multiple efforts at the local level to combat homelessness;

WHEREAS, the City of San Leandro finds that 50 persons (2017 Point in Time Count) are homeless and living without shelter;

WHEREAS, the City of San Leandro currently finds approximately 200 people homeless and living without shelter;

WHEREAS, the City of San Leandro finds that the number of homeless is significant, and these persons are without the ability to obtain shelter;

WHEREAS, the City of San Leandro finds that the health and safety of unsheltered persons in San Leandro is threatened by the lack of shelter;

WHEREAS, the City of San Leandro affirms the City's commitment to combatting homelessness and creating or augmenting a continuum of shelter and service options for those living without shelter in our communities (H6 Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) - Program Guidance).

NOW, THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of San Leandro does **RESOLVE** as follows:

That a shelter crisis pursuant to Government Code §8698.2 exists in the City of San Leandro, such that the City Council authorizes the City Manager to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to participate in the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), and to execute the intent of this resolution.