

Agenda Report

July 21, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Housing

SUBJECT: **AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION ROUND 6 FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$677,599**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Find that the recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines per Section 15061 (b) (3), the "common sense" provision that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
- 2) Authorize the submittal of an application, as part of the Los Angeles County regional application, to the State of California for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 6 ("HHAP-6") funding in the amount of \$677,599 for eligible programs and activities that serve people experiencing homelessness; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager to certify or execute, and the City Clerk to attest, the application and all other documents, agreements and amendments related to the application and subsequent HHAP-6 award.

BACKGROUND:

To date, the City has received five rounds of one-time Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) state block grant funding totaling \$3,231,906. Continuums of Care (CoC), large cities, and counties are eligible to apply for HHAP funding. On February 24, 2025, the State of California released application materials for the sixth round of HHAP funding (HHAP-6). State statute requires that all applications be submitted by August 29, 2025. The State requires that eligible jurisdictions apply collaboratively as a region with the Los Angeles County region to consist of the following seven eligible jurisdictions: County of Los Angeles; City of Los Angeles; City of Long Beach; and the Continuums of Care for Los Angeles, Glendale, Long Beach and

Pasadena. The Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office's Homeless Initiative will submit a single application on behalf of the region. While jurisdictions are required to apply together, each jurisdiction has the discretion to receive its base allocation directly. The Pasadena CoC will select to receive its base allocation of \$677,599.37 directly and will be responsible for administering the funds, contracting with sub-recipients, reporting HHAP-6 expenditures and activities to the State, and meeting the terms and conditions of the contract.

HHAP-6 funding is intended to prevent and expeditiously reduce unsheltered homelessness through homelessness prevention activities and sustain existing interim housing solutions, and permanent housing solutions, including long-term sustainability of permanent affordable housing. As with previous rounds of HHAP funding, HHAP-6 will include a 10% minimum set aside for youth experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

As the next step in the HHAP-6 application process, the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office's Homeless Initiative will submit an application to the State on behalf of the region. The application will include a Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan, a Memorandum of Understanding signed by all seven jurisdictions in the region, and a funding plan for each jurisdiction. Following the anticipated State award of HHAP-6 funding to the City, staff may issue a Request for Proposals to allocate funds to local homeless services providers.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed actions support the City Council Strategic Planning Goals in the area of supporting and promoting the quality of life and the local economy. Approval of the recommended actions have the potential to provide essential housing and services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Pasadena. The submittal of applications for HHAP-6 grant funding is in accordance with the Pasadena Continuum of Care system, General Plan Housing Element, Five-Year Consolidated Plan, and Five-Year Public Housing Authority Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The actions proposed herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), the "common sense" provision of CEQA which applies to projects which may have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The submittal of an application to the State of California for HHAP-6 grant funding will not have a significant effect on the environment and, hence, is not subject to CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

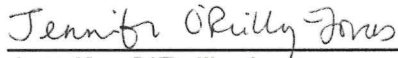
Approval of the recommended actions will have no direct fiscal impact. Upon receipt of funding, staff will bring back a recommendation to City Council to recognize the additional revenue in the Department's FY 2026 Operating Budget.

Respectfully submitted,



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