



# San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

## REVISED AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 -- 8:30 AM

West Covina Council Chambers Meeting Room  
1444 W Garvey Ave S, West Covina, CA 91790

**Chair**  
Becky Shevlin  
City of Monrovia

**Vice-Chair**  
Margaret Clark  
City of Rosemead

**MEMBERS**  
Baldwin Park  
Claremont  
Duarte  
Glendora  
Monrovia  
Pomona  
Rosemead  
LA County Supervisorial  
District #1

**EX OFFICIO**  
J. Lyons  
W. Huang

Thank you for participating in today's meeting. The Homelessness Committee encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

**MEETINGS:** *Regular Meetings of the Homelessness Committee are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30 AM at the West Covina Council Chambers Meeting Room (1444 W. Garvey Avenue S., West Covina, CA 91790).* The Meeting agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Office, 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Suite 10210, Alhambra, CA, and on the website, [www.sgvkog.org](http://www.sgvkog.org). Copies are available via email upon request ([sgv@sgvkog.org](mailto:sgv@sgvkog.org)). Documents distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Your attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Your participation is welcomed and invited at all Committee meetings. Time is reserved at each regular meeting for those who wish to address the Board. SGVCOG requests that persons addressing the Committee refrain from making personal, slanderous, profane or disruptive remarks.

**TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE:** At a regular meeting, the public may comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee during the public comment period and may also comment on any agenda item at the time it is discussed. At a special meeting, the public may only comment on items that are on the agenda. Members of the public wishing to speak are asked to complete a comment card or simply rise to be recognized when the Chair asks for public comments to speak. We ask that members of the public state their name for the record and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Committee on a single item, the Chair may impose a time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of discussion. **The Committee may not discuss or vote on items not on the agenda.**

**AGENDA ITEMS:** The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Committee. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Committee can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Committee member or citizen so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar. If you would like an item on the Consent Calendar discussed, simply tell Staff or a member of the Committee.

## PRELIMINARY BUSINESS



In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the SGVCOG office at (626) 457-1800. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the SGVCOG to make reasonable arrangement to ensure accessibility to this meeting.



1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment (*If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all comments*)
4. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to the next regular meeting (*It is anticipated that the Committee may take action on these matters*)

**CONSENT CALENDAR** (*It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters*)

5. Homeless Committee Meeting Minutes – 10/2/2019 – Page 1  
*Recommended Action: Approve*

**PRESENTATIONS** (*It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters*)

6. Monrovia Housing Displacement Response Plan – Tina Cherry, Community Services Director – Page 5  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*
7. S.923: Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act - Becca Channell, Field Representative, Office of U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein – Page 7  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

**ACTION ITEMS** (*It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters*)

8. State Funding and Measure H Innovation Funds Programming Recommendations – Page 19  
*Recommended Action: Discuss and provide direction.*

**STAFF REPORTS** (*It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters*)

9. RHTF Update  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

**LIAISON REPORTS** (*It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters*)

8. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*
9. Homeless Initiative  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*
10. Union Station  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*
11. San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*
12. State and Federal Legislative Caucus – Page 25  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

**CHAIR'S REPORT** (*It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters*)

**ADJOURN**



**SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Approved Minutes**

Date: October 2, 2019

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: West Covina Council Chambers Meeting Room; 1444 W. Garvey Avenue South, West Covina, California 91790

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

- 1. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM
- 2. Roll Call

**Homeless Committee Members Present**

Y. Ruizesparza, Baldwin Park  
 J. Leano, Claremont  
 K. Davis, Glendora  
 F. Briones, LA County District 1  
 B. Shevlin, Monrovia  
 D. Holley, Pomona  
 M. Clark, Rosemead  
 L. Johnson, West Covina  
 J. Lyons, SGV Consortium on Homelessness  
 W. Huang, Pasadena

**Homeless Committee Members Absent**

Duarte  
 Irwindale

**Guests**

Scott Chamberlain, SGV Consortium  
 Megan Covarrubias, Montebello  
 Heather Gibson, Monrovia  
 Lee Kane, SGV Consortium

Shawn Morissey, USHS  
 Debbie Lopez, Glendora  
 Daniella Alcedo, LAHSA  
 Tina Cherry, Monrovia  
 Derek Baldwin, San Dimas

**SGVCOG Staff**

J. Cicco  
 C. Sims  
 M. Creter

- 3. Public Comment: Daniella Alcedo, LAHSA, announced the upcoming Weekend to End Homelessness in Pasadena on Sunday, October 6, 2019.
- 4. Changes to Agenda Order: There were no changes to the agenda order.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 3. Homelessness Meeting Minutes  
**There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 5 (M/S: L. Johnson/K. Davis)**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Glendora, Monrovia, Pomona, West Covina, Baldwin Park, Claremont, Supervisorial District 1
<b>NOES:</b>	

<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Rosemead
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Duarte, Irwindale

**PRESENTATIONS**

- 6. Pasadena’s Tenant Protection Ordinance  
J. Wong provided a presentation on Pasadena’s Tenant Protection Ordinance (TPO). Pasadena’s TPO requires landlords of multifamily rental units to pay relocation benefits for tenants (with an income of 140% or less of median income) displaced due to demolition, removal of the unit from the market, occupancy by landlord or family member, or a government order to vacate. Tenants are protected in the event of a change in property ownership or a large rent increase exceeding the consumer price index plus 5%. The relocation and moving expense allowances are also defined in the Ordinance. The ordinance has a clause stating that the City *may* enforce the ordinance, so the City does not take action to enforce the ordinance but refers tenants to the Housing Rights Center for advice and assistance. The time and cost of the work to implement this Ordinance was absorbed by the City’s existing staff, so additional staffing and funding were not required.
- 7. Claremont’s Collaborative Shower Program for Unsheltered Residents  
Dr. Anne Turner, Claremont’s Human Services Director, presented on Claremont’s Shower Program Collaboration for Unsheltered Residents was initiated in response to the concern of residents in neighborhoods surrounding a church – St. Ambrose Episcopal Church – that was offering showers for the unsheltered. The City initiated its response in the context of the following goals in its Homeless Services Plan: 1) to better understand the local unsheltered homeless population, 2) to expand efforts to educate city officials and the public, and 3) to improve coordination. The City negotiated program protocols that provided contact information for concerned citizens and provided education around homelessness. The program now has specific hours and a trespassing restriction during non-program hours with an agreement for enforcement with the Police Department. TriCity Mental Health Community Navigators are on site to assist shower program participants during hours of operation.  
Collaborators to this program include St. Ambrose Episcopal Church (the shower provider), the Claremont Police Department, TriCity Mental Health Services, and the Claremont Human Services Department.

**STAFF REPORTS**

- 8. Regional Housing Trust Fund  
Staff provided an update on the Regional Housing Trust Fund. The Regional Housing Trust Fund Kick-off meeting had a strong and engaged attendance with 17 cities represented. The Joint Powers Agreement Recitals meeting was equally well attended on October 9th. The next meeting covering liability issues will take place on October 23rd. Cities attending or participating in the JPA negotiation meetings are in no way obligated to join the JPA, but this is a great opportunity to find out what it is about and influence the creation of the Trust Fund and the powers and organizing structure of the JPA. Cities were encouraged to contact Caitlin Sims at [csims@sgvcog.org](mailto:csims@sgvcog.org) with questions.
- 9. Executive Order N-07-19 Affordable Housing Development  
Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-06-19 into law in January 2019. The Order directs the Department of Government Services (DGS) to identify excess state-owned

parcels with the potential for affordable housing development. DGS would then issue requests for proposals (RFP) to develop the sites. The first RFP under this Order has been released for a parcel in the city of Stockton. Future additional RFPs will be released for affordable housing developers wishing to develop on land leased from the State. By leasing, rather than selling the parcels, the developments are not subject to local jurisdictions' ordinances. A map of identified parcels can be found on the DGS' webpage.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Shevlin reported on the Cities' Innovation Fund, a motion to the Board of Supervisors by Supervisors Barger and Solis. This motion, which passed 5-0, directed the Chief Executive Office to report back to the Board in 45 days with a framework to provide \$6,000,000 in available Measure H carryover funds from Fiscal Year 2018-19 to the County's Councils of Government. The funds shall be used to support activities that align with the Board-approved, Homeless Initiative and must be consistent with either Priority Area 1 focused on increasing the housing supply of permanent and interim housing for people experiencing homelessness or; Priority Area 2 focused on enhancing County service systems for those experiencing and/or at-risk of homelessness. The intent of the Board of Supervisors is to continue strengthening the collaboration between the County and 88 cities, in acknowledgement of the cities' role and unique and distinct perspectives, as well as cities' resources and challenges.

Chair Shevlin also commented on the County's Amicus Brief requesting the Supreme Court to opine on the Boise decision. A motion for the Amicus Brief was brought to the Board on September 17, 2019 by Supervisors' Barger and Hahn. The motion passed in a rare split vote: 3 Ayes: Barger, Hahn and Ridley-Thomas; Nays: Solis and Kuehl. This motion recommended that the County Board of Supervisors direct County Counsel to file an amicus brief and/or join as amici to any legal action seeking to overturn *Martin v. City of Boise*, and any other litigation aimed at challenging this decision, as deemed appropriate by County Counsel. Dramatic data on the life expectancy for those who are homeless compared to those who are housed supported the motion.

The Chair reminded the Committee of the upcoming Measure H Policy and Funding Allocation discussions, to be run by the County CEO. The County Homeless Initiative (HI) will be holding policy summits, similar to the original policy summits that resulted in the creation of the Homeless Initiative Strategies. This process will develop the funding recommendation for the next three fiscal years – years 4,5, and 6 of the 10 years of Measure H funding.

There will be 8 policy summits. Invitees are subject matter experts and key community stakeholders. Each summit will tackle a different theme and there will be an opening and closing summit on the Countywide system as a whole. The summits are public and invitations have been broadcast extensively. However, invitees who will sit at the contributing discussion table, are limited and specific.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 AM



# REPORT

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DATE: November 6, 2019

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **MONROVIA'S HOUSING DISPLACEMENT RESPONSE PLAN**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information and discussion.

## **BACKGROUND**

Since 2014, the City of Monrovia has actively engaged in developing Monrovia-centric responses to addressing homelessness in the community. After instituting various policies and programs, the City's homeless response efforts were further refined in 2018 with the allotment of one-time Measure H grant funds from Los Angeles County. Pursuant to the updated plan, the City adopted six specific goals, which include the following:

1. Be relentless in our contact with anyone suffering from homelessness.
2. Expand community coordination in support of ending homelessness.
3. Promote the use of the Coordinated Entry System (CES).
4. Develop educational materials in partnership with LA County.
5. Develop a Monrovia-centric directed giving campaign.
6. Develop a Housing Displacement Response Plan.

In August 2018, the City entered into an agreement with Mountainside Communion Church (Mountainside) to serve as an independent contractor to administer Goal #6 by implementing the Housing Displacement Response Program (HDRP). The HDRP as developed with the recognition that it is more cost effective to keep people in their homes than it is to re-house families following displacement. Through the program, current Monrovia residents in danger of being displaced are eligible to apply for interim and temporary funding – what the City calls a “hand-up.” Residents can only access those funds after completing a thorough review process that includes the following components:

- Confirmation of current Monrovia residency and verification of need;
- Completion of an assessment to identify ongoing needs;
- Participation in the development and execution of a Transition Plan that establishes a pathway to achieving a stabilized housing situation within a set period of time; and
- Enrollment in the LA County CES Program.

Since establishment of the program, both the City and Mountainside have been reaching out to Monrovia-based groups to inform them of this unique approach to preventing housing displacement. Interested parties are invited to participate in the HDRP orientation, which includes discussions about the program, eligibility criteria, program guidelines, and the importance of

developing the Transition Plan for those receiving support to ensure housing stability. After completion of the orientation, they are eligible to become an advocate for the Program and provide referrals. . There are currently 16 participating organizations throughout the City.

To date, the City has contributed \$100,000 towards this program. In year 1, the City has expended \$25,000 to provide fifteen (15) families with a “hand-up” in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$2,500. The HDRP has prevented over twenty (20) youth from having to leave Monrovia and prevented three (3) seniors from losing their homes.

Tina Cherry, Community Services Director, City of Monrovia, will provide the Committee with information on the Monrovia Housing Displacement Response Program.

Approved by: Marisa Creter  
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director



# REPORT

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DATE: November 6, 2019

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **S.923: FIGHTING HOMELESSNESS THROUGH SERVICES AND HOUSING ACT**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information and discussion.

## **BACKGROUND**

In March 2019, Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and Representatives Ted Lieu (D-Calif.) and Steve Stivers (R-Ohio) introduced the Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act (S. 923). This bill authorizes \$750 million in grants annually for the next five years for local governments to combat homelessness. This legislation would also condition federal funds on a grant recipient's ability to provide not only housing but also comprehensive services including mental health care, substance abuse treatment and job training.

Key components of the bill are as follows:

- Authorizes \$750M annually for five years to fund supportive housing models that provide comprehensive services and intensive case management;
- Requires a 25% match from non-federal funds;
- Allows grants to be used for any combination of operations and capital building costs, as long as housing and services requirements are fulfilled; and
- Requires grantees to track outcomes and report on housing stability and improvements in health and wellbeing, including education of children.

The legislation includes the following grant eligibility requirements:

- Grants may go to local governmental entities consisting of cities, counties, regional collaboratives and tribal governments;
- Services must address issues including mental health; substance use disorders; disabling or other chronic health conditions; educational and job training/employment outcomes; and life skills classes;
- Intensive case management must be provided with a ratio of no greater than 1 case manager to every 20 people served;
- When serving families with children, services available must also include children's behavioral and mental health services, early childhood education, regular and age-appropriate children's programming and activities, child health and nutrition screening and education and parenting classes and support programs; and

- Services must also have in place protocol for staff training and best practices to identify and prevent child trafficking, abuse, and neglect.

Becca Channell, Field Representative, Office of U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, will present on this item.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: S.923: Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act

# Attachment A

II

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

## **S. 923**

To fight homelessness in the United States by authorizing a grant program within the Health Resources and Services Administration for housing programs that offer comprehensive services and intensive case management for homeless individuals and families.

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### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 28, 2019

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BENNET, Ms. SMITH, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. HARRIS, and Ms. ROSEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## **A BILL**

To fight homelessness in the United States by authorizing a grant program within the Health Resources and Services Administration for housing programs that offer comprehensive services and intensive case management for homeless individuals and families.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fighting Homelessness  
5 Through Services and Housing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Health  
 3 Resources and Services Administration (referred to in this  
 4 section as the “Administrator”), in consultation with the  
 5 working group established under subsection (b), shall es-  
 6 tablish a grant program to award competitive grants to  
 7 eligible entities for the planning and implementation of  
 8 programs to address homelessness.

9 (b) WORKING GROUP.—The Administrator shall es-  
 10 tablish an interagency working group to provide advice to  
 11 the Administrator in carrying out the program under sub-  
 12 section (a). The working group shall include representa-  
 13 tives from the United States Interagency Council on  
 14 Homelessness, Department of Education, Department of  
 15 Health and Human Services, Department of Housing and  
 16 Urban Development, Department of Labor, Department  
 17 of Transportation, Department of Veterans Affairs, De-  
 18 partment of Agriculture, Department of the Treasury, De-  
 19 partment of Justice, and Bureau of Indian Affairs.

20 (c) TYPES OF GRANTS.—

21 (1) IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—Under the program  
 23 under subsection (a), the Administrator shall  
 24 award 5-year implementation grants to eligible  
 25 entities to assist such entities in carrying out  
 26 activities, and paying capital building costs, as-

1           sociated with the provision of housing and serv-  
2           ices to homeless individuals and families, in-  
3           cluding homeless children and youths (as de-  
4           fined by section 725 of the McKinney-Vento  
5           Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a)),  
6           or those at risk of becoming homeless.

7           (B) AMOUNT.—The amount awarded to an  
8           entity under a grant under this paragraph shall  
9           not exceed \$25,000,000.

10          (C) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—With re-  
11          spect to the costs of the activities to be carried  
12          out by an entity under a grant under this para-  
13          graph, the entity shall make available (directly  
14          or through donations from public or private en-  
15          tities) non-Federal contributions toward such  
16          costs in an amount that equals 25 percent of  
17          the amount of the grant.

18          (2) PLANNING GRANTS.—

19          (A) IN GENERAL.—Under the program  
20          under subsection (a), the Administrator shall  
21          award 1-year planning grants to eligible entities  
22          to assist such entities in developing comprehen-  
23          sive plans to address homelessness in the com-  
24          munities and regions served by such entities or  
25          to enhance the effectiveness of existing pro-

1           grams that serve homeless individuals and fami-  
2           lies, including homeless children and youths (as  
3           defined by section 725 of the McKinney-Vento  
4           Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a)),  
5           or those at risk of becoming homeless.

6                   (B) AMOUNT.—The amount awarded to an  
7           entity under a grant under this paragraph shall  
8           not exceed \$100,000, and such amount shall  
9           not be subject to any matching requirement.

10          (d) ELIGIBILITY.—

11                   (1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive a  
12          grant under the program under subsection (a), an  
13          entity shall—

14                           (A) be a governmental entity (at the coun-  
15                           ty, city, regional, or locality level), Indian tribe,  
16                           or tribal organization;

17                           (B) demonstrate that the capacity of the  
18                           entity for providing services under the grant in-  
19                           cludes the ability to address mental health, sub-  
20                           stance use disorder and recovery services, dis-  
21                           abling or other chronic health conditions, edu-  
22                           cational and job training or employment out-  
23                           comes, and life skills needs (including financial  
24                           literacy); and

1 (C) submit to the Administrator an appli-  
2 cation that includes an assurance that, in car-  
3 rying out activities under the grant, the entity  
4 will—

5 (i) ensure stable housing, intensive  
6 case management, and comprehensive serv-  
7 ices that include, at minimum, mental  
8 health, substance use disorder treatment  
9 and recovery services, education and job  
10 training, age-appropriate services for chil-  
11 dren, and life skills training (such as fi-  
12 nancial literacy training);

13 (ii) coordinate with the population to  
14 be served by the entity to ensure that sup-  
15 portive services are tailored to meet the  
16 specific and actual needs of the individuals  
17 and families served;

18 (iii) coordinate with local law enforce-  
19 ment, courts (including specialized courts),  
20 probation, and other public services agen-  
21 cies to conduct outreach and better iden-  
22 tify at-risk or homeless populations that  
23 would benefit from services offered by the  
24 entity;

1 (iv) follow trauma-informed best prac-  
2 tices to address the needs of the popu-  
3 lations to be served;

4 (v) provide services under the grant  
5 on-site or in-home as appropriate;

6 (vi) provide assistance in addressing  
7 the transportation needs of individuals for  
8 services provided under the grant off-site;  
9 and

10 (vii) comply with additional require-  
11 ments, if the entity intends to serve fami-  
12 lies with children under the grant, to en-  
13 sure—

14 (I) that services include chil-  
15 dren’s behavioral and mental health  
16 services, early childhood education,  
17 regular and age-appropriate children’s  
18 programming and activities, child  
19 health, development, and nutrition  
20 screening (including coordination of  
21 medical and well-child services), and  
22 parenting classes and support pro-  
23 grams;

24 (II) in conditions where family  
25 housing is provided in a central facil-



1                   ity and not in mixed units in a com-  
 2                   mercial building, that a safe space for  
 3                   play and age-appropriate activities is  
 4                   available on-site and has regular  
 5                   hours of operation; and

6                                 (III) that the entity has in place  
 7                   protocol for staff training and best  
 8                   practices to identify and prevent child  
 9                   trafficking, abuse, and neglect.

10                   (2) CASE MANAGEMENT.—An entity receiving a  
 11                   grant under this section shall ensure that case man-  
 12                   agement provided by the entity under the grant does  
 13                   not exceed a ratio of 1 caseworker to 20 cases.

14                   (3) PARTNERSHIPS.—An entity may enter into  
 15                   a partnership with more than one provider that may  
 16                   include a local health agency, non-profit service pro-  
 17                   viders, medical and mental health providers, housing  
 18                   providers, and other service providers as necessary.

19                   (e) OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS.—

20                   (1) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year  
 21                   after the date on which a grant is received by an en-  
 22                   tity under subsection (a), and annually thereafter  
 23                   for the term of the grant, such entity shall submit  
 24                   to the Administrator a report on the activities car-  
 25                   ried out under the grant. Such report shall include,

1 with respect to activities carried out under the grant  
2 in the community served, measures of outcomes re-  
3 lating to—

4 (A) whether individuals and families who  
5 are served continued to have housing and did  
6 not experience intermittent periods of homeless-  
7 ness;

8 (B) whether individuals and families who  
9 are served see improvements in their physical  
10 and mental health, have access to a specific pri-  
11 mary care provider, promptly receive any need-  
12 ed health care, and have a health care plan that  
13 meets their individual needs (including access to  
14 mental health and substance use treatment as  
15 applicable, and family-based treatment models);

16 (C) whether children who are served are  
17 enrolled in school, attend regularly, and are re-  
18 ceiving services to meet their educational needs;

19 (D) whether children who are served have  
20 access to trauma-informed mental health care  
21 and screening for any mental and behavioral  
22 health needs, as well as other services to meet  
23 their needs, as appropriate;

24 (E) how grant funds are used; and

1 (F) other matters determined appropriate  
2 by the Administrator.

3 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
4 subsection shall be construed to condition the receipt  
5 of future housing and other services by individuals  
6 under the grant on the outcomes detailed in the re-  
7 ports submitted under paragraph (1).

8 (f) DEFINITION.—In this section, the terms “Indian  
9 tribe” and “tribal organization” have the meanings given  
10 such terms in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination  
11 and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304) and shall  
12 include tribally designated housing entities (as defined in  
13 section 4(22) of the Native American Housing Assistance  
14 and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C.  
15 4103(22))) and entities that serve Native Hawaiians (as  
16 defined in section 338K(c) of the Public Health Service  
17 Act (42 U.S.C. 254s(c))).

18 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
19 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,  
20 \$750,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2025,  
21 of which—

22 (1) not less than 5 percent of such funds shall  
23 be awarded to Indian tribes and tribal organizations;

24 (2) \$5,000,000 shall be made available for plan-  
25 ning grants under subsection (c)(2); and

1           (3) the remainder shall be made available for  
2           implementation grants under subsection (c)(1).

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# REPORT

**DATE:** November 6, 2019

**TO:** Executive Committee  
Homeless Committee  
City Managers' Steering Committee  
Governing Board

**FROM:** Marisa Creter, Executive Director

**RE:** **STATE HOMELESS FUNDING AND MEASURE H INNOVATION FUNDS PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATIONS**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend that the Governing Board take the following actions:

1. Approve the recommended use of State Homeless Funds and Measure H Innovation Funds across the following programming categories, for submittal to the State and the County:

<b>Category</b>	<b>State Funds</b>	<b>Innovation Funds</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Regional Housing Trust (Capital)	\$1,000,000	\$350,000	<b>\$1,350,000</b>
Regional Housing Trust (Operations)	-	\$200,000	<b>\$200,000</b>
Cities' Homeless Plans (Implementation)	\$3,300,000	-	<b>\$3,300,000</b>
Cities' Homeless Plans (Development)	\$50,000	-	<b>\$50,000</b>
Landlord Education/Outreach and Incentive Program	\$400,000	-	<b>\$400,000</b>
Other Regional Work	\$400,000	-	<b>\$400,000</b>
Homelessness prevention and diversion programs	\$50,000	\$400,000	<b>\$450,000</b>
Pilot Programs	\$35,000	\$265,000	<b>\$300,000</b>
Master Leasing	\$100,000	\$250,000	<b>\$350,000</b>
Administration	\$290,000	\$76,876	<b>\$361,876</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,625,000</b>	<b>\$1,541,876</b>	<b>\$7,166,876</b>

2. Pending approval from oversight agencies (State and County), authorize SGVCOG staff to directly administer \$2,333,438 in funding to implement the following programs on a regional level:
  - Regional Housing Trust (\$1,550,000),
  - Cities' homeless plans sub-regional activities (\$200,000); and

- Other regional work (including collaboration, advocacy, nonprofit capacity building, regional data projects and targeting messaging campaigns, technical assistance) (\$400,000).
3. Pending approval from oversight agencies (State and County), authorize staff to coordinate with the cities to develop a strategy (e.g. competitive or formula) to allocate \$4,833,438 in funding to cities for the following programs:
    - Cities' homeless plans (implementation) (\$3,100,000);
    - Cities' homeless plans (development) (\$50,000);
    - Landlord education/outreach and rental support (\$400,000);
    - Homeless prevention and diversion (\$450,000);
    - Pilot programs (\$300,000) and
    - Master leasing (\$350,000).
  4. Authorize staff to allocate up to \$366,876 (5%) to be used for administrative costs to be split between to be split across admin lead and contracting agencies.
  5. Authorize staff to undertake any associate procurements necessary to implement the programs described above.

## **BACKGROUND**

On June 27, 2019, Governor Newsom signed the 2019 Budget Trailer bill which contained \$5,625,000 in funding for homeless programs for the San Gabriel Valley to be administered by the SGVCOG. This funding was included at the request of Senator Rubio, and SGVCOG staff has been meeting with her office to reach concurrence about the programs that should receive funding through these monies.

On September 10, 2019, the County Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved a motion by Supervisors Barger and Solis directing the LA County Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to provide a framework for the allocation and administration of \$6,000,000 in Measure H funding for the County's Councils of Governments. The framework calls for an allotment of \$1,541,876 to the SGVCOG. That funding may be used for two Priority Areas: 1) increase supply of interim and permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness and 2) enhance County service systems for those experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. The COG convened in-person meetings and conference calls with cities throughout October to collect input on the potential uses of these funds and on the process for administering them.

Currently, these sources are both one-time funds. The SGVCOG anticipates that future funding will be dependent upon their successful use that demonstrates measurable assistance for those who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. A key goal will be demonstrable outcomes that exceed current efforts in reducing homelessness relative to cost.

Below is a brief description of each program recommended for funding under the State and HI funding.

<b>Category</b>	<b>State Funds</b>	<b>Innovation Funds</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Regional Housing Trust (Capital)	\$1,000,000	\$350,000	<b>\$1,350,000</b>
Regional Housing Trust (Operations)	-	\$200,000	<b>\$200,000</b>
Cities' Homeless Plans (Implementation)	\$3,300,000	-	<b>\$3,300,000</b>
Cities' Homeless Plans (Development)	\$50,000	-	<b>\$50,000</b>
Landlord Education/Outreach and Incentive Program	\$400,000	-	<b>\$400,000</b>
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*Regional Housing Trust (Capital)*

- State Funds: \$1,000,000
- HI Funds: \$350,000
- Total Funds: \$1,350,000
- Description of Activity: These funds would be administered by the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT). The focus would be on projects that could be completed quickly to provide immediate assistance to homeless individuals and families as well as those at imminent risk of homelessness. Examples of potential project types to be funded could include rehabilitation of abandoned homes; development of vacant city-owned properties; rehabilitation of motels or apartments; or providing interim/crisis (shelter) housing.

*Regional Housing Trust (Operations)*

- State Funds: \$0
- HI Funds: \$200,000
- Total Funds: \$200,000
- Description of Activity: These funds would be administered by the SGVRHT and would develop an initial housing pipeline of projects that are currently in development or underway. The Housing Pipeline would also identify the funding and resource gaps for these projects in order to help identify those that could be good candidates for SGVRHT Capital funding.

*Cities' Homeless Plans (Implementation)*

- State Funds: \$3,300,000
- HI Funds: \$0
- Total Funds: \$3,300,000
- Description of Activity: These funds would allow for the implementation of strategies included in cities' adopted homeless plans. These funds would

emphasize funding flexibility and accessibility. Staff is recommending that there be no requirement for matching funds and that at least some of these funds be allocated to the cities via a formula that is agreed upon by the cities. In order to demonstrate results, staff is recommending that cities be required to incorporate data collection and performance metrics into their scopes of work.

*Cities' Homeless Plans (Development)*

- State Funds: \$50,000
- HI Funds: \$0
- Total Funds: \$50,000
- Description of Activity: These funds would be used to assist those cities that have not yet completed homelessness plans. Approximately one-third of the cities in the San Gabriel Valley have not yet developed homelessness plans, and a few of those cities have since expressed interest in doing so. This limited funding could be used to assist those cities in developing plans by providing a template, guidelines, and other technical assistance.

*Landlord Education/Outreach and Incentive Program*

- State Funds: \$400,000
- HI Funds: \$0
- Total Funds: \$400,000
- Description of Activity: These funds would be used to encourage landlords to rent to homeless or low-income individuals in order to increase the supply of units available to these individuals and families. Activities may include the following: holding an apartment until an eligible homeless household completes the documentation required to enter the housing; offering participating landlords reimbursement for short-term vacancies and minor unit repairs when they rent their home or apartment to a low-income renter with a housing voucher; workshops for landlords, realtors and property managers; and direct outreach to obtain rental units for those with Housing Choice Vouchers or VASH vouchers or other homeless or at-risk populations.

*Other Regional Work*

- State Funds: \$400,000
- HI Funds: \$0
- Total Funds: \$400,000
- Description of Activity: These funds would be used for various regional activities including advocacy, nonprofit capacity building, regional data projects, technical assistance and communications projects targeting specific subpopulations.

*Homeless Prevention and Diversion Programs*

- State Funds: \$50,000
- HI Funds: \$400,000
- Total Funds: \$450,000
- Description of Activity: These funds would be used for activities that prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless. Prevention activities may include housing relocation and stabilization services, short and medium-term rental assistance, rental arrearages, rental application fees, security deposits, advance payment of the last month's rental, utility deposits and payments, moving costs,



housing search and placement, housing stability case management, mediation, tenant legal services, and credit repair. Additionally, funding may be used for diversion training and certification.

*Pilot Programs*


- State Funds: \$35,000
- HI Funds: \$265,000
- Total Funds: \$300,000
- Description of Activity: These funds would be used as a small, competitively awarded pool of funds for pilot programs that implement innovative direct homeless solutions with demonstrable outcomes. Pilot projects would focus on data collection, performance metrics and replicability.

*Master Leasing*

- State Funds: \$100,000
- HI Funds: \$250,000
- Total Funds: \$350,000
- Description of Activity: These funds would be used to provide funding to cities or experienced non-profit providers to master lease one or more motel or apartment units for use as crisis, interim, or transitional housing. In addition to the cost of the unit, the cost of outreach workers, security and services would be eligible expenses.

Once the proposed programming is approved by the Governing Board, staff will coordinate the County to develop an approved workplan for the HI funds. Staff is still gathering information regarding the administrative approval process for the State funding but will use the Board direction to guide any scopes of work or other guiding documents that are developed associated with that funding.

Additionally, staff anticipates bringing back to the Governing Board a proposed funding award strategy for the funds that will be distributed to cities (e.g. grants and direct allocation formulas) as well as an additional staffing needs associated with the work to be completed by the COG. The SGVCOG Contracts Manager will work with staff to develop procurement processes, including RFPs, procurement timelines, and scopes of work for any work that will require consultants.

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# Bridge to End Homelessness Act

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The San Gabriel Valley (SGV) in Southern California saw a 24% increase in homelessness between 2018 and 2019, which points to a serious shortage of temporary housing for those in need across the region. According to the 2019 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count Results, there were 4,479 individuals experiencing homelessness in the SGV, and of that number, 3,292 were living on the streets.

After gathering input from local residents and local government officials, Congresswoman Napolitano introduced the Bridge to End Homelessness Act, which would establish a new competitive grant program through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

## **The new grant program would prioritize the following:**

- A local entity must identify property or land adjacent to a high-density homeless population to establish interim housing;
- The site must be furnished with on-site mental health, employment, substance use disorder and wellness resources;
- The local entity must have a plan for targeted outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness with their jurisdiction.

This localized approach would ensure the federal government assists in combating this growing crisis in our region. Congress must continue to identify resources for individuals experiencing homelessness, and part of the solution must include increased housing and mental health services.