San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 -- 8:00 AM

Teleconference Meeting

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Becky Shevlin
City of Monrovia

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Margaret Clark
City of Rosemead

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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 8:00 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.sgvcog.org.   Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvcog.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.

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MEETING MODIFICATIONS DUE TO THE STATE AND LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE THREAT OF COVID-19: AB 361 (Rivas), signed by California Governor Gavin Newsom on September 16, 2021, authorizes local agencies to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and allows for members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or electronically to promote social distancing due to the state and local emergency resulting from the threat of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

To follow the new provisions in AB 361 and ensure the safety of Committee Members and staff for the purpose of limiting the risk of COVID-19, in-person public participation at the Homelessness Committee meeting scheduled for February 1, 2022 at 8:00 AM will not be allowed. To allow for public participation, the Homelessness Committee will conduct its meeting through Zoom Video Communications. To participate in the meeting, download Zoom on any phone or computer device and copy and paste the following link into your browser to access the live meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83787516086 . You may also access the meeting via the livestream link on the front of the agenda page.

Submission of Public Comments: For those wishing to make public comments on agenda and non-agenda items you may submit comments via email or participate by zoom.

- Email: Please submit via email your public comment to Victoria Urenia at vurenia@sgvcog.org at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the Subject Line of the email "FOR PUBLIC COMMENT." Emailed public comments will be read into the record and will be part of the recorded meeting minutes. Public comment may be summarized in the interest of time, however the full text will be provided to all members of the Committee prior to the meeting.
- Zoom: Through Zoom, you may speak by using the web interface "Raise Hand" feature. Wait to be called upon by staff, and then you may provide verbal comments for up to 3 minutes. Public comment is taken at the beginning of the meeting for items not on the agenda. Public comment is also accepted at the beginning of each agenda item.

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PRELIMINARY BUSINESS
    1.   Call to Order
    2.   Pledge of Allegiance
    3.   Roll Call
    4.   Public Comment *(If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all comments)*

CONSENT CALENDAR *(It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters)*
    5.   Adopt Resolution 22-02-HC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Homelessness Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing – Page 1
    Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-02-HC making specified findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in person thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing
    6.   Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes – 1/5/2022 – Page 6
    Recommended Action: Approve
    7.   SGVCOG Winter 2022 Housing and Homelessness Report – Page 9
    Recommended Action: Receive and File.
    8.   State Homeless Funds – Page 69
    Recommended Action: For information only.
    9.   Measure H 2022-2023 City Program Application – Page 71
    Recommended Action: Recommended Action: Recommend Governing Board approve $50,000 of 2022-2023 Measure H City Programs funding for the Baldwin Park Interim Housing Program.

PRESENTATIONS *(It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters)*
    10.   Housing for Health – Sally Malone, Manager Policy and External Affairs, Housing for Health, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services – Page 74
    Recommended Action: For information only.

UPDATE ITEMS *(It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters)*
    11.   Chair's Report
    12.   LA County Homelessness Governance Reform and Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness – Becky Shevlin, Committee Chair – Page 76
    13.   State Budget and Legislative Updates – Page 79

LIAISON REPORTS *(It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters)*
    14.   San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust
    15.   San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness
    16.   LA County Homeless Initiative
    17.   United Way Everyone In
    18.   Union Station Homeless Services
    19.   Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

ADJOURN

DATE: February 1, 2022

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-02-HC MAKING SPECIFIED FINDINGS TO ENABLE THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO HOLD MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution 22-02-HC making specified findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in person thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing.

BACKGROUND

Introduced by Assemblymember Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) on February 1, 2021, AB 361 codifies portions of Governor Gavin Newsom's existing Ralph M. Brown Act exemptions pertaining to teleconferencing if a local agency issues an emergency finding, and reissues it every 30 days, that it is unsafe to meet in person. Specifically, the Brown Act exemptions include requirements to provide a public teleconference location, to maintain a member quorum within the agency's jurisdiction and to provide for public comment at each teleconference location, such as a private residence. The legislation expires in December 2024. On September 16, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 361 into law, effective immediately.

A local agency wishing to rely on the provisions of AB 361 must meet one of the following criteria:
1. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or
2. The local holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or
3. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and shortly thereafter issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain Brown Act provisions relating to teleconferencing as public meetings began to be held online.[1] However, this Executive Order expired on September 30, 2021, despite the State of Emergency remaining in place.

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[1] Similarly, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer declared a local and health emergency due to the threat of COVID-19.

The threat that COVID-19 has presented continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to conduct Governing Board/committee meetings safely in person. Updated guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Los Angeles Department of Public Health in July and August 2021 advise governmental entities to refrain from conducting indoor meetings and consider moving operations outdoors, where feasible, to prevent transmission. SGVCOG staff finds it has been unable to find a suitable outdoor space with the requisite audio/visual capabilities at which the monthly Committee meetings can be held safely. Similarly, an indoor space with sufficient capacity to accommodate safe social distance practices among members, staff, and the public could not be identified

In order to continue to conduct meetings in a safe manner and to prevent unnecessary COVID-19 exposure to members, staff and the public, staff is recommending that the Homelessness Committee adopt Resolution 22-02-HC making certain findings in order to be able to continue teleconferencing for its meetings.

Prepared by: _____

Victoria Urenia
Management Analyst

Approved by: _____

Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Resolution 22-02-HC

RESOLUTION 22-02-HC

RESOLUTION OF THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE OF THE
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SGVCOG) MAKING
SPECIFIED FINDINGS TO ENABLE THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE TO
CONTINUE TO HOLD MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING

WHEREAS, AB 361 (Rivas), and specifically Government Code section 54953 ("Section 54953"), authorizes local agencies to use teleconferencing without complying with the specified teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when the legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency and makes certain findings relating thereto; and

WHEREAS, Section 54953 allows for local agencies to teleconference if the legislative body finds, among other things, that state or local official continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing or whether a state of emergency directly impacts the ability of the legislative body to meet safely and that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as result of the threat of COVID-19, which state of emergency remains in place; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer declared a local and health emergency as result of the threat of COVID-19, which emergency remains in place; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County and State health officials continue to recommend social distancing as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, due to the resurgence of COVID-19 reported cases and surge of the Delta variant statewide and in particular, in Los Angeles County, the California Department of Public Health's Best Practice Guidance encourages all governmental entities to refrain from conducting indoor meetings and consider moving operations outdoors, where feasible, in order to prevent transmission; and

WHEREAS, SGVCOG's inability to facilitate Governing Board and Committee meetings using a centralized outdoor space with audio/visual capabilities, as well as the lack of indoor capacity to accommodate safe social distance practices among members and joining staff makes it unsafe for its members and the public to meet safely in person; and

WHEREAS, teleconferencing meetings enables the SGVCOG to retain the ability to continue to conduct meetings in a safe manner that would reduce exposure to members and staff to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, public access and participation remain a core value of the SGVCOG, and the SGVCOG has the capability to meet the requirements in Section 54953 to provide the public with

the ability to view, hear, and participate in such meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of all persons to participate in such meetings; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of extending the use of the provisions to conduct remote teleconference meetings without compliance with specified Brown Act teleconference requirements, the SGVCOG must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency that exists, and the SGVCOG Homelessness Committee has done so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homelessness Committee does hereby find the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by COVID-19 continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in person and local and state health officials continue to recommend social distancing.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the Homelessness Committee of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, on February 1, 2022.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Becky Shevlin, President

Attest:

I, Marisa Creter, Executive Director and Secretary of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, do hereby certify that Resolution 22-02-HC was adopted at a meeting of the Homelessness Committee held on the 1st day of February, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:	
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	

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Marisa Creter, Secretary

SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Meeting
Unapproved Minutes
January 5, 2022
8:00 AM - Via Zoom/Teleconference

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS
1.   Call to Order
        B. Shevlin called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM.

2.   Pledge of Allegiance
        M. Cacciotti led the Pledge of Allegiance

3.   Roll Call:

Members Present:	Members Absent:
A. Verlato, Arcadia	D. Holley, Pomona
R. Gonzales, Azusa	J. Santana, Upper District
Y. Ruizesparza, Baldwin Park	LA County Dist. 1
J. Leano, Claremont	
J. Schulz, Duarte	
K. Davis, Glendora	
M. Ortiz, Irwindale	
B. Shevlin, Monrovia	
W. Huang, Pasadena	
M. Clark, Rosemead	
R. Corral, South El Monte	
M. Cacciotti, South Pasadena	
R. Diaz, West Covina	

SGVCOG Staff:
B. Acevedo
M. Creter
P. Hubler   Guests:
T. Lott   G. Tsai
S. Pedersen
C. Sims
V. Urenia
K. Ward

4.   Public Comment
        No Public comment was received for the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR
5.   Adopt Resolution 22-01-HC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Homelessness
        Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing
        Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-01-HC making specified findings that the
        existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-

19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in person thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing

6. Homelessness Committee Minutes – 12/8/2021
   Recommended Action: Approve
7. SGVCOG Regional Homeless, Mental Health, and Crisis Response Study
   Recommended Action: Receive and File

There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 5 - 7 M/S: (R. Gonzales /A. Verlato).

[MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Arcadia; Azusa; Baldwin Park; Duarte; Glendora; Irwindale; Monrovia; Rosemead; South El Monte; South Pasadena; West Covina
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Claremont; Pasadena; Pomona; Upper District; LA County District 1

ACTION ITEMS

8. State Homeless Funds
   C. Sims provided a presentation regarding SGVCOG's State Homeless funding. M. Cacciotti asked that staff provide monthly updates on funding re-allocations at Homelessness Committee.

   There was a motion to recommend Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to re-allocate funding between approved Homeless Program categories to ensure that all funds are expended by June 30, 2022. Staff will provide regular updates to Homelessness Committee. M/S: (M. Cacciotti / K. Davis).

   [MOTION PASSED]

AYES:	Arcadia; Azusa; Baldwin Park; Claremont; Duarte; Glendora; Monrovia; Rosemead; South Pasadena; West Covina
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	Pasadena
ABSENT:	Irwindale; Pomona; South El Monte; Upper District; LA County District 1

PRESENTATION

9. Los Angeles County's Specialty Substance Use Disorder Treatment System– Gary Tsai, M.D., Director, Department of Public Health
   G. Tsai provided an overview of LA County's Specialty Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment System with an emphasis on people experiencing homelessness. The Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) division within the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health is responsible for prevention, harm reduction, and

driving under the influence (DUI) programs, in addition to the Specialty Substance Use Disorder Treatment System. M. Cacciotti asked follow-up questions about how many SUD beds and student-wellbeing centers are located within the San Gabriel Valley.

UPDATE ITEMS
10. Chair's Report
    Chair B. Shevlin provided a verbal report.
11. LA County Homelessness Governance Reform and Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH)
    Chair B. Shevlin provided updates on the BRCH meetings.
    M. Clark asked for follow-up information on the Los Angeles County General Hospital updates. D. Urbina, LA County First District Housing and Homelessness Deputy, provided an update on feasibility studies for General Hospital being adapted into interim housing.
12. State Legislative Updates
    V. Urenia provided updates of State bills that the SGVCOG is tracking. P. Hubler and T. Egan provided updates regarding upcoming state budget and legislation.

LIASON REPORTS
13. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust
    J. Leano provided a verbal report.
14. San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness
15. LA County Homeless Initiative
16. United Way Everyone In
17. Union Station Homeless Services
18. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

ADJOURN
The meeting adjourned at 9:33 AM.

Housing & Homelessness Report

SGVCOG
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

SGVRHT | San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust

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CITY PROGRAM OVERVIEWS

WINTER 2022 UPDATES

Each quarter, this Housing and Homelessness Report is updated with current work underway for each program and any up-to-date outcomes and accomplishments for each program and each City. Updated data is collected through City-provided quarterly reports. The data and information reported in this document only reflects the data from those projects and programs that are funded by the SGVCOG or the SGVRHT. Cities may be implementing other projects or programs for which data is not incorporated into this document. **Updated information is indicated with a yellow background.**

The following sections include updated information in this Winter 2022 report:

- San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust
  - Project Pipeline
  - Funding Updates
  - Current Work
- Shared Housing Navigator Program
- Prevention and Diversion
- Pilot Programs
- Services Coordination Program
- Crisis Response Study
- City Accomplishments
- Press Coverage of Programs

BACKGROUND

In 2019 and 2020, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) was awarded more than $7.2 million – through a $5.6 million State budget allocation, a $1.5 million Los Angeles County Measure H Innovation Funds allocation, and a $113,320 State COVID-19 Emergency Homelessness Funds allocation via the County – to support housing and homelessness programs in the San Gabriel Valley. Given that homelessness is a multi-faceted crisis, the SGVCOG aims to tackle homelessness with a multi-faceted approach.

$5.6M IN STATE FUNDING

$1.5M IN COUNTY FUNDING

$113K IN COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUNDS

$7.2M IN TOTAL FUNDING

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Based on extensive stakeholder engagement, the following ten regional needs were identified. The SGVCOG Governing Board allocated funding to ten categories of programming accordingly.

- **Affordable housing** to meet current demand and to stop the inflow to homelessness due to inadequate housing supply
- **City homeless plan implementation resources**
- **Development of homeless plans** for those cities that had not previously completed plans
- **Prevention and diversion assistance** and problem solving resources to prevent residents from becoming homeless
- **Pilot programs** to test innovative, scalable solutions to homelessness
- **Workforce development and training** for youth at risk of homelessness
- **Landlord outreach and incentives** to encourage landlords to accept tenants who are experiencing homelessness
- **Increased City-service provider coordination** to build capacity
- **Alternative crisis response** for people experiencing homelessness (PEH) and mental health crises

By Spring 2020 with the outbreak of COVID-19, an additional urgent need became clear:

- **Increased access to hygiene services to mitigate the spread of COVID-19** in our unhoused neighbors

These ten categories of programming aim to both serve people actively experiencing homelessness and to stop the inflow into homelessness. By fall 2020, all programs were underway.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST

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22 MEMBER CITIES

$20M STATE BUDGET EARMARK

$1.00M IN LOCAL HOUSING TRUST FUNDS (LHTF)

$1.32M IN PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA)

$7.91M COMMITTED TO PROJECTS

The San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) was **formed in February 2020 as a Joint Powers Authority (JPA)** to finance the planning and construction of affordable and homeless housing. The SGVRHT is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors composed of elected officials from seven cities that are members of the SGVRHT and two housing and homelessness experts. The SGVRHT currently boasts **22 member cities**. Member cities are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors and apply for SGVRHT project financing. Cities may also join the SGVRHT as affiliates to show regional support for housing solutions. Member and affiliate dues support the operations of the SGVRHT.

MEMBER CITIES

Alhambra
Arcadia
Azusa
Baldwin Park
Claremont
Covina
Diamond Bar

Duarte
El Monte
Glendora
Irwindale
La Cañada Flintridge
La Verne
Monrovia
Montebello

Pasadena
Pomona
San Gabriel
South El Monte
South Pasadena
Temple City
West Covina

PROJECT PIPELINE

In 2021, the SGVRHT received $1,052,500 in matching funds through the State's Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) program which will support the development of **175 units of affordable housing across two projects in Alhambra and Pomona**. Both projects are anticipated to begin construction in 2022. This is the second successful LHTF application for the SGVRHT. The SGVRHT's Project Pipeline is the first step in identifying projects for funding. Projects are added to the pipeline by completing the application available at sgvrht.org and require member city support. Projects are evaluated as funding becomes available and in accordance with the guidelines for that funding source and the SGVRHT's strategic and funding priorities.

PLHA FUNDS

To date, **member cities have allocated $1.3M in Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) funds to the SGVRHT**. Member cities can allocate the funds for program eligible expenses, including use as capital funds to finance affordable and homeless housing and activity costs incurred to operate the SGVRHT's programs. PLHA funds dedicated to the SGVRHT are eligible for use as matching funds for the LHTF program.

2 storage units and uninhabitable garage

Proposed Safe Parking (not part of request)

AWARDED AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS

LHTF 2020

POMONA | $1,350,000
56 units of affordable housing

CLAREMONT | $500,000
15 units of affordable housing

LHTF 2021

ALHAMBRA | $1,000,000
50 units of affordable housing

POMONA | $1,000,000
125 units of affordable housing

BUDGET EARMARK

BALDWIN PARK | $500,000
53 units of affordable housing

EL MONTE | $1,560,000
39 units of affordable senior housing

POMONA | $2,000,000
75 units of affordable housing for artist and seniors

FUNDED HOMELESS HOUSING PROJECTS

BALDWIN PARK | $585,000
25 units of tiny home bridge housing

MONTEBELLO | $735,000
30 units of tiny home bridge housing

BALDWIN PARK | $1,250,000
50 units of interim housing

13167 Garvey Avenue (pictured left)
- Adaptive reuse project to repurpose existing residential structure into interim housing for families
- The City of Baldwin Park purchased the land and will contribute additional funding for operations
- The project is anticipated to begin construction in early 2022
- The site will be operational for a minimum of two years

FUNDING UPDATES

$20 MILLION STATE BUDGET EARMARK

In the FY 21-22 State budget, the SGVRHT received a budget earmark of $20 million for the production of affordable and homeless housing. On Wednesday, August 4, 2021, Senator Susan Rubio and Assemblymember Blanca Rubio held a press conference to announce the award. In September 2021, the SGVRHT board adopted funding priorities for this funding source:

- $8 million for project pipeline capital
- $8 million for a revolving loan fund to provide early capital for affordable and homeless housing projects
- $4 million for homeless housing pilot programs
    - At its previous meetings, the SGVRHT Board of Directors has made its first project funding awards from this budget earmark. The projects - which are listed in more detail on page 6 - will provide an additional 167 units of affordable housing and 50 units of interim family housing in the San Gabriel Valley.

LHTF APPLICATION

In August 2021, the SGVRHT applied to the State's Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) program, which provides matching funds to housing trusts to develop affordable and homeless housing. Two projects, totaling 175 units, from the Project Pipeline were included in the application based on the scoring criteria adopted by the RHT Board which emphasizes projects' readiness for construction and units for residents whose income is 30% of Area Median Income. This scoring criteria is consistent with the requirements of the LHTF Program. Project information is included below:

- **East End Village (Pomona):** 125-unit affordable housing project. The project will have an onsite health clinic. Construction is anticipated to begin in March 2022 with an occupancy date of March 2025. The funding award for this project is $1,000,000.
- **Mariposa Housing (Alhambra):** 50-unit affordable housing project serving low-income individuals and families. Construction is anticipated to begin in February 2022 with an occupancy date of May 2023. The funding award for this project is $1,000,000.

In December 2021, the SGVRHT received notification that its application had been successful.

CURRENT WORK

STRATEGIC PLAN AND AND FUNDING PRIORITIES:

- **The SGVRHT Strategic plan identified 8 strategic priorities :**
  a. Develop a 501c3 entity; hire a consultant to pursue corporate giving
  b. Explore co-lending opportunities with existing CDFI
  c. Explore bond revenue fee-sharing opportunities with LACDA
  d. Collaborate with nonprofits as fiscal sponsor to secure donations
  e. Increase leveraging for LHTF program including land match and pass-through City funds
  f. Establish a revolving loan fund for predevelopment loans
  g. Establish first-time homebuyer program
  h. Hire part-time fundraising staff

The SGVRHT is partnering with the SGVCOG to provide additional planning and technical assistance to increase affordable and homeless housing in the San Gabriel Valley. The following projects will be completed:

- **Surplus Land Inventory:** Will identify publicly-owned parcels and work with non-profits and faith-based organizations to identify additional parcels which may be suitable for the development of affordable and/or homeless housing.
- **Housing Incubator:** Will provide technical assistance to cities and developers to support the production of housing, especially at affordable levels
- **Regional Land Trust:** Will evaluate the feasibility of establishing a regional land trust to partner with the SGVRHT.
- **Housing Leadership Academy**: In partnership with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), will educate policymakers and others on housing policy and development in the San Gabriel Valley.

CURRENT WORK

The SGVRHT and SGVCOG are launching a tiny home pilot program in the cities of Baldwin Park and Montebello.
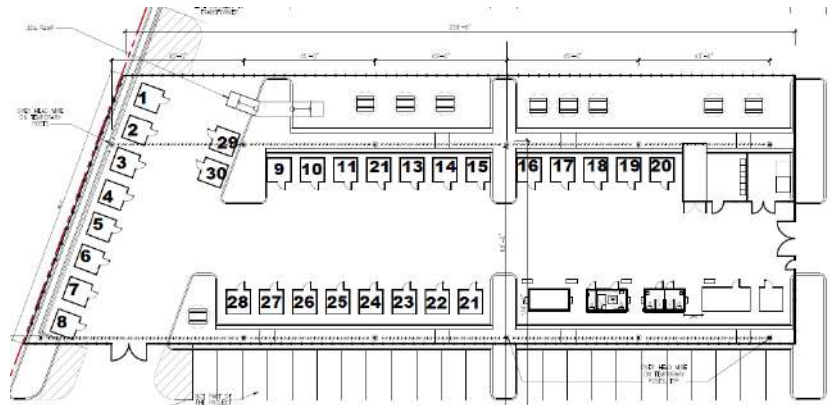
ESPERANZA VILLA - BALDWIN PARK

- 25 units of interim housing for unhoused individuals with a local preference for Baldwin Park residents
- First tiny home village in the San Gabriel Valley
- Opened on November 22, 2021 and achieved full occupancy in the first three days of operations
- The site is operated by Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA) with 24/7 staffing
- On-site supportive services include case management, 3 meals per day, and job training
- Each unit contains: a bed, a desk, shelving, an overhead light, and an outlet for charging
- Shared amenities: restrooms and showers, laundry, locker storage, bike racks, dining area

OPERATION STAY SAFE - MONTEBELLO

- 30 units of interim housing for unhoused individuals with a local preference for Montebello residents
- Anticipated to open in Spring 2022
- On-site supportive services include case management, 3 meals per day, and connection to additional services
- Each unit contains: a bed, a desk, shelving, an overhead light, and an outlet for charging
- Shared amenities: restrooms and showers, laundry, locker storage, bike racks, dining area

Montebello site plan

Pallet Shelter exterior

Pallet Shelter interior

CITY HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS

CITY HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS

22 CITIES

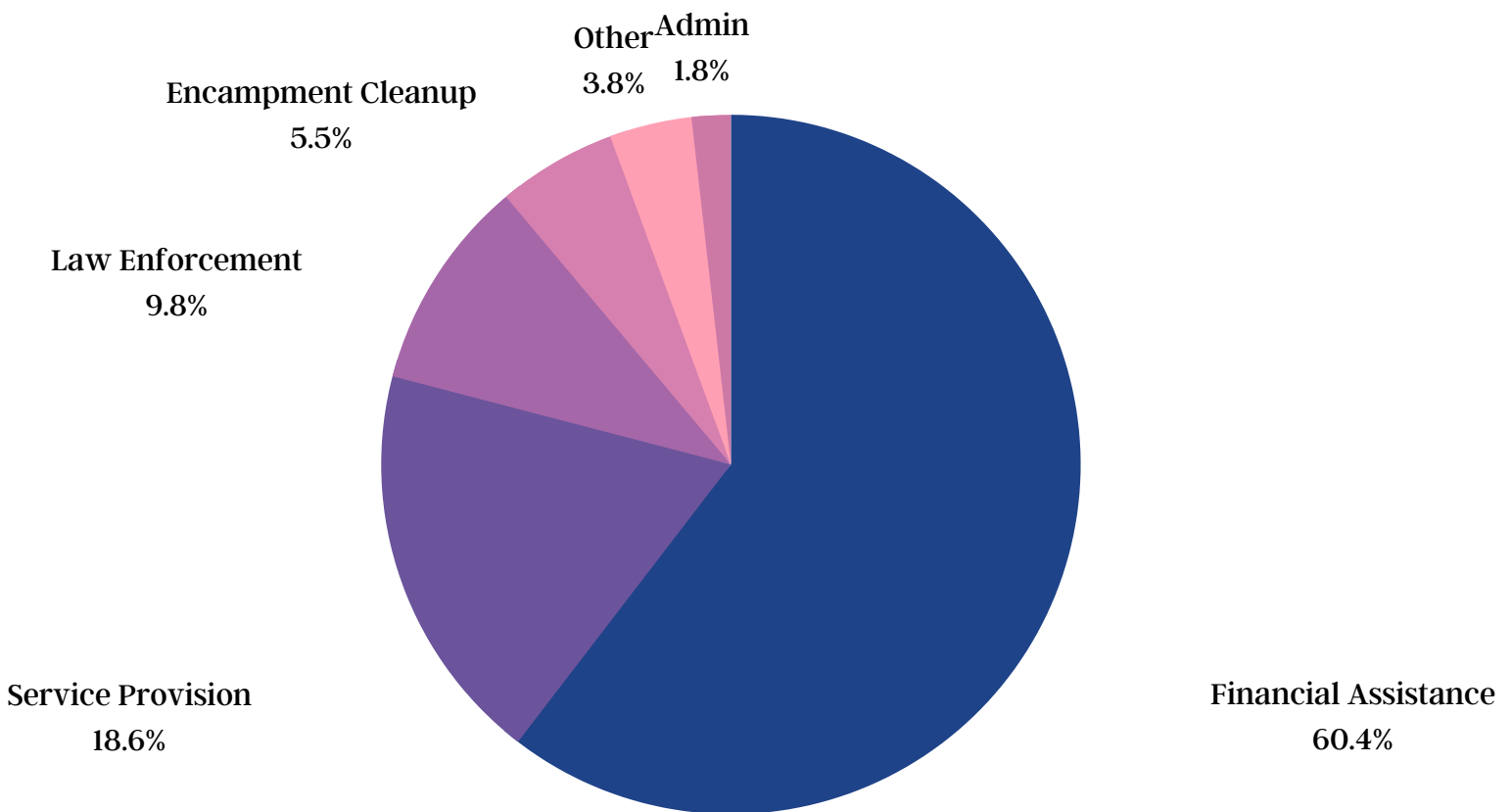**$4.08M** IN FUNDING

79% OF FUNDING TO DIRECT SERVICES

The SGVCOG is providing $4,075,495 in funding to its member cities to implement three programs:

- **Homeless Plan Implementation**
- **Prevention and Diversion**
- **Pilot Programs**

Cities submitted applications for these programs during the Spring 2020, with the Pilot Programs being the only competitive program.

CITY HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS

Cities are receiving **an average of $185,454** to implement these three programs. **78.8%** of the funding has been allocated towards direct services, with the majority (**60.3%**) going towards financial assistance and **18.6%** towards the provision of those services. **10.1%** is assigned to law enforcement, **5.5%** to encampment cleanup, **3.8%** to other categories, like data collection and marketing, and **1.8%** to administration.

Other
3.8%

Admin
1.8%

Encampment Cleanup
5.5%

Law Enforcement
9.8%

Financial Assistance
60.4%

Service Provision
18.6%

HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

19 CITIES

$3.3M IN STATE FUNDING

$50-250K ALLOCATION PER CITY

Resources to implement city homelessness response plans have been a major need for the SGVCOG's member cities. Cities with completed homeless plans were allocated funding based on population. Nineteen member cities are using this funding to undertake a variety of activities to implement their plans, from providing case management, housing navigation, and legal services to supporting local shelters and food banks and supplementing the city prevention and diversion program.

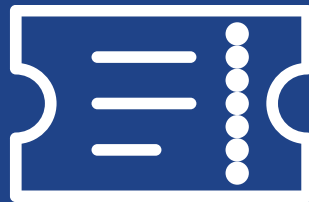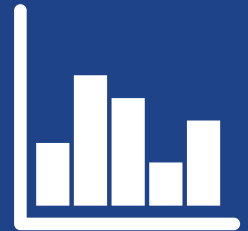# CITY IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITES:

Housing Navigation

Case Management

Legal Services

Shelter and Food Bank Support

Rental Assistance and Vouchers

Data Collection

Public Outreach and Education

First Response Training

Prevention and Diversion

SHARED HOUSING NAVIGATION

Several cities expressed the need for housing navigation services, including part-time navigation services. An efficient and cost-effective way to provide these services was to procure a single provider, with Union Station Homeless Services selected as the provider. Cities were able to opt into the program with their homeless plan implementation funds and were able to choose city-specific services (e.g. a city-dedicated housing navigator just for their city) or to add supplemental housing placements. The program was also structured to include funding for rapid rehousing rental subsidies.

Housing navigation uses a case manager to work with homeless clients and direct them towards housing as quickly as possible.

SHARED NAVIGATOR

Baldwin Park,
Irwindale, La Puente,
South Pasadena, West Covina

CITY-DEDICATED NAVIGATOR

Arcadia, La Verne

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

72 Individuals served

42 Housing plans completed

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

Recognizing the need to stop the inflow into homelessness, **22 member cities** are implementing Prevention and Diversion programs. Program activities include:

- **conducting** problem-solving conversations with each client

- **determining** each client's needs and resources

- **empowering** clients to identify existing resources to overcome their barriers

- **providing** financial assistance if determined to prevent clients from becoming homeless

22	CITIES

$450K	IN TOTAL FUNDING

$400K	IN COUNTY FUNDING

$50K	IN STATE FUNDING

$15K	ALLOCATION PER CITY

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

604 individuals and 197 families provided assistance to prevent homelessness

12 individuals housed in emergency housing

PILOT PROGRAMS

The Pilot Programs test innovative direct homeless solutions and is providing initial funding for the set-up or implementation of innovative pilot projects on a small scale.

Four cities are implementing the following Pilot Programs. More details can be found on each City's program overview page.

- **Arcadia:** Pop-up homeless services center with restrooms, showers, laundry facilities, food, etc.
- **Claremont:** Roommate matching program to identify residents with vacant rooms available for roommates
- **Covina:** Mobile hygiene program with case management services
- **Monrovia:** Emergency COVID Housing Impact Program ("eCHIP")

$610K IN TOTAL FUNDING

$515K IN COUNTY FUNDING

$95K IN STATE FUNDING

$103K AVERAGE ALLOCATION PER CITY

UDPATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1,177 unduplicated individuals provided services (case management, first aid, etc.) at Arcadia Resource Hub

279 individuals and 80 families provided rental assistance through Monrovia program

15 individuals served through Covina's Mobile Hygiene Program

8 individuals housed through Claremont program

GREEN PATH CAREERS PILOT PROGRAM

Five cities (Baldwin Park, Duarte, Irwindale, La Verne, West Covina) are enrolled in the Green Path Careers Program, a Transition Age Youth (TAY) workforce development pilot program. The program is a collaborative effort between the SGVCOG, the Southern California Regional Energy Network, Hathaway-Sycamores, and the LA County Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS).

Launched in December 2020, the program enrolled 10 youth from the San Gabriel Valley who will be provided:

- no-cost home energy audit training
- workforce and financial literacy skills
- a paid work experience
- job application and interview assistance to enter the high-growth energy efficiency field

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The second cohort of 7 participants began on October 15, 2021. Enrollment for the third cohort has commenced.

HOMELESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT

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Five cities developed homelessness response plans. **Diamond Bar, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, and Temple City** worked with Focus Strategies and conducted internal and external stakeholder engagement, identified current resources and needs, and developed key goals, supporting actions, and metrics for evaluating success. The plans were adopted by City Councils in January, February, and March 2021.

Key goals from the five homeless plans include:

- **Promote** affordable housing development and preservation
- **Enhance** City homelessness response services, including prevention and diversion efforts
- **Advance** strategies to maximize opportunities in existing rental market to house people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness
- **Participate** in ongoing regional and countywide strategies to develop a more robust regional service delivery system
- **Increase** community education on homelessness and resources

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

All 5 City Councils unanimously adopted their homelessness response plans

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY LANDLORD INCENTIVE PROGRAM (SGVLIP)

SGV LANDLORD INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The San Gabriel Valley Landlord Incentive Program (SGVLIP) supports landlords willing to accept clients who have experienced homelessness and provides financial support to encourage landlord participation for **20 participating cities**.

SGA Marketing and Union Station Homeless Services are coordinating to implement the program.

- SGA has conducted outreach to landlords, distributing a survey that received over 100 responses.

  - Based on survey data, program targets individual owners rather than property management companies and highlights the program as a business opportunity offering stability

- SGA identifies potential participating landlords and enrolls them in the program

- Union Station will work with those landlords to provide financial incentives to accept tenants experiencing homelessness.

The program website, LandlordIncentives.org, is live.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

🚀 **Program officially launched in July 2021**

📣 **Highlighted in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, LAist and KPCC**

📝 **23 landlords have expressed interest in program**

REGIONAL COORDINATION PROGRAM

SERVICES COORDINATION PROGRAM

The services coordination program aims to enhance coordination between Cities and service providers. The program will enable the region to continually plan, execute, evaluate, and enhance its programs and projects, as well as strengthen inter-agency communication, program marketing, and community outreach and engagement. The San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness (SGVC) was selected as the consultant for the project. The SGVC is meeting with each city to:

- Assess progress made on city homeless plan implementation;
- Identify successes and ways to market those successes to the public;
- Determine needs and gaps in services;
- Connect City staff with additional resources and increase coordination and partnerships with service providers;
- Leverage existing technology resources and partnerships to promote information-sharing and facilitate shared decision-making; and
- Develop action plans to better implement homeless plans and programs.

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Program launched and SGVC has completed initial meetings with cities to assess City's homeless plan implementation and started drafting action plans. Action Plan follow-up meetings will start in the coming month.

CRISIS RESPONSE STUDY

As communities across the country re-imagine public safety and crisis response, the long-standing Eugene, Oregon CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets) program has gained national attention. Based on regional interest in a mobile crisis response program like CAHOOTS, the SGVCOG will be conducting a study on how such a regional homeless, mental health, and crisis response program could be developed and implemented in the San Gabriel Valley. The project will deeply involve regional stakeholder and community engagement and will produce an actionable implementation plan for the region. In addition, the SGVCOG is working with its consultant - Resource Development Associates (RDA) - to be prepared for the launch of a regional mobile crisis response program in 2022.

Study deeply involves stakeholder engagement through:

- Steering Committee of City staff including police lieutenants, paramedics, and staff of Homeless Services, Community Services, and Housing Departments
- Community Advisory Group of behavioral and mental health and homeless services stakeholder groups
- Background interviews with key regional stakeholder groups
- Community forums and a community survey

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

RDA interviewed, held forums, and conducted a survey of service providers, first responders, City staff, DMH, and staff of other crisis response programs around the county, which assisted in the completion of their Crisis Response Models report. SGVCOG released an RFI in September 2021 and and released RFP in January 2022 to identify a service provider to launch the pilot program in 4 cities.

HYGIENE PROGRAM

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In May 2020, the SGVCOG received $113,320 of State COVID-19 Emergency Homelessness funds from the County Homeless Initiative to expand hygiene services for people experiencing homelessness. The program launched in June and concluded in August.

Participating cities used the funding to add portable toilets and handwashing stations, open public restrooms that had closed, extend public restroom hours, provide mobile showers, and distribute hygiene kits.

With remaining funding, SGVCOG staff assembled 2000 hygiene kits and provided them to cities and Union Station to distribute.

With the closure of so many public spaces due to the pandemic, this program provided increased access to hygiene services mitigating COVID-19 outbreaks in the region's unhoused community.

$113K IN FUNDING

11 CITIES

SGVCOG staff hygiene kit assembly

HYGIENE PROGRAM

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

11 new locations with services made available

71 new hand soap dispensers installed

400 showers provided

500 people provided access to hygiene services per day

4,030 hygiene kits distributed

21,228 hours of expanded service

CITY PROGRAM OVERVIEWS

City of Alhambra

ENROLLED IN:

- *Regional Housing Trust*
- *Homeless Plan Implementation*
- *Prevention and Diversion*
- *Landlord Outreach and Incentive*
- *Hygiene Program*

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (L.A. CADA) and the City provide street outreach services and vouchers for overnight stays, transitional housing, or permanent housing,

HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Expansion of their partnership with LA CADA
- Officer/Corporal participates on the Homeless Outreach Mental Evaluation (HOME) Team along with the Alhambra School District and Union Station to connect people experiencing homelessness to resources.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

151 individuals served and/or placed into behavioral health care treatment centers

1000 hygiene kits purchased and distributed

City of Arcadia

ENROLLED IN:

- *Regional Housing Trust*
- *Homeless Plan Implementation*
- *Prevention and Diversion*
- *Pilot Program*
- *Landlord Outreach and Incentive*
- *Hygiene Program*

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Union Station housing navigator and City staff implement program, conduct problem-solving conversations and determine resources, both financial and non-financial, to prevent clients from becoming homeless.

HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- City-dedicated housing navigator through SGVCOG contract with Union Station Homeless Services

- Housing vouchers for housing navigator to place clients into housing

- Emergency resources (housing, meals, etc.) for City staff to provide people experiencing homelessness

- Homeless Education and Liaison Program (HELP) team and Police and Fire Department outreach

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS
PILOT PROGRAM - HOMELESS RESOURCE HUB

The Resource Hub provided services to those experiencing homelessness, including **mobile showers, a laundry facility, restrooms, case managers/housing navigators, flu shots, COVID testing, job training, hair cuts, veteran assistance, and paramedic from the Fire Department to provide first aid if needed**. The program **launched in November 2020** and operated once per week until July 2021.

1,177 unduplicated individuals provided services

City of Azusa

ENROLLED IN:

- *Regional Housing Trust*
- *Homeless Plan Implementation*
- *Prevention and Diversion*
- *Landlord Outreach and Incentive*
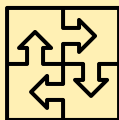- *Hygiene Program*

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Expands existing City Library Neighborhood Connections program and create a housing displacement response plan, including creating an application process and eligibility requirements and tracking services provided and the outcomes.

HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Expands the Neighborhood Connections program to March 2022 to provide food, clothing, hygiene supplies, and other basic needs, conduct care coordination screening and provide problem solving-solving assistance.

  - **Goal to enroll 75 unduplicated and 200 duplicated individuals or family members**

- Homeless Assistance Liaison Officer (HALO) and Code Enforcement outreach provides resource guides and referrals to case management services.

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Integrated new programming into existing library-based Neighborhood Connections program.

18 families provided rental assistance and 98 individuals provided case management and housing navigation services

City of Baldwin Park

ENROLLED IN:

- *Regional Housing Trust*
- *Tiny Home Pilot Program*
- *Homeless Plan Implementation*
- *Shared Housing Navigation*
- *Prevention and Diversion*
- *Green Path Career Pilot Program*
- *Landlord Outreach and Incentive*
- *Hygiene Program*

HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Funding allocated to shared housing navigator and housing vouchers
- Funding allocated to tiny home pilot program

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Emergency housing response program under the Baldwin Park Housing Division and Recreation and Community Services to support individuals and families who are newly homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless by providing rental and mortgage assistance
- Focus on strategies to assist lower-income households in gaining self-sufficiency
- Focus on specific populations, such as highly vulnerable populations who experience homelessness at higher rates, and those affected by emergency situations such as the COVID-19 pandemic that have resulted in a loss of income

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Esperanza Villa Tiny Homes had its grand opening November 2021

Served 380 individuals with hygiene kits

Placed 1 family in shelter and provided 9 families and 7 individuals motel voucher and rental assistance

City of Claremont

ENROLLED IN:

- *Regional Housing Trust*
- *Homeless Plan Implementation*
- *Prevention and Diversion*
- *Pilot Program*
- *Landlord Outreach and Incentive*
- *Hygiene Program*

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Supplement City's existing Senior Case Management Program which provides senior residents and families at risk of homelessness with comprehensive resources for social services.

HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Secure family rooms at Inland Valley Hope Partners' (IVHP) Our House Family Shelter in Pomona
- Coordinate with IVHP to provide services such as weekly case management, life skills classes, psychosocial counseling, and weekly support groups

PILOT PROGRAM

- Engage landlords and homeowners to create a network of vacant rentals within city boundaries
- Engage tenants and develop a roommate matching process
- House individuals, execute tenant-roommate contracts, and execute tenant-NPO contracts

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

15 people were housed and 84 people were engaged through the SHARE! Pilot Program

2 individuals and 1 family provided prevention and diversion assistance

Affordable housing project awarded SGVRHT funding

Launched pilot program, searching for unit to rent, placed 2 individuals into housing, and engaged 21 individuals

City of Covina

ENROLLED IN:

- *Regional Housing Trust*
- *Homeless Plan Implementation*
- *Prevention and Diversion*
- *Pilot Program*
- *Landlord Outreach and Incentive*

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Assisted low-income eligible residents who need utility bill and financial assistance due to a temporary set-back/crisis (e.g. termination from employer, furlough/reduction in hours/pay, illness/disability, unexpected family emergency, eviction notice, etc.)

HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Support YWCA's Women in Need Growing Strong (WINGS) program to house women and children escaping domestic violence

- Support 29:11 to sustain and expand their food bank that provide meals to homeless and at-risk individuals

- Prevent 3-4 families from becoming homeless and rapidly rehouse 4 families and 7 individuals experiencing homelessness

PILOT PROGRAM

- Provided funding to Support Solutions to purchase a used truck to tow mobile showers to service areas within the City

- Funded an on-site case manager to assist those accessing mobile shower, connecting individuals to shelter and housing, mental health support, job training, and other services

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Secured additional Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) grant funding to launch mobile shower pilot program

- Executed contract with Support Solutions for mobile showers

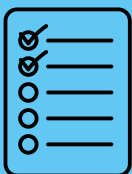- 22 individuals/families provided prevention and diversion assistance

City of Diamond Bar

ENROLLED IN:

- *Regional Housing Trust*
- *Homeless Plan Development*
- *Landlord Outreach and Incentive*

HOMELESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- Conducted internal and external stakeholder engagement to assess current resources and needs. Interviews and input sessions were held with City staff members, County homelessness response system leaders, and non-profit and faith-based service providers.
- The following key findings emerged through the stakeholder engagement process:
    - lack of available, accessible homelessness response resources
    - insufficient supply of affordable housing
- City staff identified key goals to respond to these key findings and concerns related to homelessness and align with broader regional system strategies and efforts
- City staff held study session with City Council in February to review plan and brought plan to Council for adoption in early March

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Council adopted a homelessness response plan

City of Duarte

ENROLLED IN:

- *Regional Housing Trust*
- *Homeless Plan Implementation*
- *Prevention and Diversion*
- *Green Path Career Pilot Program*
- *Landlord Outreach and Incentive*
- *Hygiene Program*

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Union Station housing navigator and City staff implement program, conduct problem-solving conversations and determine resources, both financial and non-financial, to prevent clients from becoming homeless.

HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Duarte Public Safety Outreach Coordinator connects those experiencing homelessness by building street-level relationships.
- Housing rights assistance provides housing counseling for both tenants and landlords.
- Provided portable bathroom and handwashing facility for at-risk and vulnerable homeless persons.

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

64 unique persons served and 22 people assessed by CES survey and COVID-19 vulnerability

HYGIENE PROGRRAM

1,319 services provided

174 individuals served

City of El Monte

ENROLLED IN:

- *Regional Housing Trust*
- *Homeless Plan Implementation*
- *Prevention and Diversion*
- *Landlord Outreach and Incentive*
- *Hygiene Program*

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Implement a prevention, diversion, and rapid rehousing program that incorporates problem-solving conversations with clients in order to develop an approach towards preventing clients from falling into homelessness or minimizing the amount of time from which clients are facing homelessness.

HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Utilize Police Department's TOUCH (Transient Outreach Using Community Hands) Team to conduct outreach to connect homeless population to resources and temporary housing.
- Partner with TriCity Homelessness Cohort to implement the City's homeless plan, including developing a communications implementation plan, and developing and administering surveys to identify core principles.
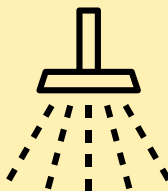

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

29 families provided rental assistance

HYGIENE PROGRRAM

10 portable shower events held
400 showers offered to unhoused community

City of Glendora

ENROLLED IN:

- *Regional Housing Trust*
- *Homeless Plan Implementation*
- *Prevention and Diversion*
- *Landlord Outreach and Incentive*

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Implement a prevention, diversion, and rapid rehousing program that incorporates problem-solving conversations with clients in order to develop an approach towards preventing clients from falling into homelessness or minimizing the amount of time from which clients are facing homelessness.

HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Homeless Outreach Services. Teams and the Community Impact Team provide outreach to the City's homeless population by providing assistance, including motel vouchers, hygiene kits, clothing, shoes, food, and gift cards.
- Partner with Glendora Unified and Charter Oak School Districts to help identify families and youth experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness.

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

27 individuals and 1 family sheltered in motel rooms during the pandemic

City of Irwindale

ENROLLED IN:

- *Regional Housing Trust*
- *Homeless Plan Implementation*
- *Prevention and Diversion*
- *Green Path Career Pilot Program*
- *Landlord Outreach and Incentive*

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Union Station housing navigator and City staff are implementing program, conducting problem-solving conversations and determining resources, both financial and non-financial, to prevent clients from becoming homeless.

HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Outreach is provided by Irwindale Police Department Homeless Outreach Coordinator to connect those experiencing homelessness to the cities' Union Station Housing Navigators and LAHSA, in addition to other direct services, such as motel vouchers.
- Housing rights assistance provides housing counseling for both tenants and landlords.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

122 individuals and 13 families outreached to by Public Safety

2 individuals referred to housing navigation program

City of La Puente

ENROLLED IN:

- *Homeless Plan Implementation*
- *Shared Housing Navigation*
- *Prevention and Diversion*

HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Participate in the Shared Housing Navigator program by providing input and support to the assigned housing navigator as needed. City will receive an allocation of housing vouchers that will be used be the housing navigator to house homeless clients within the City.
- Direct resources for Sheriff's Department to provide to people experiencing homelessness, including housing or motel vouchers, food, and other services.

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Union Station housing navigator implement a prevention and diversion program in the City

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Referred 4 individuals to housing navigation program and in process of referring 40 additional individuals and families
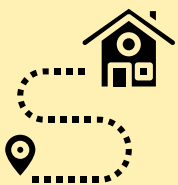
City of La Verne

ENROLLED IN:

- *Regional Housing Trust*
- *Homeless Plan Implementation*
- *Shared Housing Navigation*
- *Prevention and Diversion*
- *Green Path Career Pilot Program*
- *Landlord Outreach and Incentive*

HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION/ PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Union Station housing navigator provides rapid re-housing, prevention, and diversion interventions, and case management for La Verne residents at risk of homelessness.
- Goal of serving 6 households under the rapid re-housing program, 16 households under the prevention and diversion rental/deposit interventions, and 40 households under the prevention and diversion low-cost interventions.

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

5 individuals provided rapid re-housing assistance

9 motel stays provided

City of Monrovia

ENROLLED IN:

- *Regional Housing Trust*
- *Homeless Plan Implementation*
- *Prevention and Diversion*
- *Pilot Program*
- *Landlord Outreach and Incentive*
- *Hygiene Program*

HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Monrovia Homeless Outreach Team works with individuals experiencing homelessness to share information on local resources and services available

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Supplemented City's existing Housing Displacement Response Program (HDRP)

PILOT PROGRAM - eCHIP

- Emergency COVID Housing Impact Program ("eCHIP") meets the immediate needs of residents who would face homelessness if intervention is not provided
- Utilizes existing HDRP advocates to administer necessary funds to residents, verify eligibility, and work through available financial relief options
- Tracks residents to ensure long term stability and housing retention. Success will be measured through metrics such as eviction avoidance, number of families receiving direct support, number of school-aged children who avoided housing displacement, among other metrics.

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

279 individuals and 80 families provided assistance through eCHIP Pilot Program.

158 individuals outreached to by Public Safety

4 individuals and 5 families housed in emergency and permanent housing

5 families provided prevention and diversion assistance

City of Montebello

ENROLLED IN:

- *Regional Housing Trust*
- *Homeless Plan Implementation*
- *Prevention and Diversion*
- *Landlord Outreach and Incentive*

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Montebello Community Assistance Program (MCAP) implements the program, conducts problem-solving conversations, determines eligibility requirements, executes tenant-landlord agreements, and provides rental and other financial assistance

HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Launched the Montebello Community Assistance Program (MCAP) within the fire department
- Conducted mental health training for all fire personnel
- Developing a Dashboard to End Homelessness to collect and analyze data to better identify outreach locations, improve outreach response times, increase communication among providers, evaluate the success of adopted strategies, and drive the City's strategic planning efforts
- Creating partnerships with organizations that provide housing, homeless services, behavioral and other types of services that support those impacted by homelessness
- Created a "Hub" or "One-Stop" model for homeless services that will be client driven

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

🏠 **Approved tiny home pilot program to launch March 2022**

👥 **56 individuals and 2 families provided services and 21 individuals and 2 families housed through the Montebello Community Assistance Program (MCAP)**

City of Monterey Park

ENROLLED IN:

- *Homeless Plan Development*
- *Prevention and Diversion*
- *Landlord Outreach and Incentive*
- *Hygiene Program*

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Utilize existing Community Service Bureau and Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Officers to identify clients in need, conduct problem solving conversations, and provide assistance
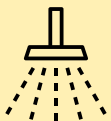
HOMELESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- Conducted stakeholder engagement with members of multiple city departments, elected officials, business leaders, and community and non-profit service providers to assess current resources and needs
- The following key findings emerged through the stakeholder engagement process:
  - increases in homelessness
  - public health and safety concerns
  - lack of affordable housing
- City staff identified key goals and strategies to respond to these key findings and concerns
- City brought plan to Council for adoption in Spring 2021

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

6 individuals and 2 families provided emergency housing assistance

Opened 4 hygiene stations

City of Pomona

ENROLLED IN:

- *Regional Housing Trust*
- *Homeless Plan Implementation*
- *Prevention and Diversion*

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA) at the Hope for Home (H4H) Homeless Services Center implement the program using the problem-solving model and approach.

HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Police Officers connect individuals to the Hope for Home Access Center to help individuals to gain initial access to the Coordinated Entry System.
- Provide support to Neighborhood Legal Services Los Angeles to improve the availability of legal services to residents experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness by providing legal help for tenants in eviction proceedings.

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Neighborhood Services Department partnered with the GIS Department to design a Survey 123 tool specific to law enforcement outreach. The survey captures and collects data on the type of services the Pomona Police Department provides during outreach, the number of individuals housed, and the number of individuals directed to a Tri-City Community Navigator.

Awarded SGVRHT funding for 3 affordable housing projects

1,248 individuals outreached to and offered or referred to services

City of Rosemead

ENROLLED IN:

- *Homeless Plan Development*
- *Prevention and Diversion*
- *Landlord Outreach and Incentive*

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Eviction Prevention Program for renters in the City who do not qualify or receive any other form of financial or housing subsidies, and who are met with imminent eviction due to a crisis

HOMELESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- Conducted stakeholder engagement with elected officials, city staff members, homelessness response service provider agencies, community groups, and residents to assess current resources and needs
- The following key findings emerged through the stakeholder engagement process:
    - increases in homelessness
    - public health and safety concerns
    - lack of available, accessible homelessness response services and resources
    - lack of affordable housing
- City staff identified key goals and strategies to respond to these key findings and concerns
- Council adopted plan in January 2021

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Assisted 7 families with prevention, diversion, and rapid rehousing services

City of San Dimas

ENROLLED IN:

- *Prevention and Diversion*
- *Homeless Plan Implementation*
- *Landlord Outreach and Incentive*

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Implementing a prevention, diversion, and rapid rehousing program that incorporates problem-solving conversations with clients in order to develop an approach towards preventing clients from falling into homelessness or minimizing the amount of time from which clients are facing homelessness.

HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Offer an Emergency Rental Assistance Program designed to assist eligible residents, impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic in hope of providing assistance to avoid homelessness.

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Assisted 30 families with prevention and diversion services

City of San Gabriel

ENROLLED IN:

- *Regional Housing Trust*
- *Homeless Plan Development*
- *Landlord Outreach and Incentive*
- *Hygiene Program*

HOMELESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- Conducted internal and external stakeholder engagement with elected officials, City staff members, homelessness response service provider agencies, community groups, and residents to assess current resources and needs.
- The following key findings emerged through the stakeholder engagement process:
  - lack of available, accessible homelessness response services and resources
  - public health and safety concerns
  - lack of affordable housing
- City staff identified key goals and strategies to respond to these key findings and concerns
- City brought the plan to Council for adoption in January 2021
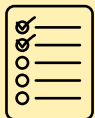
UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Engaged over 50 stakeholders to provide input on the City's needs and services

209 individuals provided prevention and diversion services

Council adopted a homelessness response plan

City of South El Monte

ENROLLED IN:

- *Regional Housing Trust*
- *Landlord Outreach and Incentive*
- *Homeless Plan Implementation*
- *Prevention and Diversion*

HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Conducting a land-use analysis to facilitate affordable and supportive housing.
- Hired a homelessness coordinator to facilitate their homelessness efforts

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Expanding existing prevention and diversion program to offer rental assistance and other resources

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

3 individuals and 12 families provided prevention and diversion assistance

City of South Pasadena

ENROLLED IN:

- *Regional Housing Trust*
- *Shared Housing Navigator*
- *Homeless Plan Implementation*
- *Prevention and Diversion*
- *Hygiene Program*

HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Shared Housing Navigator provided six rapid re-housing vouchers dedicated to South Pasadena.
- Law enforcement is providing referrals to community resources.
- The City conducted a public outreach campaign with educational videos and workshops about homelessness.
- Portable bathroom and hygiene facilities were added.

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Existing Union Station Housing Navigator provided financial assistance to those at risk of homelessness.

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Contacted 261 individuals and provided services to 88 PEH

Provided prevention and diversion assistance to 141 individuals

City of Temple City

ENROLLED IN:

- *Homeless Plan Development*

HOMELESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- Conducted internal and external stakeholder engagement with elected officials, City staff members, homelessness response service provider agencies, community groups, and residents to assess current resources and needs
- The following key findings emerged through the stakeholder engagement process:
  - lack of available, accessible homelessness response services
  - public health and safety concerns
  - insufficient supply of affordable housing
- City staff identified key goals and strategies to respond to these key findings and concerns
- City brought the plan to Council for adoption in February 2021

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Engaged 27 stakeholders to provide input on the City's needs and services

Council adopted homelessness response plan

City of West Covina

ENROLLED IN:

- *Regional Housing Trust*
- *Shared Housing Navigator*
- *Workforce Development Pilot*
- *Landlord Outreach and Incentive*
- *Homeless Plan Implementation*
- *Prevention and Diversion*

HOMELESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Shared Housing Navigator provided four rapid re-housing vouchers dedicated to West Covina
- Law enforcement provided referrals to housing navigation and other resources

PREVENTION AND DIVERSION

- Existing Union Station Housing Navigator provided financial assistance to those at risk of homelessness
- Motel vouchers can act as "bridge housing" for those working with the navigator

UPDATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Referred 2 individuals to housing navigation program

182 individuals provided services by Homeless Outreach and Park Encorcement (HOPE) unit

PRESS COVERAGE OF PROGRAMS

PRESS COVERAGE

The following article is included at the end of this report:

Daily News– Baldwin Park celebrates opening of Esperanza Villa, a village of tiny dwellings for homeless

Baldwin Park celebrates opening of Esperanza Villa, a village of tiny dwellings for homeless

The city of Baldwin Park held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening Esperanza Villa, a small community of 25 tiny homes to provide shelter for unhoused individuals in the San Gabriel Valley, on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021. Photo by Trevor Stamp, Contributing Photographer)

By **ROBERT MORALES** | rmorales@scng.com | Press Telegram

Community members and officials were on hand Saturday, Nov. 20, to celebrate the opening of a village of 25 tiny homes in the city of Baldwin Park.

Esperanza Villa is the first tiny home village of its kind in the San Gabriel Valley, and unsheltered residents are scheduled to move into their tiny homes during Thanksgiving week.

"Baldwin Park is proud to spearhead this unique effort to combat homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley," said Emmanuel J. Estrada, Mayor of Baldwin Park. "Tiny homes provide the safety and privacy that is lacking in more traditional congregate shelters while helping residents' transition to permanent housing."

The tiny homes are heated and air-conditioned and include a bed, desk and outlet for charging devices. The homes are intended to provide bridge housing for about three months before residents are placed into permanent housing; this allows up to 100 people to be served per year.

The city of Baldwin Park, San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust and San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments joined forces for this project. The city provided the site at 14173 Garvey Ave., dedicated staff time and labor.

The Housing Trust and SGVCOG provided technical assistance, $500,000 in grant funding for preparation of the site and the acquisition of homes and facilities as well as $800,000 for the first year of operation with options to fund additional years, according to a news release.

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REPORT

DATE: February 1, 2022

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: STATE HOMELESS FUNDS

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

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. On September 10, 2019, the County Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved a motion by Supervisors Barger and Solis directing the carryover of $6,000,000 in Measure H "Innovation Funds" for the County's Councils of Governments. The SGVCOG received an allotment of $1,541,876, proportionate to the region's share of the County's point-in-time homeless count. All Innovation Funding was expended by December 31, 2021, in accordance with funding requirements. All State Funding must be expended by June 30, 2022. To ensure that all funds are expended by June 30, 2022, on January 5, 2022, the Homelessness Committee recommended the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to re-allocate funding between approved Homeless Program categories, and direct staff to provide monthly updates to the Homelessness Committee on the progress of expenditures. The Governing Board subsequently approved this recommendation at its meeting on January 20, 2022. The following shows the current expenditures by program category:

Funding Category	Budgeted	Expended	Remaining	% Remaining
Admin - Direct Labor	$289,376.00	$197,488.20	$91,887.80	32%
RHT - Admin	$77,500.00	$77,500.00	$0.00	0%
RHT - Capital	$1,350,000.00	$1,350,000.00	$0.00	0%
RHT - Operations	$200,000.00	$200,000.00	$0.00	0%
Prevention & Diversion	$450,000.00	$303,683.86	$146,316.14	33%
Pilot Programs	$627,007.00	$627,006.26	$0.74	0%
Plans Implementation	$3,300,000.00	$842,754.59	$2,457,245.41	74%
Plans Development	$100,000.00	$99,870.00	$130.00	0%
Landlord Outreach	$400,000.00	$34,256.70	$365,743.30	91%
Other Regional Work	$372,993.00	$51,288.38	$321,704.62	86%
SUB TOTAL	**$7,166,876.00**	**$3,783,847.99**	**$3,383,028.01**	**47%**

Staff will continue to monitor and evaluate expenditures and spend-down projects and make modifications to the funding category budgets to ensure that all funding is expended by June 30, 2022. SGVCOG will provide monthly updates to the Committee.

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Management Analyst

Approved by: _Marisa Creter_ (signature)
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

DATE: February 1, 2022

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **MEASURE H 2022-2023 CITY PROGRAM APPLICATION**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend Governing Board approve $50,000 of 2022-2023 Measure H City Programs funding for the Baldwin Park Interim Housing Program.

BACKGROUND

On July 13, 2021, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 Measure H Funding Recommendations. These recommendations included $15 million for the LA County Councils of Governments (COGs) for the period from January 2022 through June 2023, to be allocated to each subregion based on the 2020 point-in-time (PIT) homeless count. The FY21-22 recommendations include $5 million for LA County (COGs) to begin January 2022, with the remaining $10 million in funding to be included in the FY 2022-2023 Funding Recommendations. The initial tranche of funding - approximately $1.17 million – was to be available for the period from January 2022 – June 2022, with the remaining funding – approximately $2.355 million – available in July 2022. The total funding available over the 18-month period from January 2022 – June 2023 is $3.525 million. The SGVCOG is still awaiting an executed contract with the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative (HI), which admisters the Measure H contracts with local jurisdictions.

At its August 18, 2021, meeting, the Governing Board approved the proposed funding plan – which had been recommended by the Homelessness Committee, allocating the proposed Measure H funding to four funding categories: services to supplement existing programs; outreach and services for hard-to-reach populations; a mobile crisis response program; and city-specific programs. The first three programs – services to supplement existing programs, outreach and services for hard-to-reach populations, and mobile crisis response – are regional programs to which cities could opt-in. For the final program – city-specific programs – cities were able to submit applications for city-specific programs that would not otherwise be available as part of the other programs.

These applications were previously presented to the Homelessness Committee at its September 29, 2021, meeting, and the Committee approved the projects in the cities of Montebello, Monrovia, and Azusa and in the cohort of Claremont, La Verne, and Pomona. These were subsequently approved by the Governing Board at its October 2021 meeting.

An application from the City of Baldwin Park requested $125,000 to provide additional resources and services at an interim housing site for families that is currently being planned, and it was the

next highest-scoring project. The City had recently acquired a property that it is retrofitting to provide interim housing for families. However, due to overall funding limitations, staff recommended a reduction in funding to $50,000 for all single-city pilot projects. It had not yet been confirmed whether the submitted project could utilize funding reduced from $125,000 to $50,000. As such, at the September 29, 2021, meeting, the Homelessness Committee also directed staff to work with the City of Baldwin Park to determine the viability of a reduced funding award and provide an update to the Homelessness Committee at a future meeting.

Since that time, Baldwin Park City staff has evaluated their project and determined that it can utilize reduced funding to provide site operation for a project that supports its interim family housing site. Funding will be used to fund a service provider for the site. Baldwin Park has proposed operation of a pilot safe parking program for 5-10 parking spaces for residents experiencing homelessnes or at risk of homelessness, to operate tentatively from April-September 2022. The program will operate at the newly- acquired property – located at 13167 Garvey Avenue – where the interim family housing project is being constructed. The safe parking program will operate during the interim timeframe in which the site will be preparing to transition to family bridge housing. The site is expected to open in the Fall of 2022.

Baldwin Park will follow best-practices for safe parking programs, providing a safe and stable place for people who are at risk of experiencing or those experiencing homelessness and sleeping in their vehicles to park their vehicle from 7:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. at night; by. The pilot site will also provide participants with access to restroom facilities and on-site security. The safe parking program will be accessible by filling out an application and connecting to services that help identify pathways into case management and linkage to the coordinated entry system. On January 19, 2022, the Baldwin Park City Council approved the proposed pilot parking program.

With this revised project scope, SGVCOG staff is recommending that the project in Baldwin Park be allocated $50,000 for the city-specific program. The resulting project awards and funding amounts can be found below:

City/Cohort	Project	Not-to-Exceed Award Amount
Claremont/La Verne/Pomona Cohort	Community Navigation with Tri-City Mental Health & Interm Housing	$200,000
Montebello	Montebello Community Assistance Program (MCAP)	$50,000
Monrovia	Family and Advocate Support Services (FASS) for the Housing Displacement Response Plan (HDRP)	$50,000
Azusa	Prevention/Diversion/Voucher Program for Azusa Neighborhood Connections Program	$50,000
Baldwin Park	Safe Parking Program	$50,000
	TOTAL	$450,000

NEXT STEPS

The recommended project will be presented to the Governing Board for consideration at its February 2022 meeting. Following Governing Board approval, SGVCOG staff will initiate development of memorandums of agreement (MOAs) to execute with the City of Baldwin Park and all participating cities once the SGVCOG has executed its contract with HI.

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Marisa Creter
Executive Director

DATE: February 1, 2022

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: HOUSING FOR HEALTH

RECOMMENDED ACTION
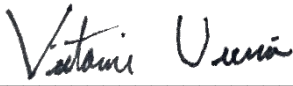
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BACKGROUND

Established in 2012, the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Housing for Health (HFH) division provides housing and services to people with complex medical and behavioral health conditions. The division aims to improve the health and wellbeing of the most vulnerable Los Angeles County residents experiencing homelessness and housing instability by delivering an integrated system of care connecting housing, medical and behavioral health services, and income supports. HFH's initial goals were to improve patients' health, reduce costs to the public health system, and demonstrate Health Services' commitment to addressing homelessness within Los Angeles County. Since that time, HFH has expanded its services to some of the County's other most vulnerable populations thanks to the investment of resources by the Board of Supervisors, other County departments, and the voter-approved Measure H sales tax that provides a 10-year revenue source to fund housing and services to prevent and combat homelessness.

The following are some of the programs HFH provides:

- Countywide Benefits Entitlement Services Team (CBEST)
- Clinical Services
- Enriched Residential Care (ERC)
- Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (FHSP)
- Interim Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Street-based Engagement

Sally Malone, Manager Policy and External Affairs at Housing for Health will provide a presentation on HFH, the continuum of services available in LA County, and program funding sources at our February 1, 2022, meeting.

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Marisa Creter
Executive Director

DATE: February 1, 2022

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **L.A. COUNTY HOMELESSNESS GOVERNANCE REFORM AND BLUE-RIBBON COMMSSION ON HOMELESSNESS**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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RECENT UPDATES

In January 2022, the Los Angeles County Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) held three meetings:

January 5, 2021
This meeting was held in the evening and featured the following presentations and discussions:
- Amy Bodek, Director of the Department of Regional Planning, Angela George Moody, Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Public Works; and Emilio Salas, Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) provided a joint presentation on the approaches to strengthen collaboration and efforts to streamline increased affordable housing. Additionally, they highlighted how they address some of the barriers to building affordable housing and gave potential solutions.
- Emilio Salas, LACDA Executive Director, provided an agency overview of the LACDA, which included its governance structure, funding sources, and current work to address homelessness.
- Veronica Lewis, Director of the Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System (HOPICS), provided an overview presentation of her South Los Angeles nonprofit organization, which included funding sources, and their experience and expertise within the current homeless services system.
- Jill Bauman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Imagine LA gave a brief overview presentation of the organization that aims to prevent first-time and repeat homelessness and equips families to maintain housing stability and thrive long-term. The presentation also provided information on their Family Partnership Model, funding sources, and their impact on the families they serve.

January 12, 2021
This meeting was held in the evening and featured the following presentations and discussions:
- Jonathan E. Sherin, M.D., Ph.D., Director of the Department of Mental Health presented an update on Department investments used to develop housing units and provide rental assistance subsidies, service costs broken down by level of care, and an overview of the

three components of the LA County Mental Health system where the department interfaces with clients – Community Services, Crisis Care and Re-Entry Initiatives.

- Brandon D. Young, Partner of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP provided a presentation on the role of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and LAHSA's governance and alternatives on how improved decision-making could better serve persons experiencing homelessness.
- Rossana D'Antonio, Deputy Director of the Department of Public Works provided a presentation overview on the department's homeless initiatives including affordable housing development and project management.
- Peggy Edwards, Consultant of Population Change Institute, Board Member of Bridge to Home, and Board Member of Measure H Citizens' Oversight Advisory Board discussed overall challenges of the current homeless services system and suggestions to improve performance through governance actions.
- Scott Martin, President of the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association provided a presentation overview of the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association (HHIA) including recommendations for improvement and key principles to effective homeless housing.
- Rachel Barbosa, City Manager of the City of South El Monte Provided a city's perspective on improving the effectiveness of Measure H and LAHSA. The presentation provided an overview of the Mid Valley Collaborative on Homelessness's homeless services, and the City of South El Monte's impact on homelessness.
- Commissioners initiated a discussion on the Survey Tool that will be used to solicit the top two (2) governance issues from the following groups: 1) Racial Equity, including the Ad Hoc Committee on Black people experiencing homelessness, 2) Lived Experience, including Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's Lived Experience Advisory Board and the Homeless Youth Forum of Los Angeles, and 3) Council of Governments

January 19, 2021
This meeting featured the following presentations and discussions:
- John Wickham, Legislative Analyst for the City of Los Angeles presented on the Chief Legislative Analyst Reports on Governance and Outreach that provided information on homeless response service models, comprehensive homelessness response system, current governance structure, and alternative governance structures.
- Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives Manager and Elizabeth Anderson, Strategic Initiatives Program Administrator presented on the City of West Hollywood's homeless initiative, which provided information on their core values and organizational structure, social services, and funding.
- Margaret Willis, Housing and Human Services Administrator for the City of Santa Monica, presented an overview of the City's work in addressing homelessness, in addition to acknowledging current system challenges and providing recommendations.
- Helen Chin, Assistant to the City Manager on Homelessness for the City of Culver City, provided a presentation on the city's progress in addressing homelessness, and detailed challenges for small cities and issues with the current homeless services system.
- Dr. Judy A. Fancher, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction, Pre-K-12; and Martha Calderon, Equity and Access Coordinator for the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District provided a presentation about the district's role in creating

transitions to housing. The presentation also shared long-term outcomes, definitions of homelessness, and detailed student-centered support.
- Commissioners initiated a discussion on the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) Role and Governance, including County and City Infrastructures.

Upcoming meetings will be held on a modified schedule with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Meetings will be held at the following dates and times:
- Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 6-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 9 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 6-8:30 p.m.

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Marisa Creter
Executive Director

DATE: February 1, 2022

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **STATE BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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BUDGET UPDATES

On January 10, 2022, the Governor released his draft budget blueprint for FY 2022-23. The $286.4 billion budget proposes to invest significant new state funding to address the Administration's top priorities, including pandemic response and relief, homelessness, transportation infrastructure, combating climate change, wildfires, emergency response and drought.

The budget includes the following ongoing and one-time funding for housing and homelessness and mental health:

- **Homelessness Package:** The Governor proposes $2 billion in one-time General Fund over two years intended to address near-term homelessness needs while previously authorized funding for long-term housing solutions are implemented i.e., Project Roomkey, etc. Specifically, the budget proposes **$1.5 billion to the Department of Health Care Services' Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program for housing support for people with behavioral health needs.** Many details of this proposal are still under development and will be available later this year. Additionally, the Governor proposes **$500 million** for the Encampment Resolution Grants Program in 2022-23 administered by the California Interagency Council on Homelessness **to provide targeted grants to local governments to rehouse individuals living in encampments**.
- **Housing Development Package:** The Governor proposes $1 billion in one-time General Fund over two years to expand housing development. Specifically, the budget proposes $500 million for infill housing development, $300 million for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, $100 million to build housing on existing state sites, and $100 million to repurpose existing commercial buildings for housing.
- **Affordable Housing Package:** The Governor proposes $1 Billion in one-time General Fund over two years for affordable housing development. The budget largely expands existing state programs related to affordable housing. Specifically, the budget proposes $500 million for tax credits to builders of rental housing affordable to low-income households, $200 million to mixed-income housing, $200 million to preserve affordable housing units, and $100 million to preserve affordable mobile homes.

The Budget Subcommittees of the Assembly and Senate will begin hearings in February on the Governor's budget proposal. The Governor will then submit his May Revised budget update to

reflect updated state tax receipts and budget/policy revisions to the proposed January budget, including a preliminary list of Budget Trailer Bills from the Department of Finance on behalf of the Administration.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

SB 15 (Portantino) - Housing development: incentives: rezoning of idle retail sites.
- **Summary**: This bill, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the Budget Act or other act, would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer a program to provide incentives in the form of grants allocated as provided to local governments that rezone idle sites used for a big box retailer or a commercial shopping center to instead allow the development of housing, as defined.
- **Status:** On June 2, 2021, the bill passed from the Senate to the Assembly. This bill has become a two-year bill. Remains an active bill pending referral.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Support and direct staff to work with the author and the co-authors to seek clarification and possibly make modifications to the bill to improve its efficacy in delivering affordable housing and provide updates on the Bill as necessary. Senator Portantino acknowledged the need for amendments as requested by SGVCOG during a meeting with the SGVRHT.

AB 1331 (Irwin) - Mental health: Statewide Director of Crisis Services.
- **Summary:** Would require the Department of Health Care Services to appoint a full-time Statewide Director of Crisis Services. The Statewide Director of Crisis Services would be required to monitor, support, and coordinate with support providers, with the goal of having a comprehensive crisis care system, as specified, and coordinate with the Department of Managed Health Care, the Department of Insurance, and other departments, agencies, and entities, as necessary, to support and advocate for the creation and continued existence of a comprehensive, integrated, and reliable network of services.
- **Status:** Introduced on February 19, 2021. Vetoed by Governor on October 7, 2021. Consideration of Governor's veto pending on January 3, 2022. This bill is inactive due to Governor's veto.
- **SGVCOG Position**: Watch

AB 1340 (Santiago) - Mental health services: involuntary detention.
- **Summary:** Would expand the definition of "gravely disabled" – for the purposes of the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act – to include a condition in which a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, is unable to provide for their basic personal needs for medical treatment, if the failure to receive medical treatment is either for an existing life-threatening medical condition, or the person is in imminent danger of physical injury or life-threatening medical condition and there is a substantial and imminent risk of either death or prolonged hospitalization.
- **Status:** Introduced on February 12, 2021. This Bill has become a two-year bill. On October 13, 2021, the SGVCOG submitted a letter of support to the Assembly Health Committee and the author, Assemblyman Santiago. After amendments, was re-referred to Committee on Health, read a second time and amended on January 3, 2022. Referred an additional time to Committee on Health on January 4, 2022. AB 1340 will not be moved forward this

month, so it will die in Committee. However, the author's staff is committed to introducing a new version of the legislation in 2022.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Homelessness Committee supported this bill at its April 2021 meeting.

SB 340 (Stern) - Lanterman-Petris-Short Act: hearings.
- **Summary:** Would authorize a family member, friend, or acquaintance with personal knowledge of a person receiving treatment under the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act to make a request in writing to the person's counsel to testify in the judicial review proceedings of the person's involuntary commitment. The Act authorizes the involuntary commitment and treatment of persons with specified mental health disorders at a designated facility for 72-hour treatment and evaluation for the protection of the committed person. Under the Act, there is judicial review of the involuntary commitment and reasonable attempts must be made by the mental health facility to notify family members or any other person designated by the patient of the time and place of judicial review.
- **Status:** Introduced February 9, 2021. Passed and ordered to the Assembly on May 10, 2021. Re-referred to Committee on Rules on June 17, 2021. Remains an active bill in committee process.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Support

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