



SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Approved Minutes

Date: November 6, 2019

Time: 8:30 AM

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

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

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

Homeless Committee Members Present

J. Leano, Claremont
 K. Davis, Glendora
 M. Ortiz, Irwindale
 F. Briones, LA County District 1
 B. Shevlin, Monrovia
 B. DeFrank, Pomona
 M. Clark, Rosemead
 J. Lyons, SGV Consortium on Homelessness
 W. Huang, Pasadena

Homeless Committee Members Absent

Baldwin Park
 Duarte
 West Covina

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter
 C. Sims

3. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
4. Changes to Agenda Order: There were no changes to the agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Homelessness Meeting Minutes
There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 5 (M/S: M. Clark/B. Shevlin)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Claremont, Irwindale, Monrovia, Pomona, Rosemead
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Baldwin Park, Duarte, Glendora, West Covina, LA County Supervisorial District #1

PRESENTATIONS

6. Monrovia’s Housing Displacement Response Plan
 T. Cherry, Community Services Director for the City of Monrovia, provided an overview of Monrovia’s Housing Displacement Response Plan. The HDRP as developed with the recognition that it is more cost effective to keep people in their homes than it is to re-house families following displacement. Through the program, current Monrovia residents in

danger of being displaced are eligible to apply for interim and temporary funding – what the City calls a “hand-up.” Residents can only access those funds after completing a thorough review process. Committee members asked questions on whether the City had received any money from the County of Los Angeles, discussed the availability of funding for homeless prevention, and cities’ adoption of eviction moratorium emergency ordinances.

7. S. 923 Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act
 Becca Channell, Field Representative from the Office of United States Senator Diane Feinstein, presented on S. 923 – the Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act. This bill would authorize \$750 million in grants annually for the next five years for local governments to combat homelessness, with a focus on providing services that address mental health; substance use disorders; disabling or other chronic health conditions; educational and job training/employment outcomes; and life skills classes. Cities, counties, regional collaboratives, and tribal governments would be eligible for grants. The Bill had been referred to Committee and was waiting to be heard. Committee members asked whether the funding would have to go through an existing continuum of care and also encouraged the Federal Government to provide additional funding for project-based vouchers.

ACTION ITEMS

8. State Homeless Funding and Measure H Innovation Funds Programming Recommendations
 Staff presented on the draft programming recommendations for the State Homeless Funding and Measure H Funds. There was discussion about the need to encourage integration and cooperation amongst cities and agencies and to minimize competition. There was also concern that putting money into the proposed programs would; result in projects not being funded by the County.

There was a motion to recommend the Governing Board take the following actions:

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

Category	State Funds	Innovation Funds	TOTAL
Regional Housing Trust (Capital)	\$1,000,000	\$350,000	\$1,350,000
Regional Housing Trust (Operations)	-	\$200,000	\$200,000
Cities’ Homeless Plans (Implementation)	\$3,300,000	-	\$3,300,000
Cities’ Homeless Plans (Development)	\$50,000	-	\$50,000

Landlord Education/Outreach and Incentive Program	\$400,000	-	\$400,000
Other Regional Work	\$400,000	-	\$400,000
Homelessness prevention and diversion programs	\$50,000	\$400,000	\$450,000
Pilot Programs	\$35,000	\$265,000	\$300,000
Master Leasing	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$350,000
Administration	\$290,000	\$76,876	\$361,876
TOTAL	\$5,625,000	\$1,541,876	\$7,166,876

2. Pending approval from oversight agencies (State and County), authorize SGVCOG staff to directly administer \$2,333,438 in funding to implement the following programs at a regional level:
 - Regional Housing Trust (\$1,550,000)
 - Cities' homeless plans sub-regional activities (\$200,000)
 - Other regional work (including collaboration, advocacy, nonprofit capacity building, regional data projects and targeted messaging campaigns, technical assistance) (\$400,000)
3. Pending approval from oversight agencies (State and County), authorize staff to coordinate with the cities to develop a strategy (e.g. competitive or formula) to allocate \$4,833,438 in funding to cities for the following programs:
 - Cities' homeless plans (implementation) (\$3,100,000)
 - Cities' homeless plans (development) (\$50,000)
 - Landlord education/outreach and rental support (\$400,000)
 - Homeless prevention and diversion (\$450,000)
 - Pilot programs (\$300,000)
 - Master leasing (\$350,000)
4. Authorize staff to allocate up to \$366,867 (5%) to be used for administrative costs to be split between the administrative lead and contracting agencies; and
5. Authorize staff to undertake any associated procurements necessary to implement the programs described above.

(M/S: K. Davis/J. Leano)

[Motion Passed]

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NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
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STAFF REPORTS

9. RHTF Update

Staff provided a brief update on the Regional Housing Trust Fund. Staff presented that the next negotiation would be focused on Operations and Staffing and would be held following the Homelessness Committee meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS

10. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

There was no report.

11. Homeless Initiative

Homeless Initiative staff reported that they would be holding listening sessions on their funding recommendations. Staff also provided an update on their upcoming policy summit for local governments. Finally, staff reported on their problem solving funding and centralized diversion fund, which can be used for community-based organizations to help support people.

12. Union Station

There was no report.

13. San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness

There was no report.

14. State and Federal Legislative Caucus

There was no verbal report, but there was a written report on Representative Napolitano's proposed Bridge to End Homelessness Act.

CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 AM