

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING THE EXISTENCE
OF A SHELTER CRISIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 8698-8698.2

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A necessary quorum and majority of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara ("County") hereby consent to, adopt and ratify the following resolutions:

- A. WHEREAS California's Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. and the members of the California Legislature have recognized the urgent and immediate need for funding at the local level to combat homelessness;
- B. WHEREAS, The Governor and Legislature have provided funding to local governments under the Homeless Emergency Aid Program as part of SB 850 and the 2018-19 Budget Act (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018);
- C. WHEREAS, The Governor and Legislature require jurisdictions seeking an allocation through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program to declare a Shelter Crisis pursuant to Government Code 8698.2,
- D. WHEREAS, the County has developed a homelessness plan and undertaken multiple efforts at the local level to combat homelessness;
- E. WHEREAS the County's 2017 homeless Point In Time (PIT) count found there were 1,860 homeless men, women, and children residing in the County, an increase of 7.5% from the 2015 PIT count of 1,729; and that 893 of the 1,860 homeless persons are living without any shelter;
- F. WHEREAS in 2017, the County's Public Health Department's Homeless Death Review Team reported forty four (44) deaths in 2016 among people experiencing homelessness in the County, an increase of 47% compared to thirty (30) deaths report in 2011;
- G. WHEREAS in 2017 there were 531 year round emergency shelter beds and 370 additional seasonal beds for a total emergency shelter bed inventory of 901;
- H. WHEREAS, the Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County's homeless Coordinated Entry System (CES) has identified, completed initial intake for and prioritized 62 families and 547 individuals who are experiencing homelessness and are in need of permanent housing with no permanent units or program vacancies to match or refer them to;
- I. WHEREAS, unauthorized homelessness encampments are prevalent throughout the County, exposing homeless individuals to traffic hazards, crime, risk of death and injury, exposure to weather, lack of adequate sanitation and debris services, and other conditions that are detrimental to their health and safety;
- J. WHEREAS the impact of homeless individuals lodging in public parks, parking lots, beaches, and flood control facilities has an adverse effect on such resources, as well as the use and enjoyment of these public spaces for their intended purposes for the public at-large;

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- K. WHEREAS, such overnight lodging in public spaces also has an adverse effect on the health and safety of the people of the County, including the homeless population; and
- L. WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8698.1 provides that, upon a declaration of a shelter crisis, the provisions of any state or local regulatory statute, regulation or ordinance prescribing standards of housing, health, or safety, as applied to public facilities open to the homeless pursuant to Title 2, Division 1, Chapter 7.8 of the California Government Code, shall be suspended to the extent that strict compliance would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the shelter crisis;
- M. WHEREAS, in place of any such housing, health and safety standards, the County may enact municipal health and safety standards to be operative during the housing emergency consistent with ensuring minimal public health and safety;
- N. WHEREAS, the Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County CoC, for which the County is the Collaborative Applicant and Lead Agency, continues to work together with cities, service and housing providers, and other stakeholders to improve coordination, from street outreach, emergency shelter, regionalized coordinated entry system prioritization, and the development of permanent housing options;
- O. WHEREAS, the County and its eight cities have and continue to work collaboratively to address homelessness in the County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Find and determine that the foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. Find that, a significant number of persons within the jurisdiction of the governing body are without the ability to obtain shelter, and that the situation has resulted in a threat to the health and safety of those persons.
3. Based upon such findings, the Board hereby declares, pursuant to Government Code sections 8698 through 8698.2, that a shelter crisis exists throughout the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County.
4. If the County receives a grant of HEAP funds from the State Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency (BCSHA) pursuant to the above referenced proposed funding availability, it represents and certifies that it will use all such funds in a manner consistent and in compliance with all applicable state and federal statutes, rules, regulations and laws, including without limitation all rules and laws regarding the HEAP Program, as well as any and all contracts the County may have with the State BCSHA.
5. COUNTY is hereby authorized and directed to receive a HEAP grant, in the approximate amount of \$9,385,186 in accordance with all rules and laws.
6. County Executive Officer, or designee(s) are authorized to execute the Standard Agreement and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto, as well as any other documents which are related to the HEAP grant awarded to County, as the State BCSHA may deem appropriate.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara this 11th day of September, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:


ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO
CLERK OF THE BOARD

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA:

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Das Williams
Chair, Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:
THEODORE A. FALLATI, CPA
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

By:  _____
Deputy Auditor-Controller

By:  _____
George Chapjian
Community Services Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

By:  _____
Deputy County Counsel