



## County of Santa Barbara

Community Services Department, Housing & Community Development Division

# *Homeless Emergency Aid Program*

Board of Supervisors  
September 11, 2018



# Recommended Actions

- A. Receive and file a report on the new State of California Homelessness Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) to receive up to \$9,385,186 in funding to address homelessness;
- B. Adopt a Resolution declaring a ‘shelter crisis’ finding that a significant number of persons within the County’s jurisdiction are without the ability to obtain shelter;
- C. Authorize the Community Services Director, or designee, to submit funding application and related documents for HEAP Program funding; and
- D. Determine that the recommended actions are not the acceptance and approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).



# Homelessness in Santa Barbara County

- 1,860 persons were experiencing homelessness in the last complete Point in Time Count (2017), 893 were living without shelter.
- 47% increase in deaths of persons experiencing homelessness from 30 in 2011 to 44 in 2016 (Public Health Death Review Team)
- 62 families and 547 individuals have been assessed for housing since January 2018 without a permanent housing option available for referral (Coordinated Entry System)



# Homelessness in Santa Barbara County

- Unauthorized encampments can be found throughout the County exposing persons experiencing homelessness to traffic hazards, exposure, lack of sanitation, crime and other health and safety risks.
- Several recent fires have been caused by encampment activity (Lompoc, Goleta, Summerland).



# New State Funding

- California has allocated significant new resources to address homelessness through local Continuums of Care (CoC).
- The County Housing and Community Development (HCD) Division is the Administrative Entity for the CoC.
- Homeless Emergency Aid Program provides \$9.385 million dollars in one-time block grant funding to be expended between January 2019 - June 2021.



# State Funding Allocation

## One Time Block Grant – 2 ½ Years

Component	Funding
Block 1 - \$250 million divided by Point In Time count ranges	\$8,000,000
Block 2 - \$100 million divided by % of homeless population	\$1,385,186
Block 3 - \$150 million to Cities with population of 330,000 +	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,385,186</b>



# Eligible Activities

- Program funds to address homelessness, including but not limited to, acquisition, prevention, rental assistance, housing location services, emergency housing interventions, systems support, flexible housing subsidies, diversion, and emergency aid.
- The state is allowing jurisdictions the ability to define what is needed and to build a program that best meets each communities need.
- At least five percent of funds (\$469,259) must be used for homeless youth.



# Continuum of Care Local Funding Priorities

- Acquisition of Housing Units
- Operating Support of Emergency Housing Interventions including but not limited to, homelessness prevention and housing-focused street engagement services.
- Rental Assistance with Housing Location and Stabilization Services
- Regional Coordinated Housing Location Services



# Continuum of Care Local Funding Priorities

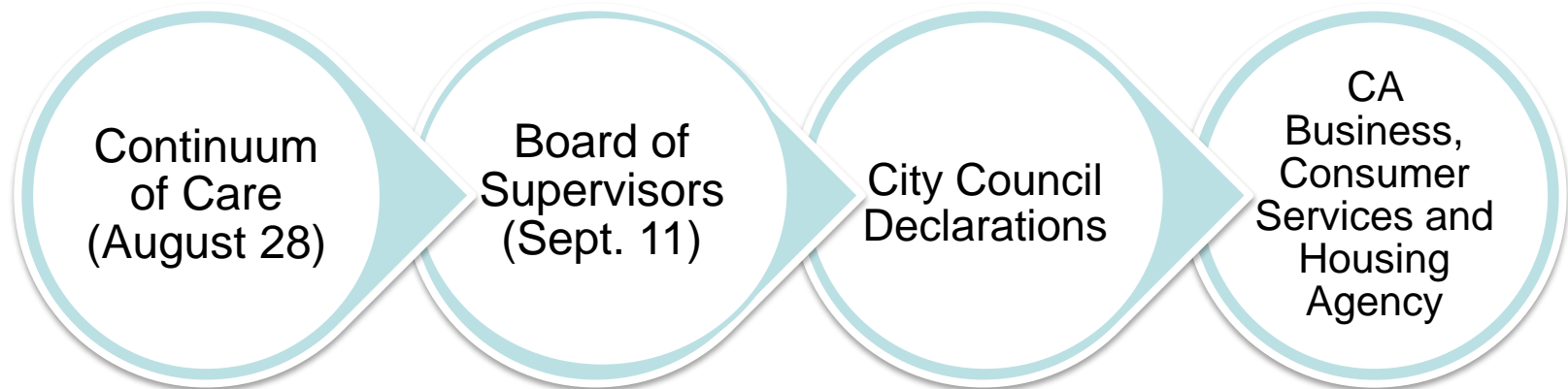
- Continuum of Care Board has approved a non-competitive allocation of **\$780,934** for staffing in order for HCD to administer the grant funding.
- The allocation will provide two full time staff for the grant period to support grant management, fiscal, compliance and monitoring activities as well as Homeless Management Information System support.

# Declaring a Shelter Crisis

- Section 8698 of the Government Code states ‘Declaration of shelter crisis’ means the duly proclaimed existence of a situation in which a significant number of persons are without the ability to obtain shelter, resulting in a threat to their health and safety.
- The County may declare a shelter crisis for the unincorporated areas of the county and thereby be eligible for CoC HEAP funds to be spent in those areas.
- Cities will need to declare a shelter crisis in order for HEAP funds to be used in their jurisdiction.



# Declaration Process



# Local Process and Awards

- HCD will facilitate a local Notice of Funding Availability in late September/October 2018.
- HCD will submit the application to the state on behalf of the Continuum of Care in November 2018.
- Staff will return to BOS in January 2019 for approval of subrecipient grant agreements.
- Homeless Emergency Aid Program Funds will be available for use by January 2019.



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