



Legislation Text

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Consider recommendations regarding acceptance of State Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) Award of \$2.5 million for multidisciplinary approach to housing the most vulnerable homeless program, as follows: (4/5 Vote Required)

- a) Approve, ratify and authorize the Chief Executive Officer's acceptance of \$2.5 million in State HEAP funds for the Housing Assistance for Vulnerable Emerging Neighbors - Engagement Service Team (HAVENEST) Program through June 30, 2021;
- b) Direct staff to allocate the HEAP funds to, and conceptually approve, the following HAVENEST Program Activities and estimated funding allocations:
 - i) Multi-Disciplinary Team Staffing and Flex Fund - \$1 million;
 - ii) Overnight Parking Expansion - \$280,000.00;
 - iii) Acquisition and/or Rehabilitation Project for Permanent Supportive Housing - \$500,000.00; and
 - iv) Creation of a Navigation Respite Center on a to-be-identified South County site - \$720,000.00;
- c) Designate the Department of Behavioral Wellness (BeWell) as the programmatic lead for implementation of the HEAP HAVENEST funds and authorize the BeWell Director to reallocate funds between Program Activities if within 15% of the current estimated amount if significant barriers to implementation are encountered in order to utilize the funding and subject to the review and concurrence of the County Executive Office (CEO), Auditor-Controller, and the County Community Services Department (CSD);
- d) Direct staff to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding amongst the CEO, CSD, and other relevant County departments for the administration of the HEAP funding for the Program Activities;
- e) Approve Budget Revision Request No. 0006743; and
- f) Determine that the proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are a creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.