



**CITY OF PACIFICA
COUNCIL AGENDA SUMMARY REPORT**

12/10/2018

SUBJECT:

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Pacifica Declaring a Shelter Crisis Pursuant to SB 850 (CHAPTER 48, STATUTES OF 2018 and GOVERNMENT CODE § 8698.2)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt a Resolution Declaring a Shelter Crisis Pursuant to SB 850 (CHAPTER 48, STATUTES OF 2018 AND GOVERNMENT CODE § 8698.2)

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BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) has announced the launch of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). HEAP is a \$500 million block grant program designed to provide direct assistance to cities and counties to address the homelessness crisis throughout California. HEAP is authorized by Senate Bill (SB) 850, which was signed into law by Governor Brown in June 2018.

HEAP funds are intended to provide funding to Continuums of Care (CoCs) and large cities with populations over 330,000, so they may provide immediate emergency assistance to people experiencing homelessness or those at imminent risk of homelessness. Eligible uses include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. Homelessness prevention activities,
- b. Criminal justice diversion programs for homeless individuals with mental health needs,
- c. Establishing or expanding services meeting the needs of homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness, and
- d. Emergency aid.

The parameters of the program are intentionally broad to allow local communities to be creative and craft programs that meet the specific needs they have identified. All activities must directly benefit the target population.

The San Mateo County Human Services Agency (HSA) serves as the Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) lead agency and is responsible for applying for HEAP funding for the County of San Mateo. The HSA has advised their application to the HCFC will be completed by December 31, 2018. The HSA will invite Request for Proposals (RFP) from San Mateo County jurisdictions in early 2019 to request HEAP funding. Jurisdictions receiving HEAP funding must expend funds no later than June 30, 2021.

The HEAP legislation includes some requirements related to local jurisdictions declaring a shelter crisis. Cities interested in applying for HEAP funding must declare a shelter crisis no later than December 28, 2018 via City Council Resolution.

For the purposes of the Resolution, the HCFC has instructed jurisdictions to state the One Day Homeless Count figure that was tabulated in 2017. According to the San Mateo County One Day Homeless Count and Survey published in May 2017, there were 112 unsheltered homeless in Pacifica. Of the 21 jurisdictions counted, which includes Unincorporated San Mateo County and San Francisco International Airport, Pacifica had the highest number of unsheltered homeless. Staff believes the number of unsheltered homeless in Pacifica constitutes a shelter crisis.

An adoption of a Resolution declaring a shelter crisis in Pacifica may assist in Pacifica being eligible to receive HEAP funding to expend towards the homeless issues prevalent in Pacifica.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

Decline to adopt this Resolution. This alternative may prevent Pacifica from being eligible to receive HEAP funding.

RELATION TO CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND WORK PLAN:

Adopting this resolution as a first step in applying for HEAP funding to assist with homeless issues in Pacifica resonates with the 2018-2019 City Council goal of working towards “***A Healthy and Compassionate Community.***”

ORIGINATED BY:

Police

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact in adopting this Resolution. Future fiscal benefits could be realized if Pacifica applies for and receives HEAP funding.

ORIGINATED BY:

Police

ATTACHMENT LIST:

None (TXT)



RESOLUTION NO. __-____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFICA DECLARING A SHELTER CRISIS PURSUANT TO SB 850 (CHAPTER 48, STATUTES OF 2018 AND GOVERNMENT CODE § 8698.2).

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;

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);

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;

WHEREAS, the City of Pacifica finds that 112 persons within the City of Pacifica are homeless and living without shelter;

WHEREAS, the City of Pacifica finds that the number of homeless is significant, and these persons are without the ability to obtain shelter;

WHEREAS, the City of Pacifica finds that the health and safety of unsheltered persons in the City of Pacifica is threatened by a lack of shelter;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Pacifica affirms the City of Pacifica’s commitment to combatting homelessness and creating or augmenting a continuum of shelter and service options for those living without shelter in our communities;

RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pacifica, California, that a shelter crisis pursuant to Government Code §8698.2 exists in the City of Pacifica, and authorizes the City of Pacifica’s participation in the Homeless Emergency Aid Program.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Pacifica at the meeting of December 10, 2018, by the following vote of the members thereof:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS:

John Keener, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michelle Kenyon, City Attorney

ATTEST:

Sarah Coffey, City Clerk