



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL
SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

FROM: Mayor Sam Liccardo
DATE: April 20, 2020

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SUBJECT: ACTIONS RELATED TO THE HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION (HHAP) GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RECOMMENDATION

1. Accept Staff's recommendations, with the direction to the City Administration to make the changes below to recommendation (a)(4):
 - a. For the HHAP youth set-aside appropriation of \$2 million to Bill Wilson Center, extend contract period to June 30, 2022.
 - b. Expand Bill Wilson Center's efforts under HHAP funding to include emergency shelter, transitional housing assistance and rapid rehousing in addition to the Transition in Place program.

Discussion

Thank you to staff for moving quickly to deploy the one-time State homelessness HHAP funding that was received this month to get assistance to our unsheltered and homeless families and individuals during this COVID-19 pandemic.

This public health emergency also calls for additional flexibility in serving our City's unsheltered and homeless youth. The Transition in Place (TIP) program includes rental assistance over 12-18 months to properly stabilize youth residents into permanent homes. Allowing for a little over two years to expend the \$2 million HHAP funds allows for adequate deployment of funds for TIP participants.

Likewise, more flexibility is needed to provide temporary emergency shelter in the immediacy to bring unsheltered and homeless youth into transitional and/or rapid rehousing before they can be placed into the TIP program.