

## REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL



**DATE:** October 2, 2018

**TITLE:** Resolution Declaring Shelter Crisis Pursuant to Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) (SB 850)

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### RECOMMENDATION

- 1) Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Desert Hot Springs, California; declaring a shelter crisis pursuant to Government Code § 8698.2; and
- 2) Authorize City Manager, or designee, to process and execute all necessary documents to submit a request for and to coordinate with The CoC Board of Governance of Riverside County in seeking HEAP funding.

### BACKGROUND

Authorized by Senate Bill (SB) 850, the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) is a \$500 million block grant program designated to provide direct assistance to cities, counties, and the Continuum of Care (CoC) that serve them to address the homeless crisis throughout California.

HEAP funding is divided into three categories for distribution:

Category for Distribution	Funded Amount	Eligible Applicants
A. Continuum of Care (Based on Point in Time Count Ranges)	\$250,000,000.00	Continuum of Care (COC)
B. Continuum of Care (Based on Percent of Homeless Population)	\$100,000,000.00	Continuum of Care (COC)
C. City / City that is also a County (Based on Population)	\$150,000,000.00	Large Cities with a population over 330,000

### DISCUSSION

On August 28, 2018, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution declaring a shelter crisis in the unincorporated areas of the County. This resolution allows the County to receive funds from the HEAP Program. The Riverside County CoC is expected to receive a total allocation of \$9,791,805, based on a formula that takes into consideration the homeless point in time county data collected annually.

#### Eligible Uses

HEAP funds are intended to provide funding to CoCs and large cities (with a population over 330,000), to provide immediate emergency assistance to people experiencing homelessness. Eligible uses include, but are not limited to the following:

- Homelessness prevention activities;
- Criminal justice diversion programs for homeless individuals with mental health needs;
- Establishing or expanding services meeting the needs of homeless youth or youth at-risk of homelessness;
- Emergency aid

The parameters of the program are intentionally broad to encourage the CoCs and the 11 large cities to be creative and craft programs that meet specific needs that have been identified in their communities.

### Eligible Applicants

Counties and cities with populations less than 330,000 cannot directly apply for HEAP funds and must participate in the collaborative process with the CoC whose service area includes the city or county if they wish to receive HEAP funds.

For Riverside County, the designated “Administrative Entity” is the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS). DPSS will prepare and submit the application for HEAP funding on behalf of the County’s CoC. The County CoC Board of Governance may establish additional priorities for the use of these funds, which will be then issued by DPSS as a Request for Proposals to solicit applications from cities and other service providers.

### Timeline:

September 5, 2018	State releases the HEAP Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)
September 20, 2018	CoC Board of Governance Meeting to determine priorities
October 1, 2018	DPSS releases Request for Proposals
October 22, 2018	CoC Board of Governance Meeting to finalize applicants <b>City Shelter Declarations Due</b>
December 15, 2018	DPSS submits applications to State
December 31, 2018	State final deadline for Round 1

Only cities who have adopted a resolution (Exhibit 1) declaring a shelter emergency may submit proposals through this process.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Adoption of this resolution may provide funding available to organizations for implementation of improvements and programs for homelessness.

### **EXHIBITS**

- 1) Resolution
- 2) HEAP Overview
- 3) Notice of Funding Availability - HEAP