



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER

Board Meeting Date: 9/4/2018

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
Subject: County Manager's Report #15 of 2018

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept this informational report.

BACKGROUND:

This report will provide you with updates on a variety of County initiatives focusing on Public Safety, Health and Human Services, Community Services and Performance, in addition to reports on legislation and issues that require your action. We also will keep you and the public informed about new services, upcoming events and general updates.

DISCUSSION:

Public Safety

OES, departments gear up for statewide earthquake recovery drill

On Thursday, September 6, the County and 20 cities will test their disaster response and resiliency during the annual Yellow Command exercise which in this year's scenario is set four days after a catastrophic earthquake. With September being National Preparedness Month and the Northern California wildfires serving as a grave reminder of our vulnerability, the exercise timing is apt. The drill will help highlight both our strengths and vulnerabilities so that we can improve our abilities to keep our community safe.

Lead by the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES), the exercise will include a full activation of the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) including participating County departments, and activation of a Joint Information Center (JIC) lead by the County's Chief Communications Officer with participating public information officers countywide. The Human Services Agency (HSA) will fully activate its Department Operations Center (DOC) including two simulated shelter sites and full participation from the Red Cross, and the cities of Belmont, San Mateo and Foster City will jointly open a physical shelter. The exercise will test the County and cities' interoperable communications, situational awareness, information sharing and resource requesting. Additionally, the County will be testing its communications channels with other counties, the region and the state to simulate the State's Standardized Emergency Management System, or SEMS.

Community Services

Tax collector launches new voice-responsive phone line

County property taxpayers can now review and pay their bills over the phone thanks to the new interactive voice response (IVR) system launched by the Tax Collector's Office. The new system, in which users navigate through voice commands, frees up staff to perform other administrative duties and is a more efficient experience for customers. As of the planned overhaul of the office's entire tax system, the IVR line includes a Spanish language option and requires a new toll-free phone number of 866-220-0308. The office has been working with my Communications Team to publicize the new number and will also insert notifications into the annual secured tax bills mailed this month.

The IVR system is provided by Verascope which has implemented the technology for multiple departments including the tax collector in San Bernardino and Sacramento counties.

Measure K

Students celebrate new turf field

The Woodrow Wilson Wildcats of Daly City discovered a welcome gift when they returned to school in August: a new turf field. Nearly 400 students can now play soccer and other sports and sit comfortably for outdoor assemblies on the durable field. Woodrow Wilson had been the only school in the Jefferson Elementary School District without a grass or turf field. A student walk-a-thon, community donations, fundraising and your Board's \$10,000 grant of Measure K funds contributed to the field's purchase and installation. The school celebrated with a ribbon cutting and fun and games.

School year start a reminder of youth mental health first aid resources

With students returning to school this fall, it's a good time for everyone in our community to learn how to help a young person in distress and get the tools needed to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. One-day classes in "Youth Mental Health First Aid" are offered at no cost thanks in part to your Board's support through Measure K funding.

Affordable housing preservation underway

A major renovation project underway in Redwood City will protect and preserve affordable housing for the long term. The 55-unit Mosaic Garden apartments (formerly Atherton Court) on Rolison Road were purchased by the nonprofit MidPen Housing with the assistance of Measure K funds approved by your Board. MidPen is overseeing a complete renovation that will ensure families and individuals with low incomes will have safe and affordable housing. A recent site visit found workers installing new roofing and siding. The community also appears proud of the project - a short video of the work posted on our Facebook page has received more than 1,200 views.

Legislative Update

State budget provides homeless funding for counties

The recently enacted FY 2018-19 State Budget package provides more than \$700 million dollars in funding to help local governments combat homelessness. This one-time funding is available to counties in addition to previously approved ongoing funding and bond funding awaiting approval by California voters. Previously approved homelessness funding includes Senate Bill 2 (Chapter 364, Statutes of 2017), the Building Homes and Jobs Act which imposed a \$75 fee on some real estate transaction documents. Homelessness funding awaiting voter approval on the Nov. 3, 2018 ballot includes: Senate Bill 3 (Chapter 365, Statutes of 2017); the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018 (Proposition 1); and AB 1827 (Chapter 41, Statutes of 2018), the No Place Like Home Act of 2018 (Proposition 2). One-time homelessness funding program opportunities include: The

Homelessness Emergency Aid Program, the Homeless Mentally Ill and Outreach Treatment Program, the CalWORKs Housing Support Program, the Home Safe Pilot Program and the Domestic Violence Shelters and Services program.

Given that local governments will be required to navigate a plethora of requirements for existing and new programs within a matter of months, our departments have begun to meet regularly through the standing Housing Our Clients Workgroup to coordinate the County's response.

The attached FY 18-19 State Homelessness Funds Tracking Matrix provides a comprehensive overview of these available funding sources, including a description of the funding, the target population(s), expected County funding (if available), the funding allocation processes, deadlines/timelines and the lead County entity. Future County Manager Reports will include updates on department actions regarding homelessness funding as they become available.

San Mateo County
FY18-19 State Homelessness Funds Tracking Matrix
 (Based on Available Information as of August 27, 2018)

Funding Source	Legislative Source and Administering State Agency	Target Population/ Description	Statewide Funding Total	Expected Funding for San Mateo County	Funding Allocation Process	Timeline	One-time or ongoing	New	County Lead Entity
California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH) (50% of SB 2 year 1 funds + available CA-ESG funds)	SB 2 (2017) -- Housing and Community Development (HCD)	Funding for a wide array of homeless services, including rapid re-housing, permanent housing, services	\$53M	\$627,447	Allocated on a non-competitive basis, but there may be an application process	1 ST NOFA- Opened Aug.15 2018, due Oct. 15 2018	One-time w/two rounds of funding anticipated August 2018 & Early 2019	Yes	DOH w/HSA
Housing for a Healthy California (50% of SB 2 year 1 funds)	AB 74 (2017) -- HCD	Construction, rehab, acquisition of affordable housing, operating funds/subsidies, targeted for very low-income families	\$57.5M	Unknown	Allocated on a non-competitive basis, but there may be an application process	1 ST NOFA - Aug-Sept 2018 (estimated)	One-time	Yes	DOH
SB 2 ongoing (\$75 real estate fee)	SB 2 (2017) -- HCD	Homeless services (rapid rehousing, shelter, permanent supportive housing), affordable housing for both low-income and moderate-income households	Unknown	Unknown	70% of funding to local governments based on the 2017 CDBG formula. Funds to be appropriated through state budget on annual basis.	Unknown	Ongoing, but uses and allocation may change	Yes	DOH w/HSA

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SB 3 Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act	SB 3 (2018) (Proposition 1 on Nov. ballot) -- HCD	Places a \$4B general obligation bond on the November 2018 ballot to support affordable housing development, homeownership, veterans home/farm purchase assistance	\$4B (subject to bond sales)	Unknown	Unknown	1 st NOFA anticipated Spring 2019 -- (if approved by voters) & subsequent NOFAs throughout a five year timeframe	One-time, but multiple rounds of funding	Yes	DOH
No Place Like Home	AB 1827/SB 861 (2018) (Proposition 2 on Nov. ballot for validation of use of MHSA funds.) -- HCD	Permanent supportive housing for homeless persons who need mental health services, new construction, rehabilitation, subsidies, services. Counties working jointly w/nonprofit developer	\$2B \$190M (18-19) non-competitive & \$1.8B competitive	Unknown	Noncompetitive: December 2018 (estimated) -- Competitive: Early 2019 (estimated)	Initial NOFA out now (shared housing) -- If approved by voters in Nov., NOFA in December	Unknown	Repurposed MHSA funding	Health (BHRS) w/DOH

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Emergency Assistance Block Grants for Homeless-ness (a.k.a. Homeless Emergency Aid Program, or HEAP)	SB 850 (2018) -- Business Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH)	Funding for a wide variety of homeless services, prevention, emergency housing vouchers, diversion, rapid rehousing, emergency shelter construction, other homeless services At least 5% must be spent on youth Appears that cities may be eligible applicants, but would apply through HSA	\$500M	\$4.9M	The CoC (HSA) must apply for the funds and demonstrate collaboration with cities and other stakeholders -- County BOS must declare a shelter crisis via a resolution (<i>Cities may also need to declare- need more information</i>)	Round 1 NOFA-opens Sept, closes Dec 2018 Round 2 NOFA-Spring 2019 -- 50% of funds spent by Jan 2020 and all funds must be utilized by June 2021	One-time	Yes	HSA
Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Program (HMIOT)	SB 840 (2017) Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)	Multi-disciplinary team for supporting intensive outreach, treatment and other services for homeless persons living with mental illness & justice-involved Counties encouraged to leverage w/WPC	\$50M	\$581,000	County allocations based on 2017 HUD PIT count	Letter of interest & Board Resolution due to DHCS by September 25, 2018	One-time	Yes	BHRS

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CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP)	218-19 State budget -- Department of Social Services (DSS)	Program for families enrolled in CalWORKs who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. As a rapid re-housing program, it includes time-limited rent subsidies, housing location support, and case management.	\$72M	\$1.1M initial allocation (HSA applying for additional funds)	\$1.1M allocated as baseline funding for San Mateo County, then competitive process for remaining funding	October for possible additional funding	Ongoing	No	HSA
Home Safe Pilot Program	2018-19 State budget -- DSS	Pilot program for housing supports and homeless prevention services for victims of elder abuse County must opt-in and provide 1:1 matching funds; pilot program	\$15M over 3 years	Unknown	Unknown	Late 2018/Early 2019 (estimated)	One-time	Yes	Health (AAS)
Domestic Violence Shelters and Services	2018-19 State budget -- Office of Emergency Services	Funding to assist victims of domestic violence with shelter	\$10M	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	HSA w/District Attorney

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Homeless Youth and Exploitation Program	2018-19 State budget -- Office of Emergency Services	Funding to continue to fund the Homeless Youth and Exploitation Program	\$2M	Likely \$0 (only 6 counties will be funded)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Unknown	No	Not applicable
Community Services Infrastructure (CSI) Grant Program	SB 843 Section 52 (2016) California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA)	Justice-involved individuals w/mental health illness, substance use disorders, or who suffer from trauma. -- Facility acquisition, renovation, equipment acquisition, and applicable startup or expansion costs for facilities that provide mental health services, substance use treatment, and/or trauma recovery services.	\$65M	Unknown	Competitive w/counties being able to partner -- \$2.5M maximum in 1 st round	Application submission period opens-Oct/Nov 2018 -- Application period close—March 19, 2018	One-time	Yes	HSA/Health (Correctional Health)