



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Date: September 26, 2017

To: Honorable Members of the Homeless Strategy Committee

From:  Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr., Interim City Administrative Officer 

Subject: **Funding for Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Emergency Response Teams in Support of Los Angeles Police Department's Homeless Outreach and Proactive Engagement Teams**


Attached for your consideration is a report from the City Homeless Coordinator in response to instruction from the Homelessness and Poverty Committee to report on funding needs and options to ensure continued Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority support of the Los Angeles Police Department's Homeless Outreach and Proactive Engagement Teams (C.F. 17-0331).

REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Date: September 26, 2017

To: Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr., Interim City Administrative Officer

From: Meg Barclay, City Homeless Coordinator 

Subject: **Funding for Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Emergency Response Teams in Support of Los Angeles Police Department's Homeless Outreach and Proactive Engagement Teams**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Homeless Strategy Committee review and process the following recommendations for Council and Mayor consideration:

1. INSTRUCT the General Manager, Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA), or designee to amend City Contract Number C-126258 to reallocate within the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's Fiscal year 2017-18 General Fund allocation as follows:
 - a. Reduce funding for "City Homeless Programs" in the amount of \$509,031 (funds are in the CES Crisis & Bridge account); and
 - b. Increase funding for "Emergency Response Teams" in the amount of \$509,031.

2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer appropriations within Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA) General Fund Program 10A/43 as follows:

From:

Account No.	Account Name	Amount
43N479	CES Crisis & Bridge	\$509,031

To:

43P486	Emergency Response Teams (ERT)	\$509,031
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3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, HCIDLA, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions and make any necessary technical adjustments consistent with the Mayor and Council action in this matter, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and request the Controller to implement these instructions.

SUMMARY

This report provides funding recommendations in response to instruction from the Homelessness and Poverty Committee to report on funding needs and options to ensure continued Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) support of the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD's) Homeless Outreach and Proactive Engagement (HOPE) Teams (C.F. 17-0331).

BACKGROUND

HOPE Teams consist of dedicated LAPD officers and staff from the Department of Public Works Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) and LAHSA. HOPE Teams are designed to improve outcomes for unsheltered homeless individuals through increased service linkages, enhance public health and safety, and support communities Citywide by keeping public areas clean, safe, and accessible.

There is one HOPE Team in each of LAPD's four (4) bureaus, a total of 38 police officers and four (4) sergeants assigned to them. LASAN has dedicated four (4) workers to each HOPE Team to perform homeless encampment clean-ups in coordination with HOPE Teams. LAHSA has eight (8) Emergency Response Teams (ERTs) working with HOPE Teams – two (2) two-person teams for each of the four (4) HOPE Teams. ERTs provide outreach and engagement services to homeless individuals as they interact with HOPE Teams to connect them to services and other resources offered through the Coordinated Entry System (CES) and LA County's Departments of Mental Health and Health Services.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17, the City provided funding for the LASAN and LAHSA components of HOPE Teams from the General Fund (C.F. 16-0600-S110). In FY 2017-18, LAHSA requested approximately \$1.5 million through the Los Angeles County Measure H Revenue Planning Process to continue funding for the eight (8) existing HOPE Team ERTs and one (1) additional ERT for a new HOPE Team for the Los Angeles River. As a result, the City's FY 2017-18 budget did not include funding for HOPE Team ERTs.

The Board of Supervisors approved final Measure H funding allocations in June 2017, after the City budget had been approved. While these allocations incorporated funding for the nine (9) ERTs LAHSA requested, their purpose was changed from dedicated HOPE Team support to support for law enforcement countywide.

In order to avoid an interruption in service, the County agreed to support the existing eight (8) ERTs for HOPE Teams with Measure H funding for the first quarter of FY 2017-18. Additionally, because 60% of the County's homeless population is located in the City, the County will continue funding for five (5) of these teams to continue their work with HOPE Teams through the end of FY 2017-18. Therefore, nine (9) months' funding is needed for the remaining four (4) teams. LAHSA reports that the annual cost for each two-person HOPE Team ERT is \$169,677. Nine (9) months' funding for four teams amounts to \$509,031.

LAHSA's General Fund allocation in the City's FY 2017-18 Homeless Budget includes \$1,000,000 for City Homeless Programs to fund street strategy programs such as voluntary storage, safe parking, and other Council directives. To date, these funds have not been designated for a specific program or project, and funding for HOPE Team ERTs in response to Council directive is consistent with the purpose of this allocation. Therefore, it is recommended that the Council instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID), as the City's contract administrator with LAHSA, to take the necessary actions to use \$509,031 from funding allocated for City Homeless Programs to support four (4) HOPE Team ERTs from October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.