



## **CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DEPARTMENT:** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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**TITLE:** COALITION OF HOMELESS SERVICES PROVIDERS  
HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION  
PROGRAM ROUND 4 GRANT APPLICATION

### **RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

A motion to approve a Resolution approving the submission of a grant application for the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program Round 4 to the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers (CHSP) in the amount of \$540,000 dollars and authorizing the Interim City Manager or designee to execute all required agreements and other necessary documents to allow acceptance of an award and the implementation of the proposed project.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

On February 9, 2024, the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers (CHSP) issued a Request for Local Proposals (RFLP) for the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 4, announcing \$2,251,477.64 in funding to enhance regional coordination and further develop a cohesive regional strategy aimed at diminishing and ultimately eliminating homelessness. In alignment with these efforts, the Community Development Department requests authorization to apply for a \$540,000 grant to sustain and expand the delivery of permanent housing solutions and the operation of existing non-congregate shelters, including the Emergency Motel Program. The proposed Resolution will facilitate the City's ability to accept and manage HHAP-4 funds, if awarded.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Homelessness remains a significant and persistent challenge in the City of Salinas and throughout Monterey County. In response to this enduring crisis, the Community Development Department (CDD) diligently seeks opportunities and crafts innovative solutions to bolster and extend the City's services for the homeless.

In December 2021, the California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (CHCFC) issued a Notice of Funding Availability for a \$1 billion block grant program designed to support regional

coordination and to continue building a unified regional response to reduce and end homelessness. Through this process, the Salinas/Monterey, San Benito Counties Continuum of Care (CA-506) CoC was awarded \$3,195,597.04 in HHAP Round 4 (HHAP-4) funds for projects, services, or programs to address the community's immediate homeless challenges.

The Leadership Council has designated the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers (CHSP) to serve as an Administrative Entity for the CoC HHAP process, and The Lead Me Home Leadership Council has already obligated \$944,119.40 of the HHAP-4 award.

On February 9, 2024, under the auspices of CHCFC and through its designated administrative entity, the CHSP and the CoC issued a Request for Local Proposals (RFLP) soliciting applications to fund HHAP-4 projects and services to continue efforts focused on moving homeless individuals and families into permanent housing and to maintain their permanent housing. The remaining funds available from HHAP-4 for this RFLP are \$2,251,477.64, which includes a Youth Set Aside of \$319,559.70.

The proposed applications requests \$540,000 to continue funding for the delivery of permanent housing interventions (Rapid Rehousing) and operations of existing non-congregate shelters (Interim Sheltering). The table below shows the intended request through the submission of an application for the RFLP.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Funding Category</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
City of Salinas	Rapid Rehousing	\$240,000
City of Salinas	Interim Sheltering	\$300,000
	<b>Total Request</b>	<b>\$540,000</b>

The RFLP will follow the timeline shown below.

RFLP Released	February 9, 2024
Mandatory Bidders Conference	February 15, 2024
Letters of Intent Due	February 22, 2024
Applications Due	March 27, 2024
Application Review Period	March 30, 2024, thru April 11, 2024
Finding Recommendations	April 12, 2024
Appeals Due	April 16, 2024
Appeals Committee (if needed)	April 17, 2024
Leadership Council votes on funding recommendations	April 24, 2024
Projects Notified of awards	April 25, 2024

#### DEPARTMENT COORDINATION:

The HHAP-4 grant will be administered by the City's Community Development Department (CDD) Housing & Community Development Division. Sub-recipient agreements will be executed with each collaborative partner. CDD will coordinate with the City's Finance and Legal Departments to ensure regulatory compliance and the efficient, full disbursement of funds.

#### CEQA CONSIDERATION:

The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action of approving the submission of a grant application for the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program Round 4 is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15378.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The proposed HHAP-4 Grant application furthers the City of Salinas's Strategic Plan 2022-2025 goals and strategies for Housing and Affordable Housing by supporting individuals and families participating in the Emergency Motel Program, facilitating their transition to both immediate and permanent housing solutions, and providing the necessary support to prevent any potential return to homelessness.

#### FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There is no impact on the City's General Fund. The comprehensive proposal and budget, includes over \$4 million in existing, non-General Fund and collaborative partner resources as leverage to support its successful proposal.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution