

# City of Sacramento

## Legislation Text

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**Title:**

**Amendment to the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) Subrecipient Agreement from Sacramento Steps Forward and the Sacramento Continuum of Care (CoC)**

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**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, to: 1) amend the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) Subrecipient Agreement with Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF) to reduce the amount the City administered by \$694,298, for a new total amount of \$1,065,750; 2) reduce the revenue and expenditure budgets in the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (G02000820) operating grant project by \$694,298 in the Operating Grants Fund (Fund 2702) to reflect the amended Subrecipient Agreement; and 3) return the \$694,298 in HEAP grant funds to SSF.

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**Presenter:** None

**Attachments:**

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Subrecipient Agreement
- 3-Resolution

**Description/Analysis**

**Issue Detail:** On April 23, 2019, the City Council (Council) adopted a resolution to receive and administer \$1,760,048 in grant funding from Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF), the lead agency for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care program (CoC). These funds are part of a \$12.7 million grant from the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing agency (BSCH) to the CoC under the HEAP program and were intended to

support enhancements to existing sheltering programs in collaboration with SSF and Sacramento County.

The City and County of Sacramento undertook a collaborative planning process to invest in sheltering programs in the River District, ultimately awarding new contracts for two programs (North 5<sup>th</sup> Street and North A Street) in December 2019. As part of this collaboration, it was agreed that the City would serve as the administrator of the contract for the North 5<sup>th</sup> Street Shelter and the County would serve as the administrator for the North A Street Shelter. The HEAP funds are to support both of these programs. To facilitate the County's contract at North A Street, the City is returning \$694,298 in HEAP funds to Sacramento Steps Forward to be allocated to the County to support the North A Street Shelter site. The City's agreement with SSF is being amended for a new total of \$1,065,750 as detailed in the table below. Funding for Youth Respite/Shelter Programs budget will remain at \$323,648. Funding to expand existing single shelter programs will decrease from \$1,436,400 to \$742,102.

Program Component	Funding Component	Funding
Youth Respite/ Shelter Programs	CoC (SSF) HEAP	\$323,648
Expand Existing Single Shelter Programs	CoC (SSF) HEAP	\$742,102
Total		\$1,065,750

**Policy Considerations:** All HEAP investments recommended require active coordination with the homeless CoC and participation in the community's coordinated entry and assessment program. Per the HEAP statute, these programs must have the "housing first" approach. Housing first principles ensure that emergency shelter be provided with few to no barriers to access and focus on linking clients with permanent housing as quickly as possible. In housing first programs, supportive services are offered (but not required as a condition of tenancy) in shelters and ongoing to help people keep their housing and avoid returning to homelessness. This evidence-based approach is consistent with the strategies and funding priorities of the other public agencies working to end homelessness in Sacramento and is required for all HEAP funded programs.

**Economic Impacts:** None

**Environmental Considerations:** None

**Sustainability:** None

**Commission/Committee Action:** None

**Rationale for Recommendation:** Homelessness continues to be a compelling and pivotal issue for the Sacramento Community. SSF provided funds to the City for shelter operations at North

5<sup>th</sup> Street and North A Street sites. As the County is the operator of the North A Street, the City is returning \$694,298 in HEAP funds to Sacramento Steps Forward to be allocated to the County to support the North A Street Shelter site.

**Financial Considerations:** To facilitate the County's contract at North A Street, the City is returning \$694,298 in HEAP funds to Sacramento Steps Forward to be allocated to the County to support the North A Street Shelter site. The City's agreement with SSF is being amended for a new total of \$1,065,750. Funding for Youth Respite/Shelter Programs budget will remain at \$323,648. Funding to expand existing single shelter programs will decrease from \$1,436,400 to \$742,102.

**Local Business Enterprise (LBE):** None