

Housing & Community Development Consolidated Plan 2022-23 (PY 48)

May 2022 Public Meetings Q & A

- 1) Are you going to talk about how the new funding for these 4 programs is going to be spent?**

The Mayor's Office will provide this shortly.

- 2) Which group or organization are you more likely to fund their projects? Projects from an organization that can fund the project by themselves or one who may not have all the funding?**

In general, we review a project application's eligibility and readiness. The funding is time-sensitive, so we recommend an applicant be as ready to spend as possible.

- 3) What are emergency solutions?**

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) supports an array of services to assist the homeless population. It can include shelter services, for example.

- 4) Can any of this funding be geared towards Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) that will have onsite Medical and Dental Services (via mobile van)?**

In some cases, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) can be used to support infrastructure/equipment that supports medical and dental services for low-income residents. We would look at the proposed project detail on a case-by-case basis.

- 5) You mentioned \$491,000 for shower programs, what is the total funding for that program and how many people can take showers via that program?**

As mentioned, last year's funding commitment was approximately \$516,000. This year's proposed commitment is \$491,061. Also, please note that the City funds shower services with both City General Fund and State Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) and Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funds. These shower services are available to people City-wide with a couple programs focused in Skid Row and in Council District 1. These services provide a minimum of 12 showers per day and 4,380 showers per year.

- 6) Why were those CDBG applicants that weren't selected for recommended funding not formally notified, and therefore given any opportunity to appeal?**

The final budget has not been approved; formal notification, once the budget is formally approved, will follow.

7) Secondly, is there still a second chance for those not initially funded, to be funded?

You may want to contact your Councilmember to advocate for your project. You are encouraged to attend the Housing Committee and Council meetings that will be scheduled, to advocate for your project. You can also seek funding in subsequent program years.

8) Are survivors of human trafficking being included in the goals and plans?

The proposed, PY 48 budget does include funding for the City's network of Domestic Violence (DV) and Human Trafficking Shelter/Services. Also, note that shelter operations are proposed to be funded at \$2.7 million and DV Crisis to Shelter Program at approximately \$520,000.

9) What about affordable housing for survivors of human trafficking?

Our service providers work with families to identify and be prepared to apply for and access affordable housing that the City helps finance. Please also note that the City has invested approximately \$5 million in CDBG-COVID related funds to the Survivors First Program which assists survivors with assistance to stay stably housed and to utilize emergency funding to find permanent housing.

10) Is there funding for new shelter programs?

There is ESG funding for on-going Homeless Shelter Programs including the Downtown Drop in Center, Emergency Shelter, and Winter Shelter. Additionally, ESG will provide continued funding for Rapid Rehousing slots.

11) Will there be funding for organizations to develop affordable housing programs?

As noted, the HOME grant funds the development of affordable housing via a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process. Affordable housing developers are invited to respond to a NOFA process that the Housing Department administers. You may also visit housing.lacity.org to subscribe for notices.

12) Besides electric car ride share, has any thought been given to providing public electric car charging ports? Or even to have the option to use BlueLA chargers?

Some information on public electric car charging ports can be found here: https://lalights.lacity.org/connected-infrastructure/ev_stations.html.