

HEAP

Homeless Emergency Assistance Program

Earlier this year, Mayor Garcetti and the mayors of California's largest 11 cities pressed Governor Brown and the State Legislature for more funding to tackle homelessness in our cities.

The partnership between mayors and state leaders resulted in the Homeless Emergency Assistance Program (HEAP) — a \$500 million block grant initiative that will provide direct, immediate aid to local governments to address California's homelessness crisis.

Building on L.A.'s broader strategy, HEAP will provide \$85 million to the City for assistance to homeless Angelenos and another \$81 million to the Los Angeles Homelessness Services Authority. Funding can be deployed on capital; operating support; homelessness prevention; criminal justice diversion efforts; services for homeless youth or those at risk of homelessness; and emergency aid, including shelters, public bathrooms, and shower facilities.

Los Angeles is the first city to receive its HEAP grant award, and we will put those funds to work right away — starting with financing for two A Bridge Home sites, including over \$1.6 million for the Schrader Boulevard project and more than \$2.1 million for the Veterans Affairs West Los Angeles project. Taken together, this will help support 170 shelter beds for homeless Angelenos.

HEAP Spending Plan

At the direction of the City Council, the City Administrative Officer recommended funding five categories of spending in the City's application. Council Offices and City Departments will be able to request funding from these accounts through a Council motion or letter, with final funding recommendations approved by the Homeless Strategy Committee, City Council, and Mayor.

- Bridge Housing (\$45 million): To increase the Crisis and Bridge Housing Fund to \$65 million, providing up to \$4.3 million per Council District for bridge housing and safe parking. Any funds left unused by the end of 2018 will be deposited into a general account and put to use on Proposition HHH-funded supportive housing projects or for alternative housing projects like accessory dwelling units or shared housing.
- Skid Row Services (\$20 million): To create a fund for homeless emergency response programs and projects for Skid Row, including temporary crisis and bridge housing, storage, hygiene programs, and reentry services for formerly incarcerated individuals.
- General Funding (\$11,512,246.30): To support homeless prevention and diversion programs, general homeless services, and hygiene services.
- Youth Programs (\$4,250,680.35): To invest in services for homeless youth or youth at risk of being homeless.
- Administrative Costs (\$4,250,680.35)