



DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELESSNESS AND  
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

# Behested Payment Waiver: Shelter and Homeless Services

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# Proposed Legislation Details

- Authorize the **Office of the Mayor** and **Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing** to solicit donations from various private entities and organizations to support **the expansion of temporary shelter and other homeless services**.
  - Current Behested Payment Waiver was approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 26, 2024, through Resolution No. 125-24 and will expire on October 17, 2024.
- In the past, HSH and the Office of the Mayor have established successful and innovative **public-private partnerships** to meet **critical needs of people experiencing homelessness**.
- The **Mayor's Fund for the Homeless** is a category eight fund established to receive donations for homeless services, with existing reporting to Homeless Oversight Commission and Annual Reporting to the Board of Supervisors.

# Shelter Crisis

- According to the 2024 Point-in-Time Count, there were **~8,323** people experiencing homelessness, **52%** of whom were unsheltered.
  - 2024 PIT count found **13% fewer people sleeping on the streets or in tents** than in 2022, the lowest it has been in ten years.
- As of October 2024, HSH had **3,610** temporary shelter or crisis intervention slots, with a **92% occupancy rate**.
- Home by the Bay: A Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in San Francisco, calls for an investment of resources including **1,075 new shelter beds** to meet the Plan's goals, including a **50% reduction of unsheltered homelessness** in 5 years.

# Philanthropic Needs

Under the current waiver, HSH and the Mayor's Office are in **active conversations** with the following **philanthropies**:

- Crankstart
- Tipping Point Community
- US Aging
- Keith Geeslin
- Schwab Foundation

None of the partners above are contractors with the department. However, all have or may engage in advocacy around homelessness policy or programs and therefore **could be considered an interested party** under the Behested Payment legislation.

## Possible Public Private Partnerships

Expand Family Shelter

Hotel Vouchers to Address the Crisis on our Streets

Time-Limited Housing Subsidies with Education and Workforce Development

Expand Supportive Housing Opportunities for Adults, Families and Young Adults

Youth Health & Wellness Center



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# Questions?

Thank you!