



DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELESSNESS AND
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

To: San Francisco Board of Supervisors

From: Jeff Kositsky, Director Department of Homelessness & Supportive Housing

CC: Mayor Edwin M Lee

Re: The CAAP Discontinuance Rental Assistance Pilot Project. Ordinance: 116-16

Date: September 27, 2017

In June 2016 the Board of Supervisors established the County Adult Assistance Programs (CAAP) Discontinuance Rental Assistance Pilot Project. The purpose of the pilot is to preserve the housing security of individuals who participate in CAAP and who reside in supportive housing funded by the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing where the tenant has engaged in three negligent acts of noncompliance with CAAP program requirements. The pilot program ensures that when a CAAP recipient is discontinued from the program, HSH continues to fund their housing assistance for one month. This assistance prevents the eviction of tenants on CAAP who are discontinued from the program for other non-fraudulent failures to comply with program rules. This memo serves as the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing's report on the pilot progress as required in Ordinance 116-16.

There are currently 2,430 CAAP active clients living in master-leased supportive housing. For the period between July 2016 and September 2017, 71 people were enrolled in the CAAP Discontinuance Rental Assistance Pilot Project. None of the participating tenants were evicted as a result of losing their CAAP grant. The pilot program operated as intended and prevented the possible evictions of 71 highly vulnerable people who would have likely returned to homelessness had they been evicted from their housing. This pilot program contributes to the very low rate of eviction from permanent supportive housing. In FY 16-17 only 1.94% of the 9,326 households that lived in HSH funded permanent supportive housing were evicted during the year.

Due to the success of the pilot project, HSH recommends the continuation of the pilot program as policy and has begun to develop a strategy to ensure that the rental assistance opportunity is more widely accessed by eligible tenants of supportive housing. HSH is in the process of developing operating procedures that we will roll out with our contracted supportive housing providers to expand this pilot program.

