



DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELESSNESS AND
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE HEARING

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HSH SUPPORT FOR NONPROFIT PARTNERS

- ▶ HSH has made additional resources available to our nonprofit partners to support them during the COVID-19 pandemic, including:
 - ▶ Contract funding to maintain essential services
 - ▶ Free childcare for HSH nonprofit staff providing essential services
 - ▶ Free COVID-19 testing for nonprofit staff
 - ▶ Free isolation, quarantine or respite hotels for workers

CONTRACT FUNDING SUPPORT

HSH is providing over \$500,000 in “flexible funding” on a monthly basis while the shelter-in-place order is in effect to providers performing essential services.

- ▶ Funding can support the lowest-paid employees within our nonprofit partner organization.
- ▶ Goal: To keep HSH-funded nonprofit essential operations going to comply with the shelter-in-place order
- ▶ Goal: To give nonprofits the flexibility to allocate the funds for how they see fit to address operational needs
- ▶ HSH nonprofit partners have the flexibility to reallocate available current-year contract savings to meet these goals.

CHILD CARE RESOURCES

The City's child care program has been expanded to nonprofit partners on the front lines of the COVID-19 outbreak.

- ▶ So far, 63 nonprofit staff have requested access to this resource



COVID-19 TESTING

- ▶ The City recently launched the first City-sponsored COVID-19 Testing Site, called CityTestSF.
- ▶ This service is now available to City Contractors and Nonprofit Partners who provide essential services.
- ▶ Having easy access to testing for our essential workforce is a critical next step in fighting the spread of COVID-19.
- ▶ Having access to testing right away when symptoms appear, reduces the spread of the virus and keeps us all safer.

ALTERNATIVE HOUSING FOR STAFF

- ▶ Through the City, HSH's nonprofit partners now have access to City-funded hotel rooms for isolation, quarantine or respite.
- ▶ This resources has been critical in allowing staff to quarantine and isolate in the event that they are “under investigation” or have tested positive for COVID-19.
- ▶ This resources has provided critical housing for staff commuting significant distances who would likely miss shifts without housing support.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- ▶ Increased janitorial resources for nonprofit partners
- ▶ Increased meal services for shelters, PSH, and outreach
- ▶ Increased cleaning supplies for all essential programs
- ▶ Personal Protective Equipment for essential staff rolling out



STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING

San Francisco anticipates additional resources from the state and federal government to help offset the cost of our COVID response.

- ▶ \$6.25M in state Project Room Key resources to support non-FEMA reimbursable expenses
- ▶ \$5.5M in federal Emergency Solutions Grant funding to cover additional costs for outreach and shelter
- ▶ The total funding picture is still unclear but these resources do not fully cover the cost of San Francisco's approach to addressing the crisis.