

Mayor Edwin M. Lee  
City & County of San Francisco



Department of Homelessness &  
Supportive Housing

Jeff Kositsky  
Director

December 8, 2016

Honorable Mark Farrell  
Chair, Budget and Finance Committee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
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City Hall, Room 244  
San Francisco, California 94102

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Subject: Request for the Release of Reserve Funds for Critical Homeless Services

Dear Supervisor Farrell:

The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) respectfully requests that the Budget and Finance Committee release \$6,500,000 placed on reserve during the fiscal year 2016/2017 budget process that the Department can continue critical homeless services.

The Committee previously placed \$12,000,000 on reserve from the Department's proposed 2016/2017 budget pending the passage of Proposition K, the sales tax increase. The Department has worked closely with the Mayor's Budget Office to identify critical services, including keeping open the successful navigation centers, funding rental subsidies for low-income seniors, and investing in supportive housing exits from homelessness.

An overview of the Department's balancing plan is summarized below:

HSH Rebalancing Plan	FY 16-17 Revised Budget	FY 17-18 Revised Base Budget	FY 18-19 Proposed Budget
Navigation Centers/Shelters	(4.8)	(8.5)	(8.5)
Housing Exits	(1.7)	(10.4)	(10.4)
Transitional Housing	-	(0.7)	(0.7)
Street Homeless Solutions	-	(0.2)	(0.2)
<b>Total Backfill:</b>	<b>(6.50)</b>	<b>(19.85)</b>	<b>(19.85)</b>

Releasing the reserve will allow the Department to continue its critical work.

Respectfully,

*Marisa Perena Tully for*  
Jeff Kositsky

Director