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RESOLUTION NO.

[Behested Payment Waiver - Temporary Shelter and Homeless Services]

Resolution authorizing the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing's Executive Director, Chief Deputies, Deputy Directors and Program Directors to solicit donations from various private entities and organizations to support the expansion of temporary shelter and other homeless services to support people experiencing homelessness, notwithstanding the Behested Payment Ordinance.

WHEREAS, The Mission of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing ("HSH" or "Department") is to prevent homelessness when possible and make homelessness rare, brief and one-time in the City and County of San Francisco ("the City") through the provision of coordinated, compassionate and high-quality services; and

WHEREAS, With the enactment of Resolution No. 319-18 in October 2018, the Board of Supervisors declared a shelter crisis and affirmed San Francisco's commitment to a continuum of shelter and service options for people experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, As of the 2024 Point-in-Time Count, there were approximately 8,323 people experiencing homelessness in San Francisco on any given night, 52% of whom were unsheltered; and

WHEREAS, In April 2023, the City released the five-year strategic plan "Home by the Bay: An Equity-Driven Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in San Francisco" which calls for resources including 1,075 new shelter beds to meet the goals set out in the plan, including the goal to reduce unsheltered homelessness by 50%; and

WHEREAS, While HSH continues to expand shelter, prevention, housing and other resources, we know that more resources need to be made available to address the crisis on our streets; and

1 WHEREAS, HSH has established successful and innovative public-private
2 partnerships to expand shelter and other services to meet the critical needs of people
3 experiencing unsheltered homelessness; and

4 WHEREAS, The Mayor's Fund for the Homeless (Administrative Code, Section
5 10.100-106) was established as a category eight fund to receive all private donations,
6 grants, gifts and bequests of money, to assist people in need in finding long-term housing
7 and overcoming barriers to employment by supporting outreach services, shelters,
8 navigation centers, flexible housing assistance, housing and other resources; and

9 WHEREAS, HSH, as the designated administrator of the Mayor's Fund for the
10 Homeless (Administrative Code, Section 10.100-106) is required to report regularly to the
11 Homeless Oversight Commission on deposits and expenditures from the fund, as well as
12 furnish an annual report to the Board of Supervisors showing such gifts received, the
13 nature or amount of said gifts, and the disposition thereof (Administrative Code, Section
14 10.100); and

15 WHEREAS, HSH works with philanthropic organizations, private companies and
16 community stakeholders including homeless service providers, often through grant
17 agreements; and

18 WHEREAS, On October 17, 2023, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved
19 Resolution No. 483-23 authorizing a waiver of the City's Behested Payment Ordinance
20 (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the Office of the
21 Mayor and HSH, to the extent that it restricts the Mayor, Executive Director of HSH and
22 officers and employees of the Office of the Mayor and HSH from soliciting financial support
23 or in-kind goods or services, from persons or entities that would be considered interested
24 parties, to support expansion of temporary shelter or other homeless services; and
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1 WHEREAS, On March 26, 2024, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved
2 Resolution No. 125-24 authorizing a 6-month waiver of the City's Behested Payments
3 Ordinance (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the
4 Office of the Mayor and HSH that expired on October 18, 2024; and

5 WHEREAS, On October 22, 2024, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved
6 Resolution No. 517-24 authorizing a 6-month waiver of the City's Behested Payments
7 Ordinance (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the
8 Office of the Mayor and HSH that expired on April 17, 2025; and

9 WHEREAS, On February 11, 2025, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved
10 Ordinance No. 010-25 authorizing the Office of the Mayor for six months to solicit donations
11 from various private entities and organizations to support the City's work on the Core
12 Initiatives, which include Projects Addressing Homelessness, notwithstanding the Behested
13 Payment Ordinance; and

14 WHEREAS, On March 25, 2025, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved
15 Resolution No. 126-25 authorizing a 6-month waiver of the City's Behested Payments
16 Ordinance (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Section 3.600 et seq.) for the
17 Executive Director and following employees of HSH: Chief Deputies, Deputy directors and
18 Program Directors for a period of six months beginning on April 15, 2025; and

19 WHEREAS, HSH seeks a new waiver of the City's Behested Payments Ordinance
20 (Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Sections 3.600 et seq.) for the Executive
21 Director and the following employees of HSH: Chief Deputies, Deputy Directors and
22 Program Directors for a period of six months from the effective date of this Resolution; and

23 WHEREAS, HSH seeks to fundraise or engage in philanthropic partnerships with the
24 entities that may be considered to be interested parties to one or more of the departments
25 due to advocacy related to homelessness policy or programs; and

1 WHEREAS, The parties receiving this waiver have agreed to report to the Board of
2 Supervisors donations to the City and any third party that were solicited under this waiver;
3 such reports will identify the donor, the amount of the donation, the party that received the
4 donation, and the interested relationship the donor has with the department that solicited
5 the donation; the department or office will submit the reports to the Board within 60 days of
6 the expiration of the 6-month period authorized by this waiver; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That under Section 3.620(f) of the Campaign and Governmental
8 Conduct Code, the Board of Supervisors hereby waives application of the Behested
9 Payment Ordinance for the Executive Director and the following employees of HSH: Chief
10 Deputies, Deputy Directors and Program Directors, so that they may solicit donations from
11 private organizations and philanthropists to support the expansion of temporary shelter and
12 other homeless services to support people experiencing homelessness for a period of six
13 months from the effective date of this Resolution; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That granting this waiver serves the public interest by
15 supporting HSH to explore innovative opportunities to expand the availability of resources
16 to support people experiencing homelessness, specifically temporary shelter and other
17 homeless services to support bringing more people inside and off the streets; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That granting this waiver does not create an appearance of
19 impropriety.
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Gigi Whitley
Homelessness and Supportive Housing
Chief of Finance and Administration

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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DANIEL LURIE
MAYOR

TO: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
FROM: Adam Thongsavat, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors
RE: Temporary Shelter and Homeless Services - Behested Payment Waiver
DATE: November 4, 2025

Resolution authorizing the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing's Executive Director, Chief Deputies, Deputy Directors and Program Directors to solicit donations from various private entities and organizations to support the expansion of temporary shelter and other homeless services to support people experiencing homelessness, notwithstanding the Behested Payment Ordinance.

Should you have any questions, please contact Adam Thongsavat at adam.thongsavat@sfgov.org



November 2025

Behested Payment Wavier Request

The San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) has a long history of successful public-private partnerships that have brought together resources to implement programs that have housed hundreds of people, prevented homelessness, and changed the futures for countless people in our community. These partnerships have leveraged millions of dollars in private funds and public resources and together supported us to maximize impact in our community.

We can more efficiently and effectively achieve our shared goals of reducing homelessness when we work together across sectors to pilot new initiatives and scale evidence-based solutions. To that end, HSH is interested continuously in conversation with the philanthropic sector to build partnerships, develop critical initiatives, and support the needs of the nonprofit organizations operating the Homelessness Response System.

The majority of foundations working to address homelessness ultimately seek to advance systemic policy change as an integral part of their mission, which places them in the gray area of the “attempt to influence” clause included under the definition of “interested parties”. This includes foundations like Tipping Point Community that have put forward millions of dollars to move forward innovative solutions to address the crisis on the streets. For this reason, out of an abundance of caution, HSH treats any foundations as potential interested parties. Additionally, any entity that contracts with HSH is considered to be an interested party, including the San Francisco Housing Accelerator Fund (SF HAF).

HSH staff covered under this waiver will continue to participate in conversations with funders, potential funders, non-profit providers, contractors and other key partners to support a coordinated funding strategy to address homelessness in San Francisco. This includes continued conversations to support the Mayor’s Breaking the Cycle initiative as well as other public-private partnerships and initiatives to meet urgent and unmet needs of our most vulnerable residents.

Engagement with Potential Interested Parties

HSH staff covered under the previous waiver has engaged with the following entities that may be considered interested parties to HSH to either build connections, coordinate funding strategies, support local nonprofit organizations, or invest in the key initiatives to address homelessness in our community:

- Crankstart
- Tipping Point Community
- San Francisco Housing Accelerator Fund
- Schwab Foundation

