



DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELESSNESS AND
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Behested Payment Waiver: Shelter and Homeless Services

Government Audit and Oversight Committee | March 21, 2024



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 October 17, 2023 through Resolution No. 483-23 and will expire on April 19, 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 2022 Point-in-Time Count, there were **~7,750** people experiencing homelessness, **56%** of whom were unsheltered.
- As of March 2024, HSH had **3,467** 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.
 - FY 2023-25 budget funded **~594** new shelter beds, **55% toward strategic plan goal**.

Philanthropic Needs

• Under the current waiver, HSH and the Mayor's Office have started conversations with the **private sector, philanthropy and the social service provider community** to explore public-private partnerships for critical initiatives including:

- Expanding Family Shelter
- Time-Limited Housing Subsidies with Education and Workforce Development
- Expand Supportive Housing Opportunities for Adults, Families and Young Adult
 - Flexible Housing Subsidy Program
 - Housing Ladder

Past Public Private Partnerships

33 Gough Cabin Pilot Program

DignityMoves
HomeFist Services
Tipping Point Community
Urban Alchemy
HSH

Rising Up

Tipping Point Community
HSH
Airbnb
Larkin Street Youth Services



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Questions?

Thank you!