

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Mayor's Fund for the Homeless and Navigation Partnerships Fund]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to reclassify the Mayor's Fund for the Homeless as a category eight fund to permit the accumulation of interest; to authorize the same fund to receive grants, gifts, and bequests of money; and to transfer administration of the Navigation Partnerships Fund from the Mayor's Office to the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing.

Existing Law

Section 10.100-106 of Chapter 10 of the Administrative Code establishes the Mayor's Fund for the Homeless as a category six fund to receive donations received by the City and County of San Francisco for providing shelter, food, and other assistance to the homeless. A category six fund does not allow for the accumulation of interest earned on the principal to be credited to the fund.

Section 10.100-160 of Chapter 10 of the Administrative Code establishes the Navigation Partnerships Fund to pay for navigation services provided by the City or contracted community based organizations. Navigation services provide low barrier-to-entry alternatives to shelter with the goal of stabilizing individuals in housing placements. Currently, the Navigation Partnerships Fund is administered by the Mayor's Office, in consultation with the Human Services Agency and the Department of Public Health.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would reclassify the Mayor's Fund for the Homeless as a category eight fund, permitting the fund to be credited with any interest earned on the principal. The proposed ordinance would also allow the fund to receive grants, gifts, and bequests of money.

The proposed ordinance would also transfer administration of the Navigation Partnerships Fund from the Mayor's Office to the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing.

Background Information

In 2016, the Board of Supervisors enacted legislation creating the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. The Department is charged with managing and directing all programs and services for homeless persons in the City, including street outreach, homeless shelters, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing.

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