

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Establishing the Navigation Partnerships Fund]

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the Navigation Partnerships Fund.

Existing Law

The City has established several special funds in Chapter 10, Article XIII of the Administrative Code. But the City has not created any special fund to support navigation services to assist the homeless.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposal would establish the Navigation Partnerships Fund (the “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 moving homeless individuals off of the streets, providing case management and connection to social service benefits, with an ultimate goal of stabilizing these individuals in housing placements in San Francisco or returning them to family and friends through the Homeward Bound program administered by the Human Services Agency.

The Fund would be a category eight fund, which would provide for automatic appropriation, the accumulation of interest, and that the fund balance would carry forward. See Admin. Code § 10.100-1.

The Mayor’s Office would administer the Fund in consultation with the Human Services Agency and the Department of Public Health. Money received into the Fund would be used exclusively for the provision of navigation services, but expenditures from the Fund may only be made if the City has appropriated an equal amount of funds for navigation services.

The Mayor’s Office would report at least annually to the Board of Supervisors and the Local Homeless Coordinating Board about donations to and expenditures from the Fund.

Background Information

On October 6, 2015, the sponsors introduced a substitute ordinance that added the reporting requirement in subsection (d).

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