



San Francisco Department of Public Health

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Honorable Supervisor Sandra Fewer
Budget and Finance Committee Chair
Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Linda Wong, Clerk
Board of Supervisors
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RE: Release of Budget and Finance Committee Reserve

In accordance with the provisions of the Adopted Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 165-20 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 and the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, I am hereby requesting the release of the Budget and Finance Committee reserve in the amount of \$30,300,000 for FY 2020-21 appropriated for the implementation of key Behavioral Health initiatives to support the City's most vulnerable. These funds were placed on Committee reserve pending a detailed spending plan from the Department of Public Health.

The Adopted FY 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Budget included Our City, Our Homes (Proposition C) funding in DPH's budget to support critical new Behavioral Health initiatives and the first phase of Mental Health SF, our re-envisioning of our Behavioral Health System of Care. Key initiatives include implementing and expanding the new Street Crisis Response Team, increasing treatment bed capacity, improving care coordination and expanding case management slots and expanding the hours of our Behavioral Health Access Center (BHAC) and Pharmacy at 1380 Howard to evenings and weekends to increase access to care and medications, including low threshold buprenorphine. The proposed spending plan for FY 2020-21 is attached to this request.

If you need any additional information to allow for the release of these reserves, please contact Jenny Louie, Acting Chief Financial Officer at jenny.louie@sfdph.org. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Grant Colfax".

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DPH will go before the Board of Supervisors to request the release of reserve funding for FY2020-21 to begin implementation of these vital initiatives.

Principle	Initiative Title	FY 20-21
Meet people where they are	Establish Street Crisis Response Teams and Ensure Immediate Access to Urgent Care Services	7.2
Make it easier to access care	Expand Intensive Case Management and Care Coordination	4.2
	Provide 24/7 Access (and Transportation Services) to Assessment, Diagnosis, Medication Evaluation, Urgent Care Services and/or Referrals	9.8
Provide more locations for treatment and respite	Expand Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment Beds	4.0
Total Budget (including estimated twenty percent Operations & Implementation Support):		30.3