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Recommendations regarding Department Proposals for Release of FY20-21 Budget Reserves
December 15, 2020

The OCOH Oversight Committee has reviewed departmental requests for release of funds made by the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) and the Department of Public Health (DPH), and the Committee voted at its December 15, 2020 meeting on the following 14 potential changes to the departments' requests. The Committee recommends all of the changes below that received five or more votes. The Committee makes no recommendation on the changes that received less than five votes, but we submit the information about those votes for your information and consideration.

Motions passed by the Committee regarding the HSH proposal:

1. Fund only phase 1 and 2 housing exits costs in year 1 in this current recommendation. Allow the department to provide additional data later to justify further release of funds.

Yes votes: 5

No votes: 3

Members absent: 1

2. Fund problem solving at the level requested by HSH for phase 1 and 2.

Yes votes: 6

No votes: 1

Members absent: 2

3. Move 150 rapid rehousing subsidies over to the flex pool, re-evaluate RRH moving into phase 3 and 4.

Yes votes: 7

No votes: 0

Members absent: 2

4. Add workforce development to Adult RRH program.

Yes votes: 7

No votes: 0

Members absent: 2

5. Add 25 Flex Pool subsidies for individuals experiencing homelessness in the Bayview who do not reside in SIP hotels, prioritizing African American individuals for these slots.

Yes votes: 7

No votes: 0

Members Absent: 2

6. Change 20 TAY RRH slots to TAY Flex Pool subsidies.

Yes votes: 7

No votes: 0

Members Absent: 2

7. Add 50 Flex Pool subsidies for Families who do not reside in SIP hotels.

Yes votes: 7

No votes: 0

Members Absent: 2

8. Recommend the Homekey grant match uses alternative funding sources and only uses OCOH funds as last resort.

Yes votes: 7

No votes: 0

Members Absent: 2

9. Fund the extension of Safe Sleep program, but do not fund the extension and revenue losses for emergency shelters (Moscone West and RV Site) using OCOH funds; recommend the department/MYR/BOS use other sources for this cost. If no alternative sources are identified and the program is at risk, OCOH funds may be used.

Yes votes: 7

No votes: 0

Members Absent: 2

10. Fund the current year (FY20-21) cost of extending leases and contracts at SIP hotels according to the revised rehousing plan; however revisit the FY21-22 SIP extension costs once additional information is available regarding FEMA and additional federal stimulus as possible alternative sources of funding for this cost.

Yes votes: 8

No votes: 0

Members Absent: 1

11. Ensure all referrals for housing assistance among guests in hotels are provided by HSH before the start of Phase 1 to minimize delays in placement.

Yes votes: 8

No votes: 0

Members Absent: 1

12. Ensure those outside of SIP hotels, including in Safe Sleep, those in need of storage, those who are document ready in Coordinated Entry, and others in need, are not forgotten during the pandemic.

Yes votes: 8

No votes: 0

Members Absent: 1

The following recommendation about the HSH proposal was discussed by the Committee but did not receive sufficient votes to pass.

13. Recommend department/MYR/BOS use OCOH Administration allocation and/or other sources for provider pay equity costs proposed by HSH; recommends not to use OCOH programmatic funds for this cost.

Yes votes: 4

No votes: 2

Members Absent: 3

Motions passed by the Committee regarding the DPH proposal:

14. Recommend to delay releasing the Board reserve to fund the DPH Behavioral Health requests with the exception of funding proposed for treatment beds to allow time for further input and development of strategy; request department to bring back immediate needs request for FY20-21 after additional analysis.

Yes votes: 5

No votes: 1

Members Absent: 3