



DECLARATION OF SHELTER CRISIS – HOMELESS EMERGENCY AID PROGRAM

Office of Homeless Solutions

City Council
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WHY DECLARE A SHELTER CRISIS?

HOMELESS EMERGENCY AID PROGRAM

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| Purpose | Homeless Emergency Aid Program is a \$500 million block grant program designed to provide direct assistance to localities to address the homelessness crisis throughout California. The grant is authorized by Senate Bill 850, which was signed into law by Governor Brown in June of 2018. |
| Eligible Uses | (1) emergency housing vouchers, (2) rapid re-housing, (3) emergency shelter construction, and (4) use of armories to provide temporary shelters, among other activities. |
| Funding Allocation | Riverside County Department of Public Social Services: \$9,791,805 |
| Application Deadline | December 2018 |
| City Application | \$3 million to fund the rehabilitation of the Hulen Place Campus to provide a Drop In Day Center and bridge housing. |

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HULEN CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS



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Government Code Section 8698:

1. Declaration of a shelter crisis means the duly proclaimed existence of a situation in which a significant number of persons are without the ability to obtain shelter, resulting in a threat to their health and safety.
2. The governing body may declare a shelter crisis, and may take such action as is necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, upon a finding by that governing body that a significant number of persons within the jurisdiction of the governing body are without the ability to obtain shelter, and that the situation has resulted in a threat to the health and safety of those persons.



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3. The provisions of any state or local regulatory statute, regulation, or ordinance prescribing standards of housing, health, or safety shall be suspended to the extent that strict compliance would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the shelter crisis.
4. The City of Riverside may, in place of such standards, enact municipal health and safety standards to be operative during the housing emergency consistent with ensuring minimal public health and safety.
5. The provisions of this section apply only to additional public facilities open to the homeless.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution declaring a Shelter Crisis pursuant to California Government Code Section 8698.2 enabling application for grant funds to the Homeless Emergency Aid Program;
2. Find that a significant number of persons within the City's jurisdiction are without the ability to obtain shelter, and that the inability to obtain shelter is a threat to the health and safety of those unsheltered persons; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$3,000,000 to the Homeless Emergency Aid Program to fund improvements to the Hulen Place Campus and execute grant related documents to carry out the related programs.



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