

Recommendations for Allocation of Measure P Funds

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Presentation Outline

1. About the Panel
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3. Recommended Funding Allocations by Category and Priorities
4. Concern re funds allocated for County Mental Health Transport Housing

About the Panel

- Measure P was passed by Berkeley Voters in November 2018
- Authorizes a increase in the real estate transfer tax on a specified portion of sales
- Included requirement for a “Panel of Experts” to “make recommendations on how to and what extent the City should establish and/or fund programs to end or prevent homelessness in Berkeley and provide humane services.”

About the Panel

- Nine members – appointed the City Council
- Member have extensive professional, civic and lived experience
- Meeting since May 2019

Process - Starting Place

- Received many referrals, including many that predated our seating
- Received briefings from staff on current situation and City plan documents
- Received numerous unsolicited requests/proposals and letters
- No specific guidance in ordinance for how to make funding recommendations
- No specified amount of funding to work with

Adopted Mission and Purpose

- Our Mission/Purpose recognizes the current crisis and the need to balance short and long term measures and solutions
- Determined to consider unmet needs, best practices and available data
- Not make recommendations to fund specific agencies

Process to make recommendations

1. Considered all that had been sent to us
2. Listened to homeless community, CBOs and public at our meetings
3. Adopted our Mission and Purpose Statement
4. Subcommittee categorized program types and initial allocations
5. Panel expressed priorities for investment areas and activities within each area
6. Panel allocated final percentages, order of importance and additional considerations

Allocation recommendations

Investment Area and Sub-Category Activities listed in Priority Order	Percent	Additional Considerations/ Recommendations
<p>1. PERMANENT HOUSING</p> <p>Permanent Housing Subsidies and Services</p>	30%	Establish a minimum set-aside of \$500,000 for homeless families in this category. Transition-age youth should be included in funding for Adults.
<p>2. SHELTER & TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATIONS</p> <p>1. Expand Shelter Capacity</p> <p>2. Invest in improving existing shelter capacity</p>	30%	<p>1. Adding new sheltering capacity may include the development of dedicated RV parking, use of tiny houses, or other means to increase shelter capacity. If the City should adopt a policy approving sanctioned encampments then this use would also be included. City should ensure there is a focus on meeting needs of any families living on the street.</p> <p>2. Increase services and housing connections in existing shelters so that they are able to function as Navigation Centers.</p>
<p>3. IMMEDIATE STREET CONDITIONS & HYGIENE</p> <p>1. Toilets and Hygiene Stations, including for encampments</p> <p>2. Lockers and Storage Units</p>	14%	Note: These funds were not recommended for general clean-up and other Public Works functions and should be spent on activities that directly benefit homeless people.

Allocation recommendations, cont.

<p>4. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health Care services 2. Employment and Income Development Activities 3. Substance Use Treatment 	<p>14%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health care services dedicated to people experiencing homelessness which may include street medicine. 2. Activities may include job development and support as well as benefits advocacy and other services to improve incomes. 3. Substance use treatment services dedicated for persons who are experiencing homelessness.
<p>5. FLEXIBLE HOUSING SUBSIDIES</p> <p>Flexible housing subsidies may include prevention, diversion and/or rapid resolution support.</p>	<p>10%</p>	<p>Establish a 20% set-aside for homeless families and transition-age youth, using the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness.</p>
<p>6. INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training ~80% 2. Evaluation ~20% 	<p>2%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use resources in this category for training for Berkeley community-based organizations working with people who are homeless. 2. Use resources in this category to ensure that the experiences of service users are captured and considered in performance evaluation.
<p>TOTAL</p>	<p>100%</p>	

Objection re: funds for MH Transport

- Amount available to allocate is reduced by \$1.2 million in FY19/20 and \$2.4 million in FY20/21 to fund County Mental Health Transport
- This service is not limited to people who are homeless; not budgeted with consideration that most people who will be transported will be people who are housed
- Service does not result in greater housing or shelter

We recommend the Council refer to the City Manager to produce information regarding the percentage of those transported who are homeless and other potential sources to cover this expense.

Urgency to Act

- We thank the residents of the City of Berkeley for supporting additional funding for this crisis
- Thank staff for their work
- People experiencing homelessness **today** are counting on us all to act
- Hope Council will allocate significant funding to the areas of need we have identified
- Thank you!