



City Council Agenda Report

TO: Mayor Novelli and Members of the City Council

FROM: Ken Irwin, City Manager

BY: Ken Irwin, City Manager

MEETING DATE: December 18, 2018

ITEM NO: 11.1

SUBJECT: Approve Resolution No. 2018-84, Declaring a Shelter Crisis Pursuant to Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018 and Government Code Section § 8698.2.

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2018-84, Declaring a Shelter Crisis Pursuant to Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018 and Government Code Section § 8698.2.

BACKGROUND

In order for new funding from the State of California in the form of Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) to be used in Patterson, it is required that the City Council, by Resolution, declare a shelter crisis pursuant to Senate Bill 850 and authorize the city's participation in the newly established "Homeless Emergency Aid Program."

Recently, the State of California announced a new funding stream to local cities called the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). HEAP is a \$500 million block grant program designed to provide direct assistance to cities and counties to address the homelessness crisis throughout California. HEAP is authorized by Senate Bill (SB)850, which was signed into law by Governor Brown in June 2018.

HEAP funds are intended to provide funding to Continuums of Care (COCs) and large cities (LCs) with populations over 330,000, so they may provide immediate emergency assistance to people experiencing homelessness. Eligible uses include, but are not limited to the following: homelessness prevention activities, criminal justice diversion programs for homeless individuals with mental health needs, establishing or expanding services meeting the needs of homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness, and emergency aid. The HEAP funding allocation for Stanislaus County based on

population and the 2017 homeless count is \$7.2 million.

The City of Patterson in collaboration with Stanislaus County are working to identify eligible projects and activities to be funded with the HEAP grant funds.

The HEAP program is administered by the California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC), which is a division of the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency. As part of the application process for the HEAP funds, the governing body of an eligible jurisdiction must adopt a shelter crisis declaration pursuant to Chapter 7.8 of the Government Code. The attached Resolution contains specific language and text that is required by the HCFC and program administrators.

ANALYSIS

In order for HEAP funds to be used in Patterson, the emergency shelter declaration is required in accordance to Chapter 7.8 of the Government Code.

When specific projects or property is identified, an environmental assessment or initial study will be required before funds can be committed.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no Fiscal Impact at this point.