CITY OF LOS ANGELES INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Date: October 27, 2023

To: Paul Krekorian, Council President

City Council

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Housing and Homelessness Committee

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Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer

Office of the City Administrative Officer

Subject: HOMELESSNESS EMERGENCY ACCOUNT - GENERAL CITY PURPOSES

FUND EIGHTH STATUS REPORT (C.F 22-1545) AS OF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13,

2023

On January 18, 2023, the City Council and Mayor approved the motion (C.F. 23-0033) to establish the Homelessness Emergency Account (HEA) to address the City's homelessness crisis and approved the transfer of \$23,462,698.25 from the COVID-19 Emergency Response account and \$26,537,301.75 from the Additional Homeless Services - General City Purposes account for a total of \$50,000,000. The City Council and Mayor also authorized the City Administrative Officer to spend the funds as directed by the Mayor, and to provide reports to Council on the expenses incurred and purposes for which the funds were used.

During the annual budget process for FY 2023-24, the Council and Mayor approved an additional \$250 million in funding. An initial allocation of \$65.7 million was appropriated at the beginning of the fiscal year to the HEA with the remaining balance appropriated to the Inside Safe Reserve Fund account. If the available uncommitted balance in the HEA is below \$25 million during the fiscal year, the CAO is instructed to provide a memo to the Mayor, Council, and Controller requesting the Controller to effectuate a transfer within 10 business days of receipt. A transfer of \$25 million from the Inside Safe Reserve Fund account will be completed until the \$184.3 million has been allocated to the HEA. The Council may change this transfer instruction with a majority vote, subject to the Mayor's veto. Regular reporting is required to continue the automatic transfer of funds from the Inside Safe Reserve Fund account for this fiscal year.

DISCUSSION

As of October 13, 2023, a total of \$56,072,060 has been expended for FY 2023-24 costs. The paid expenses for this fiscal year primarily consist of hotel and motel invoices as well as costs associated with the Mayfair Hotel acquisition, such as an escrow deposit, rehabilitation costs, and fund loans that will be reimbursed. Based on known obligations to date, the account is expected to have an unencumbered balance of \$25,947,956.54 by the end of the second quarter and is not expected to need a transfer from the Inside Safe Reserve Fund. It is important to note that the cash balance is based only on information provided to the CAO's Office as of October 13, 2023. Attachment 1 provides a summary of actual and projected balances through December 31, 2023, for the Homelessness Emergency Account. Attachment 2 provides budgeted categories for the \$250 million approved in the FY 2023-24 budget, interim budget increases as well as incurred and projected costs through June 30, 2024, and future year cost options.

The Mayor's Office has approved extensions and additional funding for current Service Providers in association with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) through December 31, 2023. The Mayor's Office and LAHSA are working together to project individual service provider costs through June 30, 2024. Additional programmatic planned expenditures will be included in future reports as they are identified.

Inside Safe Metrics

Regular reporting on the outcomes achieved through the use of funds related to housing individuals is required and is included in this report. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has developed a data module within the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) to track key metrics for Inside Safe. Attachment 3 includes a one-page summary of Inside Safe outcomes as of October 13, 2023, prepared by LAHSA as well as additional breakdowns of the participant status by Council Districts and other pertinent metrics. The current housing retention rate of the program is estimated to be 82 percent. These numbers may change as LAHSA continues to work on further reconciling service provider data with HMIS entries to resolve duplicate placements and other discrepancies as well as refining the new Inside Safe data module.

The Mayor's Office reports that three Inside Safe operations were completed between September 19, and October 13, 2023. On September 19, 2023, Inside Safe addressed encampments along Wyandotte Street in Council District (CD) 3 providing housing to an estimated 63 people in Inside Safe motel rooms and other Interim Housing. On October 3, 2023, Inside Safe housed an estimated 35 people along Devonshire Street in CD 12 in Inside Safe motel rooms and other Interim Housing. Between October 11, and October 12, 2023, Inside Safe addressed encampments near Virgil Middle School, near Hoover Street along the 101 exchange, and along Shatto Park. This was a multi-district operation covering CDs 1, 10, and 13. The number of individuals housed is not yet available for this operation. The total for this reporting period is an estimated 116 people, pending further updates. Additional information is included in Attachment 4.

Inside Safe Motel and Hotel Invoicing

As of October 13, 2023, the motel invoices received to date include 798 invoices from 41 individual hotels, totaling 118,958 hotel room nights. The current hotel room interim housing stock based on invoices received through October 13 2023, is 839 rooms, which includes rooms for service providers and security. It does not account for double or multiple occupants sharing a room. Including the 481 rooms in LA Grand, the total hotel room interim housing stock is 1,320 rooms. The total amount billed for nightly room stays since July 1, 2023, through the date of this report, is \$6,816,051.23, with an average nightly rate of \$111.44, with the exception for the LA Grand.

The invoice process involves sites submitting invoices to the CAO's Office for review by both Service Providers and CAO staff. Once the review is complete, the CAO submits the invoice to the Mayor's Office for payment approval and subsequently to the City Clerk for payment processing. If payments exceed a certain amount, the City Attorney's Office will review as well; however, this step is not necessary if there is a booking agreement (i.e. contract) with the hotel location. Once a booking agreement is executed with a hotel owner, payment processing is completed quicker than when a booking agreement is not in place. As of October 13, 2023, there were 36 executed booking agreements and four executed occupancy agreements. A booking agreement is executed with a hotel that confirms a fixed nightly rate, but hotel rooms may fluctuate given the number of participants at a location and room availability at a given time. An occupancy agreement includes a fixed nightly rate as well as a guaranteed number of rooms regardless if they are filled or not.

Facility expenses incurred to date total \$57,955.73, including property improvements, repairs/damages, and valuation reports.

Occupancy Agreements

As of October 13, 2023, the Mayor's Office has entered into four occupancy agreements totaling 193 rooms with room costs ranging from \$137 to \$148 per night, similar to rates for comparable motels in the same geographic area. The term of the agreements range from one to two years, with up to one year extension options. The total leasing costs for the multi-year occupancy agreements is estimated to be \$15,795,298. If the extension options are executed, there would be an additional projected cost of \$8,633,518 for a total cost of \$24,428,815. The Mayor's Office is in the process of negotiating additional occupancy agreements. Their intention is to transition from a nightly booking agreement to a multi-year lease to provide operational stability. This provides stable units in high-need areas to support Inside Safe Operations, including multi-district regional operations. The Mayor's Office is working with Service Providers and hotels/motels to ensure that rooms are consistently filled and closely monitored to ensure that vacant rooms are not empty for long periods of time. The Mayor's Office and the General Services Department (GSD) are taking the lead on this effort with the City Clerk's Office completing the entries into the City's Financial Management System (FMS). Finally, the Controller's Office remits payment to the motel owners. The CAO has implemented an internal approval system to help streamline submissions for approval and processing.

LA Grand Hotel

On February 24, 2023, the CAO released the Revised Sixteenth Roadmap Report (C.F. 20-0841-S31), which authorized the extension of the LA Grand Hotel lease from February 1, 2023, through February 1, 2024, for use as interim housing. The lease covers a total of 481 rooms with a rate of \$154/night, which includes meals. Lease costs billed through October 31, 2023, is \$16,767,069.83. Estimated remaining lease costs through February 1, 2024, are projected to be \$3,726,479.96, which may increase based on occupancy. The City is obligated to pay a minimum monthly cost based on an occupancy rate of 85 percent. The current occupancy is 328 individuals as of October 15, 2023.

Mayfair Hotel

On August 18, 2023, Council approved the acquisition of the Mayfair Hotel for Inside Safe. The site has 294 rooms with a three-level 183 parking space garage which is located in Council District 1. It was previously used as a part of Project RoomKey (PRK). A cash flow loan of \$42,879,270 was authorized from the HEA for reimbursement from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund (\$27,687,000), Proposition HHH Fund (\$5,192,270), and the Municipal Housing Finance Fund (MHFF) (\$10,000,000). The loans for Proposition HHH, MHFF, and CDBG have been transferred and are pending deposit into the HEA. Non-reimbursable costs from the HEA will total \$15,633,100 and include escrow costs transferred to the General Services Department (GSD) for escrow (\$1,000,000), CBRE contracted costs for due diligence and project management (\$266,100), first year of operations costs, which includes utilities, facility management, and other associated expenses for building upkeep (\$5,067,000), and rehab costs and associated project management (\$9,300,000). Currently, all of these expenses have been transferred to the appropriate department for spending.

LAHSA Service Provider Contracts

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and the Mayor's Office are involved in ongoing assessments of service provider budgets, with an estimated total of \$16,088,774 allocated to twelve service providers (including LAHSA administrative costs) from the beginning of the program through September 30, 2023. To date, two supportive services-specific invoices have been submitted to the City for reimbursement from the Homelessness Emergency Accountant. The Mayor's Office and LAHSA have been meeting regularly to understand the needs associated with Inside Safe specific services and have worked on a newly released Scope of Required Services (SRS). A new up to budget amount of \$15,758,380 for the current 10 service providers was approved by the Mayor's Office beginning October 31, 2023, through December 31, 2023, at a daily bed rate of \$110/person for an estimated 2,155 clients to be served. LAHSA is releasing a procurement to allow an opportunity for additional service providers to participate in the Inside Safe Program. The Mayor's Office and LAHSA continue to meet regularly to discuss allocations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Since June 1, 2023, Weingart has been providing services at the LA Grand and will continue through January 31, 2024. The negotiated amount for the Weingart contract is \$9,019,449.

The Inside Safe program model began with housing fairs, which provide staffing, necessary materials, and Uber rides to clients to visit different housing options. No additional housing fairs occurred since the last report. So far, 17 housing fairs have been held, which cost approximately \$59,459.45 total to date. The Mayor's office approved \$20,000 from the HEA for these costs and is working with LAHSA and providers to update the model to match provider capacity. Concurrently, the County-City co-hosts Service Connection Days one or two weeks after Inside Safe operations to get people document-ready, as residents are further stabilized and continuity of services is established. Participating departments include: Department of Motor Vehicles, Housing for Health Mobile Clinics, Department of Mental Health, Department of Public Social Services, Office of Immigrant Affairs and Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

LAHSA continues to work with providers to ensure all exit data is entered into HMIS and is up to date and has committed to providing reconciled and verifiable exit data for Inside Safe regular reporting.

City Department Costs

LAPD has submitted for reimbursement a total of 133.7 overtime hours related to Inside Safe since the beginning of the fiscal year, at the cost of \$12,381.87. The updated projected costs based on submissions to date are approximately \$201,382. Primarily, LAPD has been providing support for, and ensuring the safety of, City staff and Inside Safe participants. To date, there have been zero arrests during the initial phase of operations.

Should you require any additional information, please contact Kendra Leal, Senior Administrative Analyst II, at kendra.leal@lacity.org.

RECOMMENDATION

Note and file.

cc: The City Council

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Attachments:

- 1. FY 2023-24 Homeless Emergency Account Actual and Projected Balances through December 31, 2023
- 2. FY 2023-24 Inside Safe Adopted Budget Categories and Year End Projections

- 3. Inside Safe Program Metrics as of October 13, 20234. Appendix from Mayor's Office of Housing & Homelessness Solutions

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Attachment 1: FY 2023-24 Homeless Emergency Account Actual and Projected Balances through December 31, 2023

Current Assets	
Cash Available July 1, 2023	\$65,700,000.00
FY23 HEA Cash Reappropriation (August 2023)	\$31,856,857.11
Cash Available	\$97,556,857.11
Less Liabilities/Expenses	October 13, 2023
Mayfair Escrow	\$1,000,000.00
Mayfair Rehabilitation Costs	\$9,300,000.00
Mayfair CDBG Loan	\$27,687,000.00
Mayfair Prop HHH Loan	\$5,192,270.00
Mayfair MHFF Loan	\$10,000,000.00
FY24 Motel Invoices Paid	\$2,892,790.40
FY23 Motel Invoices Paid	\$3,310,033.88
Motel Invoices Encumbered	\$56,070.00
Subtotal	\$59,438,164.28
Adjusted Cash Available	\$38,118,692.83
Anticipated Assets	
Mayfair Prop HHH Loan Repayment ²	\$5,192,270.00
Mayfair MHFF Loan Repayment ²	\$10,000,000.00
Mayfair CDBG Loan Repayment ²	\$27,687,000.00
Subtotal	\$42,879,270.00
Adjusted Cash Available	\$80,997,962.83
Less Projected Liabilities/Expenses	December 31, 2023 ¹
LADOT Outstanding FY23 Costs ³	\$26,863.67
LAPD Overtime (est.)	\$85,350.53
LA Grand Lease (est.)	\$11,745,958.96
LAHSA Service Providers	\$17,477,190.03
Long Term Motel Obligations	\$15,700,097.78
Short Term Motel Nightly (est.)	\$10,014,545.32
Subtotal	\$55,050,006.29
Projected Cash Available	\$25,947,956.54
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HEA has committed \$31M of matching funds to Project HomeKey3; however, a transfer timeline has yet to be determined.
 Fund loans reimbursement from Prop HHH, MHFF and CDBG pending transfer into HEA.
 Pending Funding Request Submission by LADOT.

Attachment 2: FY 2023-24 Inside Safe Adopted Budget Categories and Year End Projections

Budget Category	Comments	FY 2023-24 Budget	Interim Budget Adjustments	Incurred ¹	Projected ²	Fiscal Year	Difference between Budget and FY End Total
Interim Housing							
	\$150 per night estimate due to reaching capacity of 2-star motel inventory. Includes LA Grand monthly lease costs through						
Motel Nightly Rentals ³	February 1, 2024.	\$92,000,000	\$0	\$14,808,688	\$55,978,669	\$70,787,356	\$21,212,644
Operating Expenses	Includes insurance, damage mitigation, incidental, furnishings	\$18,000,000	\$0	\$26,753	\$80,258	\$107,011	\$17,892,989
subtotal		\$110,000,000	\$0	\$14,835,440	\$56,058,927	\$70,894,367	\$39,105,633
Service Provider Supp	ort Services						
Street Engagement	Staff costs: long-term, on-going/pre-operation outreach efforts to build relationships with PEH prior to coming indoors	\$6,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000,000
Case Management	Staff costs: includes individual case management in motels as well as housing navigators	\$16,000,000	\$0	\$674,192	\$9,584,050	\$10,258,241	\$5,741,759
Indirect (LAHSA and Service Providers)	Overhead to include support staff, facility costs (rent, utilities)	\$16,000,000	\$0	\$1,087,341	\$8,967,883	\$10,055,224	\$5,944,776
Resident Monitors	Each motel has resident monitor to support PEH and liaise with motel staff	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$5,243,392	\$20,247,961	\$25,491,353	-\$15,491,353

Attachment 2: FY 2023-24 Inside Safe Adopted Budget Categories and Year End Projections

Budget Category	Comments	FY 2023-24	Interim Budget Adjustments	Incurred ¹	Projected ²	Projected Fiscal Year End Total	Difference between Budget and FY End Total
Food	\$21 per person, per day (meal delivery services, grocery store gift cards)	\$13,000,000	\$0	\$2,720,413	\$14,622,715	\$17,343,128	-\$4,343,128
Storage	Includes storage rental for PEH to surrender belongings	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$8,907	\$180,194	\$189,101	\$810,899
Housing Fairs		\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	-\$20,000
subtotal		\$62,000,000	\$0	\$9,754,244	\$53,602,802	\$63,357,047	-\$1,357,047
Permanent Stay							
Move-In Support	Includes landlord incentive, security deposit, furnishing, utility deposit, and other move-in costs	\$13,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$13,000,000	\$13,000,000	\$0
Rental Assistance	2-year Time-limited subsidies (\$1,833 per month) for 400 people transitioning from motels to PSH pipeline	\$18,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$18,000,000	\$18,000,000	
subtotal	to 1 511 pipeline	\$31,000,000	\$0	·			·
Acquisition		431/333/333	φσ	φσ	432/333/333	431/333/333	40
• Motel Acquisition	The \$47M supports a portion of the acquisition and renovation costs for the Mayfair Hotel (\$10.3M) for 294 rooms and provides \$31M as matching funds to leverage Project HomeKey3 (PHK3) funding	\$47,000,000	\$0	\$15,633,100	\$31,567,800	\$47,200,900	-\$200,900

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Budget Category	Comments	FY 2023-24	Interim Budget Adjustments	Incurred ¹	Projected ²	Projected Fiscal Year End Total	Difference between Budget and FY End Total
	for the acquisition of 3 motels totaling 154 units.						
Mayfair - Fund Loans	A cash flow loan was authorized from the HEA for reimbursement from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund (\$27,687,000), Proposition HHH Fund (\$5,192,270), and the Municipal Housing Finance Fund (MHFF) (\$10,000,000).	\$0	\$0	\$42,879,270	\$0	\$42,879,270	-\$42,879,270
Mayfair - Loan Reimbursement ⁴	Repayment of cash flow loan	\$0	\$42,879,270	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$42,879,270
subtotal		\$47,000,000	\$42,879,270	\$58,512,370	\$31,567,800	\$90,080,170	-\$200,900
City Departments							
Los Angeles Police Department Overtime	Support for, and ensuring the safety of, City staff and Inside Safe participants.	\$0	\$0	\$12,382	\$193,299	\$205,681	-\$205,681
Homelessness & Housing Solutions Support (Mayor's Office) ⁵	Includes the City's response to the emergency declaration on homelessness, executive directives to lead a citywide increase in affordable housing production, and the Inside Safe Initiative. Also allows	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,200,000	\$7,200,000	-\$7,200,000

Attachment 2: FY 2023-24 Inside Safe Adopted Budget Categories and Year End Projections

Budget Category	Comments	FY 2023-24	Interim Budget Adjustments	Incurred ¹	Projected ²	Projected Fiscal Year End Total	Difference between Budget and FY End Total
	for the direct hiring of 13 outreach teams to be trained and deployed in support of the Inside Safe Initiative.						
subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$12,382	<i>\$7,393,299</i>	\$7,405,681	-\$7,405,681
FY 2022-23 Costs and	Rollover						
Outstanding Costs - Department Costs	LADOT and LAPD outstanding costs	\$0	\$0	\$46,508	\$0	\$46,508	-\$46,508
Paid and Incurred Costs - Motel Nightly Stays		\$0	\$0	\$3,471,930.88	\$0	\$3,471,931	-\$3,471,931
Outstanding Costs - Facility Expenses	Damage Mitigation	\$0	\$0	\$5,617	\$0	\$5,617	-\$5,617
Outstanding Costs - Service Providers		\$0	\$0	\$4,854,486	\$0	\$4,854,486	-\$4,854,486
Rollover of FY 2022-23 available Cash		\$0	\$31,856,857	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$31,856,857
subtotal		\$0	\$31,856,857	\$8,378,543	\$0	\$8,378,543	\$23,478,315
Total		\$250,000,000	\$74,736,127	\$91,492,979	\$179,622,829	\$271,115,808	\$53,620,319

¹ The Incurred Amount column represents funding requests received for actual services provided and paid as well as estimated costs for services as of October 13, 2023.

² The Projected Amount column represents estimated costs for anticipated motels invoices and services to be completed by June 30, 2024.

³ Projected amount for hotel nightly rentals includes \$8,633,517.70 costs for multi-year options.

⁴ Prop HHH and MHFF loan repayment pending transfer to the Homelessness Emergency Account; CDBG loan anticipated to be reimbursed in October 2023.

⁵ Per the Nondepartmental Footnotes of the adopted FY24 Budget Resolution, \$7.2M is to be transferred to the Mayor's Office for homelessness and housing support.

Inside Safe

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Report

Updated October 13, 2023. Please disregard all previous reports.

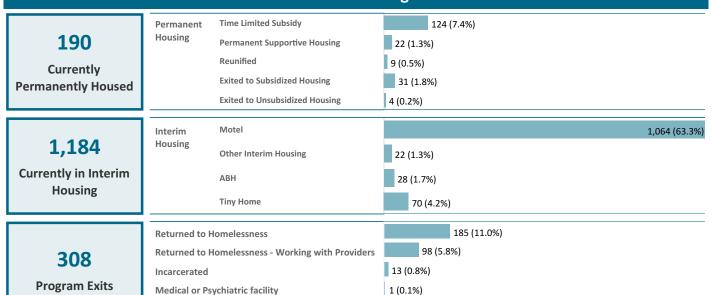
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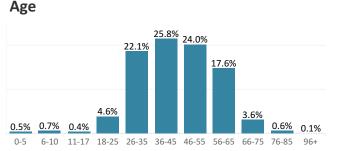
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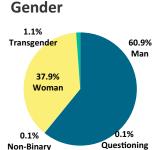
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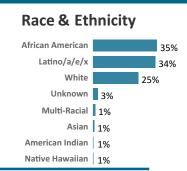
Demographics



Deceased



11 (0.7%)



Individuals included in report: Includes clients who were engaged on the day of the encampment resolution. In addition to the encampment operations, Inside Safe also includes clients who were living in other ad hoc encampments throughout the city since January 2023 and clients that were living in the LA Grand on Feb 1, 2023, when transition from a PRK site. The nonspecific encampment-based clients comprise 318 individuals.

Entered Interim Housing: Includes only clients who entered interim housing. This cohort is the basis for all reporting.

Housing Retention: The percentage is calculated by dividing the sum of people who are Currently Permanently Housed and Currently in Interim Housing by the number of people who entered Interim Housing. This figure excludes clients that have passed away as they did not voluntarily exit the programs.

Returned to Homelessness- Working with Providers: This includes clients who have left interim or permanent housing, but who are currently still engaging with outreach and housing programs.

Returned to Homelessness: Clients who have left the program and are not active in any other homeless services program in HMIS.

Data Quality:

The report includes only data that providers have entered into HMIS. Providers have up to 72 hours after an interaction with, or a change in status of, a client to make a record in HMIS. Due to the dynamic nature of the program and its participants, this process may take longer than 72 hours. There may also be additional activities that have yet to be captured in HMIS. LAHSA and service providers strive for complete, accurate, and timely data in HMIS. The Data Management team at LAHSA is actively collaborating with providers to resolve any data discrepancies. The identified data discrepancies we are currently working to resolve included discrepancies in total clients served at winter shelter sites and 6 clients who have rental assistance recorded, but no move in date or address recorded. These individuals will not be counted as permanently housed until a move in date is recorded.

Percentage Permanently Housed: Calculated from all clients who entered interim housing who have not exited from program.

Duplicative Clients: As a note there have been 17 clients who have been involved in more than one resolution. They are deduplicated in the total count.

1. 28 encampment operations have taken place as of October 13, 2023. This report only includes data for 27 encampment operations as the number of individuals housed is not yet available for the 28th operation.

Table 1. Inside Safe Participant Breakdown by Council District as of October 13, 2023 ¹

CD	Total Participants ²	Motels +	АВН	THV	Other Interim Housing	Permanent Placements	Other Exits, dispositions, or in Data Reconciliation
2	44	8	3	18	0	2	13
3	110	93	3	0	1	1	12
4	29	16	0	1	1	3	8
5	69	43	3	0	0	8	15
6	52	39	0	9	0	1	3
7	50	42	2	0	1	2	3
8	86	55	0	0	0	20	11
9	135	104	0	3	2	16	10
10	41	37	0	0	0	4	0
11	160	75	3	0	0	43	39
12	91	81	0	3	0	0	7
13	138	111	1	6	0	10	10
14	277	185	1	4	1	22	64
15	119	78	2	2	1	11	25
N/A	298	111	10	25	15	47	90
Total ¹	1,699	1,078	28	71	22	190	310

¹ This information may change pending further updates from LAHSA. Table only used for diagnostics. Does not include Virgil/Shatto Park Encampment Resolution ² Table includes 17 duplicative clients as noted by LAHSA.

Table 2. Inside Safe Program Metrics as of October 13, 2023

Number of Encampment Operations	28
Number of Targeted Inside Safe Efforts ¹	7
Number of Council Districts	15
Number of Initial Placements ²	1,682
Number of Arrests During Initial Encampment Operations	0
Number of Housing Fairs To Date	17
Pounds of Waste Removed	458,848

¹ Includes scattered encampment relief efforts to move PEH into hotel rooms as well as transitioning Augmented Winter Shelter and Project Roomkey transfers into Inside Safe.

² This amount may change pending further updates from LAHSA.

Table 3. Inside Safe Encampment Operations by Council District as of October 13, 2023

Council District	No. of Operations
Council District 1, 10, 13	1
Council District 2	1
Council District 3	2
Council District 4	1
Council District 5	2
Council District 6	1
Council District 7	1
Council District 8	3
Council District 9	3
Council District 10	1
Council District 11	3
Council District 12	2
Council District 13	3
Council District 14	2
Council District 15	2
Total Operations as of October 13, 2023	28

<u>Introduction</u>

This appendix was created to provide programmatic and policy updates. This report provides additional information on Inside Safe and related matters.

RV Task Force

The Mayor's office of Housing and Homelessness Solutions is convening an RV Solutions Task Force for the next three months with the CAO, Council Districts, and other City staff and departments to develop a comprehensive citywide strategy building on the work done to date. This strategy will include a budget, sites that can be used for storage and parking, and next steps to take action.

The full task force met on September 28, 2023 and will continue to meet bi-weekly until December 21, 2023. The task force was divided into 4 work groups that will meet on off weeks when the full task force does not meet. The work groups will focus on acquisition & development, services & outreach, finance & budget, and legal & operations. There have been two full task force meetings and two work group meetings thus far.

LA Grand Hotel Intakes

As reported in the September 27, 2023 HEA Report, the Mayor's Office and the Housing for Health Division of the LA County Department of Health Services (DHS) were awarded a \$60M grant in June 2023 from the State of California's Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF-2). City, County, Weingart Center and other stakeholders are utilizing awarded funds to fulfill the proposals of the Skid Row Action Plan to service high-acuity Skid Row residents over the next three years.

According to the Weingart Center, as of October 18, 2023, there are 357 participants enrolled in the LA Grand interim housing program. Fifty-nine of these participants entered the LA Grand in the past week. Prior to commencing current intakes, the Mayor's Office, Housing for Health, LAHSA, and the Weingart Center organized two community meetings and invited Skid Row stakeholders to discuss a new referral process to bring additional unhoused residents into the LA Grand. Council District 14 staff and other stakeholders provided feedback.

The new referral process provides all Skid Row outreach teams and non-HMIS community partners with access to submit referrals. The remaining 138 vacant rooms at the LA Grand will continue to be filled with higher acuity Skid Row residents who will transfer to the Mayfair once renovations are completed. All incoming participants qualify for inclusion in the ERF-2 grant program based on the following grant criteria: 1) originating from Skid Row, and 2) a demonstrated high level of physical, mental, substance use disorder and/or behavioral need.

Grants

On October 5, 2023, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) awarded the LA Housing Department (LAHD) a \$2.9M grant that was written to implement next steps in ED3. The

Attachment 4: Appendix from Mayor's Office of Housing & Homelessness Solutions

grant will allow the City to perform due diligence and feasibility analysis to issue requests for proposal (RFPs) for development of affordable housing on multiple city sites at once.

Rollout of Updated SRS

The Mayor's Office worked with LAHSA, LA County Homeless Initiative and service providers to create a revised Inside Safe Scope of Required Services (SRS) which went into effect on October 15, 2023. This City-funded contract between LAHSA and service providers focuses on increased staffing, communication with the Mayor's Office, and oversight as well as an increase in the daily rate to more accurately reflect true service costs.

- Key areas of increased service delivery included in the new SRS:
- Updated participant agreement and intake instructions
- Greatly expanded monitoring and oversight regulations
- Funding for case managers and newly defined case management practices
- Defined parameters around the operators' responsibility for linking clients to County benefits and development of health/behavioral care coordination
- Direct communication with Mayor's Office regarding incidents, exits and deaths
- Coverage for storage expenses as needed for placements and exits
- Documentation of meal delivery and increased focus on hot meals

The new per day, per client billing rate has been increased from up to \$75/night to up to \$110/night. New service providers can apply through the open Request for Proposals (RFP) process, opening October 20, 2023, with applications due November 22, 2023. Existing provider partners will not be required to go through the RFP process.