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Increasing Transparency and Accountability Within Homeless Services Funding

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on August 16, 2018, that would accomplish two goals: 1) fund interim housing and services (crisis, bridge, and transitional) in the County of Los Angeles, and 2) establish a list of qualified crisis and bridge housing providers who are available to operate an interim housing site, but do not have a site secured.

This RFP was open to government agencies and non-profit organizations designated as certified vendors with LAHSA who are qualified to receive LA County Measure H Funds.

The deadline for submission was September 14, 2018. Six agencies, who work across four Supervisorial Districts and provide critical services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in five Service Planning Areas, submitted eight proposals for this RFP for various types of interim housing and services.

On December 11, 2018, providers were notified via letter that there were no funds available for the Crisis and Bridge Housing proposals received and that the RFP was considered closed. Prior to the receipt of this letter by the interested service providers, there was no notification from LAHSA to the Board of Supervisors that the RFP was without available funding and would be closed.

The closure of this RFP process may result in significant delays in service provisions and interim housing availability in these impacted areas.

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In order to ensure that similar situations do not occur in the future, it is critical that agencies involved in funding homeless services and housing operate with increased transparency and accountability in their funding and decision-making processes.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive office to:

1. Work with LAHSA to provide fiscal reports to the Board of Supervisors on a quarterly basis, including the amount of funds available in each of the Measure H-funded strategies.
2. Work with LAHSA to establish a protocol to provide formal notice to the Board of Supervisors of any significant fiscal shifts or other major developments impacting homeless service contracts, such as potential cancellation of an RFP.

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