CA State CoC one-time funds

Operational preparation, process and approach for administration and allocation of funds
The 2018-19 state budget signed by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. includes $500 million in emergency funding. Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council, which will distribute the emergency funding, will be expanded and elevated to the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH) from the Department of Housing and Community Development.
What we know to date:

- The grants will provide funding for prevention efforts, emergency aid and providing wrap-around services
- Local Continuums of Care will administer the grants
- Jurisdictions must declare an emergency shelter crisis, and Continuums of Care must demonstrate coordination between cities and counties (waiver process for some)
Allocations will be as follows:

- $250 million to be distributed to Continuums of Care, with the amounts based on their point-in-time count of homeless individuals; **San Diego $12M**

- $100 million allocated to local Continuums of Care based on their percentage of the statewide homeless population; San Diego $6.8M

- $150 million in direct allocation to a city, or city that is also a county, with a population over 330,000. San Diego City **$14M**
Need more information:

- The notice of funding availability for the Homeless Emergency Aid Block Grants will be released later this summer, with the goal of distributing the money starting in the fall.

- The rules and guidance for the funding: still pending.
July - RTFH staff internal

- Create general plan for receiving/allocation of funds
- Hire a Federal Grants Manager
- Purchase grants management software
  - RFP- application capabilities
  - Contract templates-compliances to federal, state standards
  - Budget management of grants capabilities
  - Reimbursement on invoices capabilities
July Planning

- CEO draft initial Strategic plan for one-time funding, determining priorities/allocation:
  - Regional
  - Coordinated
  - Innovative/Technology
  - Addresses Emergency needs
  - Strengthen infrastructure
  - Supportive of RTFH goals
July Planning

- Connect with State Office to get clear guidance and direction on process – establish which state staff will be direct contact
- Establish written internal controls for RFP process and awarding of contracts
- Determine which Board members have no conflict of interest and are able to vote to approve grant allocation
- Inform Membership at next “all Membership” meeting
July Planning

- Meeting with San Diego city officials to coordinate priorities and new funding – coordinating contact with State office
- Meeting with SDHC to coordinate with existing and new grants
- Meeting with County to coordinate with existing and new grants – coordinating contact with the State office
- RTFH: formally support the San Diego Homeless Service Providers Alliance to get feedback and insight on capacity and potential of system to use these funds and other funding
July/August Planning

- Proposed: use the Intergovernmental Council to work with Mayors from 18 cities to coordinate and apply for funding

- Request authorization and approval from the Board to apply for, receive and allocate State CoC funds

- Establish an Ad Hoc committee of the Board: RFP process

- Proposed: use Evaluation committee- rank and rating committee to review applications- or establish a similar Ad Hoc committee
Data to help define allocation priorities:

○ Gaps analysis- what resources are lacking and in what areas

○ Use HMIS program performance report to help determine where additional financial resources could strengthen or enhance existing programs to improve system performance or achieve RTFH goals
  - Increase in housing stability
  - Reduction in returns to homelessness

○ Regional Funding matrix of all current funding for homeless housing programs and services- can we leverage or match funding for increased effectiveness of funds

○ Focus Strategies Aug 2018 analysis for program and system
August Planning

- Ad Hoc committee/ RTFH staff review application process and funding rules of State NOFA
- Share publicly process and receive feedback
- Consider and encourage Public/Private partnerships
- Think outside the BOX – one time funding
September/October Planning

- Ad Hoc committee – RTFH grants management staff preparing internal RFP application and budget process

- Coordination with San Diego City and other municipalities on direct funding – Formula based?

- Prepare finance team – grants management software- creation of contract templates, compliance documents, reimbursement, invoicing, internal controls, etc.
September/October Planning

- Finalize Funding Priorities:
  - Based on rules – eligible activities
  - Immediate impact
  - Feedback
  - Coordination of other funding
  - Data informed
Ongoing 2018 Fall activities

- Present to Board updated plan - milestone progress
- Submit Application to State Office (late Fall)
- Inform stakeholders of process to apply – priorities of funding
- Posted RTFH RFP (late Fall)
November/December planning

Applications for the first round of awards shall be submitted to the agency on or before December 31, 2018. The agency shall verify whether each funding request meets the minimum criteria established by this chapter and make awards on a continuous basis based on that criteria, but no later than January 31, 2019
• Timeline and process will change and be updated as more information is released by the State

• Updates will be on RTFH website

• Standing agenda item on RTFH board meetings

• Questions?