

# **South Bay Cities Council of Governments**

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### **Homelessness Program Partnership between County of Los Angeles And South Bay Cities Council of Governments DRAFT SCOPE of WORK September 2017-September 2018**

This Scope of Work (SOW) details the regional homelessness coordination services that the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) will conduct in support of the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative (HI), commencing on September X, 2017 through September X, 2018. The total agreement amount is \$79,167.

#### **Section I. Program Overview**

This program will create a partnership between the County of Los Angeles and SBCCOG. SBCCOG will provide coordination services among South Bay cities, homeless services providers, and community stakeholders relative to the implementation of the HI and the delivery of homeless services within the South Bay subregion.

SBCCOG includes the unincorporated South Bay areas of Los Angeles County and the cities of: Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance, and Los Angeles 15<sup>th</sup> Council District communities of San Pedro, Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, and Wilmington. The SBCCOG Board of Directors is comprised of elected officials from each of the SBCCOG's member cities and County Districts 2 and 4 and serves as the primary governing body taking actions to support endeavors aimed at maximizing the quality of life and productivity of the South Bay region.

#### **Section II. Tasks**

##### **Task 1: Coordination with South Bay cities**

Engage with South Bay city councils, city managers, and staff to increase participation in and support for HI programs including:

- A. Disseminate information to increase awareness of existing and planned programs with an emphasis on work being done through the Coordinated Entry System.
- B. Facilitate regular meetings of the SBCCOG Homeless Services Task Force which includes cities, first responders and community organizations working in the South Bay on homeless issues.
- C. Organize trainings and outreach events including First Responders Trainings, Landlord Workshops, and Homeless Court Clinics.

- D. Prepare correspondence/reports and make public presentations regarding the HI. Respond to inquiries from cities regarding HI programs, homeless services, and issues.
- E. Develop a comprehensive South Bay list of agencies that are working in the South Bay as well as their programs and projects that fit within the Measure H strategies.
- F. Identify specific problem areas and/or issues in the South Bay and collaborate with county departments on possible strategies for improvement.
- G. Upon request, assist cities in planning homeless programs or projects. This can also include helping cities who are applying for City Planning Grants, participating in the cities' planning process, etc. to obtain technical assistance.**
- H. Support homelessness prevention strategies.
- I. Distribute HI information at SBCCOG Board meetings and other relevant SBCCOG meetings including the Senior Services Working Group.
- J. Promote HI programs through SBCCOG website, newsletters, e-blasts and social media platforms.

## **Task 2: Coordination with Service Providers and Community Stakeholders**

Work with regional homeless organizations and coalitions to support the coordination of homeless services in the South Bay including:

- A. Identify and maintain database of Service Planning Area (SPA) 8 stakeholders in homeless services and their policies.
- B. Identify or help to identify and support leaders in the public and private sectors who can support city-level planning or regional ongoing coordination efforts.**
- C. Create and maintain a list of South Bay homeless resources and programs.
- D. Attend meetings of the SPA 8 Coordinated Entry System, South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and other stakeholder meetings and events as appropriate.
- E. Serve as liaison between SBCCOG, HI, and South Bay business and interfaith communities. Work with Chambers of Commerce to educate businesses. Convene meetings as needed.
- F. Keep federal and state legislative offices in the South Bay informed about regional activities to combat homelessness.
- G. Collaborate with the South Bay Workforce Investment Board to promote employment programs and jointly apply for additional grant funding.
- H. Connect community-based programs with Measure H and other funding sources.
- I. Utilize social media between agencies such as LinkedIn groups.

### **Task 3: Policy Development**

- A. Review homelessness plans that have been adopted by individual cities and assess whether to produce a regional homelessness plan involving participation of all of the cities.**

### **Section III: Budget**

Total budget for project is \$79,167 annually to be paid by County of Los Angeles in quarterly payments of \$19,791.75 for all tasks described above including expenses such as website hosting and software. Work shall commence on September 1, 2017.

### **Section VI. Reporting and Documentation**

- A. SBCCOG will provide quarterly invoicing and progress reports.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY STAFF:**

1. An assessment or research component for this region that would produce a regional homelessness plan involving multi-cities effort. If such Plan exists, efforts to strengthen and/or expand and implement. This can include policy development.-  
**TASK 3**
2. Plan homeless programs or projects in the area of homeless issues. This can also include providing technical assistance to the cities who are applying for City Planning Grant, participating in the cities' planning process, etc. – **TASK 1**
3. Identify or help to identify and support leaders in the public and private sectors who can support city-level planning or regional ongoing coordination efforts. – **TASK 2**