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San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) Amended Memorandum of Understanding and Additional Funding for the City of San Diego COVID-19 Housing Stability Assistance Program Presentation to the SDHC Board of Commissioners July 9, 2021

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COVID-19 Housing Stability Assistance Program Overview

- February 22, 2021: San Diego City Council authorized the program.
- March 15, 2021: Online application launched at covidassistance.sdhc.org
 - Application available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese
- The program helps pay rent and utilities for City of San Diego households with low income that experience financial hardship due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- The program also helps pay past-due internet service expenses.



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Applications and Payments

Applications

- 14,222 applications submitted as of 8:30 a.m. July 7, 2021
 - 73.7 percent with income up to 30 percent of San Diego's Area Median Income (AMI)
 - 20.8 percent with income from 31 percent to 50 percent of AMI
 - 4.9 percent with income from 51 percent to 80 percent of AMI
 - 0.5 percent with income above 81 percent of AMI
- 12,572 additional applications started and pending completion

Payments

- SDHC began making payments for qualifying applicants in late April 2021.
- As of July 7, 2021:
 - Payments Disbursed: \$39,099,381.13
 - Households Assisted: 5,583



*Application Assistance and Outreach
SDG&E and
San Diego & Imperial Counties
Labor Council
May 28, 2021*



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Previously Allocated Funding

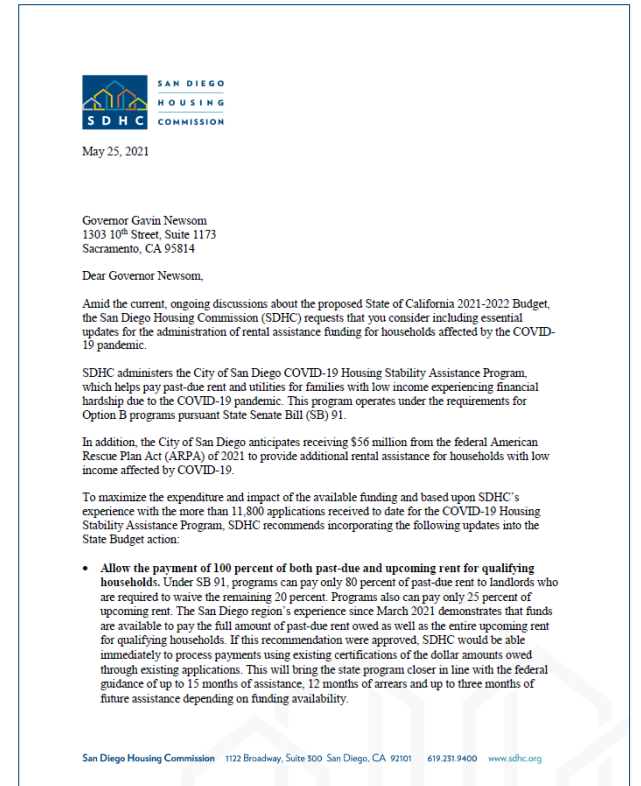
- \$83,705,260.75 budgeted for assistance payments
 - Federal funds allocated directly to the City of San Diego from the U.S. Department of the Treasury
 - Federal funds the State of California allocated to the City of San Diego, as approved in State Senate Bill (SB) 91, signed into law on January 29, 2021
 - Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds awarded to the City of San Diego
 - Expenditure of Coronavirus Relief Funds is prioritized because funding regulations allow a longer period of time to expend CDBG funds



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New State Legislation

- April and May 2021: SDHC advocated for changes to State law governing the use of funds for the COVID-19 Housing Stability Assistance Program.
- June 28, 2021: Assembly Bill (AB) 832 signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom
 - Allows the COVID-19 Housing Stability Assistance Programs and similar programs statewide to pay 100 percent of rent obligations for qualifying households
- With AB 832's changes, SDHC anticipates fully expending all of the Coronavirus Relief Funds allocated to HSAP and may need additional funds to assist all of the existing eligible applicants.
- Additional funding would be used to help households that submit new applications each day for help from HSAP.



*SDHC Letter to
Governor Gavin Newsom
May 25, 2021*



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Additional Funding

- March 11, 2021: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) signed into law by President Joe Biden
- \$54,539,063.20 in ARPA funds allocated directly to the City of San Diego from the U.S. Department of the Treasury.
 - Funds would support the continued operation of HSAP to help additional households that need help paying their rent and utilities to avoid being displaced from their homes.
- June 23, 2021: The State transferred funds to the City of San Diego for HSAP that included \$5,610,840.67 in additional funding above the allocation the City Council and Housing Authority approved on February 22, 2021.
- Combined, these funds provide \$60,149,903.87 in additional resources for assistance payments and administrative expenses.
 - Mayor's office is evaluating potential uses of these funds if they are not fully expended through HSAP.



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Staff Recommendations

That the SDHC Board of Commissioners recommend that the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego and San Diego City Council take the following actions:

Housing Authority and City Council

- Authorize the execution of an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SDHC and the City of San Diego for SDHC to continue to oversee and administer the City of San Diego's COVID-19 Housing Stability Assistance Program with new funding to provide emergency rental assistance and/or utility assistance to households with low income in the City of San Diego that experience financial hardship.



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Staff Recommendations (Continued)

Housing Authority

- Authorize SDHC to amend its Fiscal Year 2022 budget in the amount of \$54,539,063.20 in federal ARPA funds allocated directly to the City of San Diego to be administered by SDHC and an additional \$5,610,840.67 in federal funds allocated by the State of California to the City of San Diego through the State of California's Coronavirus Relief Fund to provide rental assistance and/or utility assistance to households with low income in the City of San Diego that experience financial hardship and to cover administrative expenses in accordance with federal and state funding requirements;
- Authorize SDHC's President & CEO, or designee, to modify the COVID-19 Housing Stability and Assistance Program, if necessary, without further action by SDHC's Board of Commissioners (Board) or the Housing Authority, but only if and to the extent that such changes comply with the terms of the executed amended MOU and are necessary to fulfill federal and state funding requirements;



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Staff Recommendations (Continued)

- Authorize SDHC's President & CEO, or designee, to substitute approved funding sources with any other available funds as deemed appropriate, contingent upon budget availability, and further authorize the President & CEO, or designee, to take such actions as are necessary, convenient and/or appropriate to implement this approval and delegation of authority by SDHC upon advice of the General Counsel; and
- Authorize SDHC's President & CEO, or designee, to execute all necessary documents and instruments that are necessary and/or appropriate to implement these approvals, in a form and format approved by General Counsel, and to take such actions necessary and/or appropriate to implement these approvals.



Questions & Comments

