



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 04/04/2023

ITEM NO: 6

DESK ITEM

DATE: April 4, 2023
TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Discussion and Direction for Use of the Council Allocated \$25,000 to Support the Unhoused Residents of Los Gatos

REMARKS:

A Council Member had several questions (bold face type) and staff's responses are provided below.

1. Are there alternative options to provide transportation to county/nearby shelters?

Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) runs the public bus system . If the unhoused residents had financial capacity, other options include, taxi, ridesharing, and other transportation modes.

2. Does staff think the Moore proposal will be an effective use of funds? If so, why not in budget? Is this truly one-time? Is it appropriate use of ARPA funds?

The staff have not evaluated the proposal. The Council needs to decide if it wants to fund Council Member Moore's proposal or direct funding to other priorities for the unhoused residents. At this time Council has only directed \$25,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for support of the Los Gatos unhoused residents. Staff is preparing a Proposed Operating Budget based on direction to date without presuming a particular outcome for future Council actions. Yes, the Council has the discretion to use ARPA for its priorities as described in previous communications to the Town Council.

3. This is a stopgap that works during severe weather episodes. For longer term solution, have we considered support of SB 43 State Sen. Susan Eggman's new legislation, that will make it possible for County health officials to save more lives by requiring emergency care?

The staff have not reviewed SB 43 and does not have a recommendation on this option.

Reviewed by: Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Finance Director

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REMARKS (continued):

4. Many of our unhoused are seniors. Is there coordination of the Moore proposal with the CHSSC Mental Health recommendations and with other aspects of the Roadmap?

Staff is awaiting direction from Town Council regarding its priorities for unhoused residents. Based on that direction, coordination with other entities, including Town Commissions, can occur.

5. I believe there is a letter from a service agency withdrawing their proposal. Could that proposal be provided please, and are there other details from others about their services?

The withdrawn proposal can be found in Attachment 6.

Additionally, Attachment 7 contains additional public comments received after the publication of the staff report and before 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

Attachments Transmitted with Staff Report:

1. Resolution 2021-023
2. 2020-2025 Santa Clara Community Plan to End Homelessness
3. Council Member Moore's Proposal
4. Public Comments
5. ARPA Summary

Attachments Transmitted with This Addendum:

6. Withdrawn Proposal from Faith Community
7. Additional Public Comments