

## OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

## CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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# **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Madam Mayor London Breed

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Radhika Mehlotra, Homelessness Policy Specialist, City Performance

On behalf of the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee

**CC:** Greg Wagner, Controller

Shanell Williams, Chair, Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee Health Commission, care of Mark Morewitz, Commission Secretary

Homelessness Oversight Commission, care of Bridget Badasow, Commission Secretary

**DATE:** March 14, 2024

SUBJECT: OCOH Oversight Committee Recommendations regarding Transitional Aged

Youth (Youth) Housing Funds

On September 28, 2023, the Our City, Our Home (OCOH) Oversight Committee (the Committee) hosted its regular meeting, which included a discussion of unprogrammed funding within the Family Housing and Youth Housing categories of the OCOH Fund. At the meeting, the Committee approved a recommendation specifying uses for unallocated Family Housing funds.

Subsequently, on February 8, 2024, the Committee hosted a special meeting, which included the approval of recommendations specifying uses for the unallocated Youth Housing funds.

#### Recommendations

- 1. The OCOH Oversight Committee recommends that the City allocate \$8.5 million in one-time Youth Housing funds for small site acquisition to support nonprofit ownership of Permanent Supportive Housing for youth outside of the Tenderloin neighborhood.
- 2. The OCOH Oversight Committee recommends that the City allocate \$3.7 million in ongoing Youth Housing funds to provide support services for the new Permanent Supportive Housing sites purchased through the small site acquisition.
- 3. The OCOH Oversight Committee recommends that the City allocate \$8 million in one-time Youth Housing funds to support rapid rehousing of youth that are leaving transitional housing.
- 4. The OCOH Oversight Committee recommends that the City allocate \$2.7 million in one-time Youth Housing funds to support rapid rehousing of youth impacted by violence.

5. The OCOH Oversight Committee recommends that the City allocate \$3.7 million in ongoing Youth Housing funds to provide rental assistance and supportive services for youth exiting Permanent Supportive Housing.

The recommendations were adopted with a "yes" vote by the five members present: Chair Williams, Vice Chair D'Antonio, Member Walton, Member Friedenbach, and Member Preston.

### **Supporting Information**

As the funds reflected in these recommendations have already been appropriated into the FY23-24 budget, no new appropriations are necessary. Instead, this is a recommendation to adjust the spending plan being implemented by the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH).

To inform the Committee's recommendations, Chair Williams, Member Friedenbach, Member Cunningham-Denning and Member Walton attended a Housing Liaison meeting with HSH on September 20, 2023. Summary notes from this meeting are available here: <a href="https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-09/Housing%20Liaison%20Meeting%20Summary%209.20.23.pdf">https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-09/Housing%20Liaison%20Meeting%20Summary%209.20.23.pdf</a>

HSH staff provided updated budget information regarding the Family Housing and Youth Housing funds at the September 28, 2023 regular meeting, and materials provided by the department are available here: <a href="https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-09/09.28.23%20-%20OCOH%20Committee%20-%20Fund%20Balance">https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-09/09.28.23%20-%20OCOH%20Committee%20-%20Fund%20Balance</a> 1.pdf

All documents related to the Committee's budget recommendation process can be found on the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee website: <a href="https://www.sf.gov/step-by-step/ocoh-oversight-committees-budget-recommendations-fy24-25">https://www.sf.gov/step-by-step/ocoh-oversight-committees-budget-recommendations-fy24-25</a>

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