

**SAN FRANCISCO
LOCAL HOMELESS COORDINATING BOARD**



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Secretary Lourdes M. Castro Ramirez
Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency
California Department of Housing and Community Development
2020 West El Camino Avenue
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Dear Secretary Ramirez

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The Local Homeless Coordinating Board (LHCB) is pleased to submit this letter in support of the San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing's (HSH) proposal to the State of California's Department of Housing and Community Development, Homekey Program. LHCB endorses HSH's proposal to use these funds to assist the City in creating up to 250 new units of Permanent Supportive Housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness in San Francisco.

San Francisco's 2019 Point-in-Time Count confirmed that people of color are disproportionately represented in the homeless population. Homekey Program funds will help HSH to continue addressing this inequity head-on by creating more housing units for chronically homeless people.

LHCB is the governing body for the San Francisco Continuum of Care (CoC CA-501). While HSH is the administrative entity for the City, County, and Continuum of Care of San Francisco, LHCB serves as the lead independent body for coordinating homeless policy, McKinney funding, and San Francisco Continuum of Care implementation. LHCB is a nine-member advisory body appointed by the Board of Supervisors, Mayor, and the Controller.

In partnership with HSH, LHCB works to ensure a unified homeless strategy that is supported by the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, City departments, nonprofit agencies, people who are homeless or formerly homeless and the community at large. Operating within a "Housing First" model, LHCB envisions developing a continuum of services whose ultimate goal is to prevent and eradicate homelessness in the City and County of San Francisco. All efforts of the LHCB are aimed at permanent solutions, and the range of services is designed to meet the unique and complex needs of individuals who are threatened with or currently experiencing homelessness.

LHCB strongly supports HSH's application for the Homekey Program that proposes to utilize these funds to serve people experiencing chronic homelessness, particularly communities of color that are disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and homelessness.

Sincerely,

San Francisco Local Homeless Coordinating Board