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## SENATE BILL

**No. 748**

### **Introduced by Senator Richardson**

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An act to amend Sections ~~50251~~ 50252.1 and 50254 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 748, as amended, Richardson. Encampment Resolution Funding program: safe parking sites: reporting.

Existing law establishes the Encampment Resolution Funding program, administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, ~~to~~ *to, upon appropriation of the Legislature*, increase collaboration between the department, local jurisdictions, and continuums of care for, among other things, providing encampment resolution grants to local jurisdictions and continuums of care to resolve critical encampment concerns and transition individuals into safe and stable housing. *Existing law authorizes a continuum of care or a local jurisdiction to submit a specified application to the department for a program grant. Existing law, for additional rounds moneys, defined as moneys appropriated for the program in or after the 2021–22 fiscal year, requires that an applicant submit an application for a program*

*grant that includes a description of how the applicant intends to use the funds to connect all individuals living in encampments to services and housing, among other things.*

~~This bill would additionally include, as purposes of the program, assisting local jurisdictions with operating safe parking sites while locating interim or permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness living in vehicles or recreational vehicles.~~

*This bill would, as part of this description, additionally require the applicant to include specified information about safe parking sites, when the application includes operating safe parking sites while locating interim or permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness living in vehicles or recreational vehicles.*

*Existing law requires grant recipients to report specified data to their local Homeless Management Information System and as required by the department. Existing law requires the department to evaluate the data and outcomes reported by recipients to assess efficacy of programs and identify scalable best practices for encampment resolution that can be replicated across the state. Existing law requires the department to report to the chairs of the relevant fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature on the outcomes, learnings, and best practices models identified through the program.*

~~Beginning on April 1, 2026, and quarterly thereafter, the this bill would require the department to report to the chairs of certain Senate and Assembly committees on the funding distributed for each of the program's purposes, as specified.~~ *pursuant to the additional rounds of funding, as specified. The bill, instead of requiring the department to evaluate the reported data and outcomes, as described above, would instead require the Legislative Analyst's Office to evaluate the data and outcomes reported by the department to these committees to assess efficacy to assess the efficacy of programs and identify scalable best practices for encampment resolution that can be replicated across the state.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

(a) In January 2024, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reported 187,084 people experiencing homelessness, and a significant portion of these individuals are living in recreational vehicles (RV).

(b) Further startling statistics are:

(1) Two-thirds of people experiencing homelessness (124,537) in the state, the highest in the country, sleep outside.

(2) Twenty-five percent, that is one in four, of the people experiencing homelessness in America, are homeless here in California.

(3) Forty-four percent, on average, that are homeless are “chronically homeless,” meaning individuals may have a long medical or mental disability and are homeless for more than one year.

(c) Homelessness may be defined as an individual or family who lacks a “fixed, regular, and adequate” nighttime permanent residence. *residence*.

(d) According to ~~long-standing~~ *longstanding* law, Section 18010 of the Health and Safety Code, an RV means a motor home, travel trailer, truck camper, or camping trailer, with or without motive power, designed for human habitation for recreational, emergency, or other occupancy.

(e) In California, RVs are intended for temporary recreational or emergency occupancy, not for long-term living or habitation on private property outside of designated areas like RV parks, campgrounds, or mobilehome parks.

(f) RVs are designed for leisure travel, camping, and temporary living, not as permanent residences.

~~SEC. 2. Section 50251 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:~~

~~50251. (a) The Encampment Resolution Funding program is hereby established to, upon appropriation by the Legislature, increase collaboration between the council, local jurisdictions, and continuums of care for the following purposes:~~

~~(1) Assist local jurisdictions in ensuring the safety and wellness of people experiencing homelessness in encampments.~~

~~(2) Provide encampment resolution grants to local jurisdictions and continuums of care to resolve critical encampment concerns and transition individuals into safe and stable housing.~~

1     ~~(3) Encourage a data-informed, coordinated approach to address~~  
2     ~~encampment concerns.~~

3     ~~(4) Assist local jurisdictions with operating safe parking sites~~  
4     ~~while locating interim or permanent housing for people~~  
5     ~~experiencing homelessness living in vehicles or recreational~~  
6     ~~vehicles. This includes the acquisition of sites for safe parking,~~  
7     ~~operation of the site, services to the safe parking site, and~~  
8     ~~increasing safe parking site hours.~~

9     ~~(b) (1) The council shall administer the program.~~

10    ~~(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the council may consult with~~  
11    ~~and designate a state agency or department to support the~~  
12    ~~administration of the program.~~

13    ~~(c) (1) The council's decision to approve or deny an application~~  
14    ~~and the determination of the amount of funding to be provided~~  
15    ~~shall be final and not subject to appeal.~~

16    ~~(2) In determining which applications to approve, the council~~  
17    ~~shall evaluate and score proposals based on all of the following~~  
18    ~~criteria:~~

19    ~~(A) The applicant's capacity to carry out the proposal.~~

20    ~~(B) Whether the site selected for services aligns with the~~  
21    ~~proposed service delivery model.~~

22    ~~(C) Whether the demographics and needs of service recipients~~  
23    ~~align with the proposed service delivery model.~~

24    ~~(D) The applicant's ability to develop a detailed service delivery~~  
25    ~~plan, including a description of how individuals will be served~~  
26    ~~with permanent housing solutions.~~

27    ~~(E) The applicant's ability to coordinate with other systems to~~  
28    ~~increase services and housing options.~~

29    ~~(F) The applicant's capacity to involve people with lived~~  
30    ~~experience and local community partners in the implementation~~  
31    ~~of its project.~~

32    ~~(G) The applicant's ability to recruit and deploy personnel with~~  
33    ~~experience and expertise needed to support the success of their~~  
34    ~~proposal.~~

35    ~~(H) The applicant's ability to demonstrate a prudent and~~  
36    ~~effective use of requested funding relative to the number of people~~  
37    ~~it seeks to serve and the types of services to be provided in the~~  
38    ~~proposal.~~

39    ~~(d) The council shall maintain records of the following:~~

1 ~~(1) The number of applications for program grants received by~~  
2 ~~the council.~~

3 ~~(2) The number of applications for program grants denied by~~  
4 ~~the council.~~

5 ~~(3) The name of each recipient of a program grant.~~

6 ~~(4) The amount of funds allocated to each applicant.~~

7 ~~(e) The council may adopt regulations to implement this chapter.~~  
8 ~~The adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation authorized by~~  
9 ~~this subdivision is hereby exempted from the rulemaking provisions~~  
10 ~~of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing~~  
11 ~~with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the~~  
12 ~~Government Code).~~

13 *SEC. 2. Section 50252.1 of the Health and Safety Code is*  
14 *amended to read:*

15 50252.1. (a) This section only applies to additional funding  
16 round moneys and does not apply to funding round 1 moneys.

17 (b) The council shall award additional funding round moneys  
18 first to fund projects from prior funding rounds that the council  
19 determined satisfied applicable program requirements but were  
20 not funded in the prior round.

21 (c) (1) Any funds remaining after the awards required by  
22 subdivision (b) shall be awarded on a rolling basis in accordance  
23 with this subdivision.

24 (2) The council shall begin accepting new applications for a  
25 program grant by five months after the appropriation in the given  
26 fiscal year is made.

27 (3) The council shall cease accepting new applications for a  
28 program grant by the earlier of the end of the fiscal year in which  
29 the appropriation is made or the date the funds from the  
30 appropriation have been expended.

31 (4) Applicants shall submit an application for a program grant  
32 to the council in a form and manner specified by the council. The  
33 application shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:

34 (A) Information on the number and demographics of the  
35 individuals living in the encampment that the applicant is  
36 requesting funding to help resolve.

37 (B) A description of why the specific encampment is being  
38 prioritized for resolution support.

39 (C) A description of how the applicant intends to collaborate  
40 with state and local partners to mitigate risk and address safety

1 concerns while ensuring a pathway for individuals living in  
2 encampments to move into safe and stable housing.

3 (D) A description of how the applicant intends to use these funds  
4 to connect all individuals living in the encampment to services and  
5 housing. *When an application includes operating safe parking*  
6 *sites while locating interim or permanent housing for people*  
7 *experiencing homelessness living in vehicles or recreational*  
8 *vehicles, a description of how the applicant intends to acquire*  
9 *sites for safe parking, operate the site, provide services at the safe*  
10 *parking site, and increase safe parking site hours.*

11 (E) A description of other local resources and funding streams  
12 that will be used to ensure the ongoing availability of services and  
13 housing support for people who are moved out of encampments  
14 into permanent housing.

15 (F) A goal for the number of individuals the program will  
16 support transitioning from encampments into temporary shelters.

17 (G) A goal for the number of individuals the program will  
18 support transitioning from encampments into permanent housing.

19 (5) In awarding grants, funding shall be prioritized for both of  
20 the following:

21 (A) Jurisdictions that can demonstrate a commitment to  
22 cross-systems collaboration, including collaborations with state  
23 entities, and innovative efforts to resolve encampment issues, while  
24 focusing on protecting the health and well-being of the individuals  
25 living in those encampments.

26 (B) Applicants that represent the diversity of communities across  
27 the state, including, but not limited to, rural, urban, and suburban  
28 communities.

29 (d) The council may do any of the following:

30 (1) Monitor grantee performance.

31 (2) Require a grantee not meeting goals to accept technical  
32 assistance from the council.

33 (3) Limit the allowable uses of program funds for a grantee that  
34 is not meeting goals.

35 (e) The council may use up to 5 percent of money appropriated  
36 in a given fiscal year for administration of the program, including  
37 capacity building and technical assistance activities in support of  
38 program goals.

39 SEC. 3. Section 50254 of the Health and Safety Code is  
40 amended to read:

50254. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, all recipients of funds pursuant to this chapter shall provide data elements, including, but not limited to, health information, in a manner consistent with state and federal law, to their local Homeless Management Information System for tracking in the statewide Homeless Data Integration System.

(b) (1) The council shall specify the form and substance of the required data elements.

(2) The council may, as required by operational necessity, amend or modify data elements, disclosure formats, or disclosure frequency.

(3) Grantees shall report individual, client-level data for persons served by grant funding to the council, in addition to any data reported through the local Homeless Management Information System, as required by the council for the purposes of research and evaluation of grant performance, service pathways, and outcomes for people served.

(4) Council staff may use information reported directly from grantees and through the statewide Homeless Data Integration System for the purposes of research and evaluation of grant performance, service pathways, and outcomes for people served.

(c) Any health information or personal identifying information provided to or maintained within the statewide Homeless Data Integration System pursuant to this section shall not be subject to public inspection or disclosure under the California Public Records Act (Division 10 (commencing with Section 7920.000) of Title 1 of the Government Code).

(d) For purposes of this paragraph, “health information” includes “protected health information,” as defined in Part 160.103 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and “medical information,” as defined in subdivision (j) of Section 56.05 of the Civil Code.

(e) All recipients shall provide information and products developed with grant funds on service delivery models in support of the overall program goal to mitigate risk and address safety concerns in encampments, while ensuring a pathway for individuals living in encampments to move into safe and stable housing, in a format and timeframe specified by the council.

(f) ~~The council~~ *Legislative Analyst’s Office* shall evaluate the data and outcomes reported by ~~recipients~~ *the council pursuant to subdivision (g)* to assess efficacy of programs and identify scalable

1 best practices for encampment resolution that can be replicated  
2 across the state.

3 (g) The council shall report as follows:

4 (1) To the chairs of the relevant fiscal and policy committees  
5 in both houses on the outcomes, learnings, and best practices  
6 models identified through this program. The report shall be  
7 submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government  
8 Code.

9 (2) (A) Beginning on April 1, 2026, and quarterly thereafter,  
10 to the chairs of the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal  
11 Review, the Assembly Committee on Budget, the Senate  
12 Committee on Housing, the Assembly Committee on Housing and  
13 Community Development, and the Senate and Assembly  
14 Committees on Human Services on the funding distributed ~~for~~  
15 ~~each of the purposes described in subdivision (a) of Section 50251.~~  
16 *pursuant to Section 50252.1. The reports shall include, at*  
17 *minimum, a point-in-time accounting for all of the following:*

18 (i) *The number of people transitioned from an encampment or*  
19 *safe parking site to permanent housing.*

20 (ii) *The number of people transitioned from an encampment or*  
21 *safe parking site to temporary shelters.*

22 (iii) *A description of the types of services offered and whether*  
23 *the individuals were connected to them.*

24 (B) The requirement for submitting a report imposed under  
25 subparagraph (A) is inoperative on April 1, 2030, pursuant to  
26 Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.

27 (C) A report to be submitted pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall  
28 be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government  
29 Code.

30 (h) Contracts entered into to implement this chapter shall be  
31 exempt from all of the following:

32 (1) Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 14825) of Part 5.5 of  
33 Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

34 (2) The personal services contracting requirements of Article 4  
35 (commencing with Section 19130) of Chapter 5 of Part 2 of  
36 Division 5 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

37 (3) Part 2 (commencing with Section 10100) of Division 2 of  
38 the Public Contract Code and the State Contracting Manual.



- 1     (4) Notwithstanding Section 11546 of the Government Code,
- 2     from review or approval of any division of the Department of
- 3     Technology, upon approval from the Department of Finance.
- 4     (5) From the review or approval of any division of the
- 5     Department of General Services.

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