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SENATE BILL

No. 748

Introduced by Senator Richardson

February 21, 2025

An act to amend Sections ~~50250, 50251, 50251~~ and 50254 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 748, as amended, Richardson. Encampment Resolution Funding program: ~~cars and recreational vehicles~~; *safe parking sites*; reporting.

Existing law establishes the Encampment Resolution Funding program, administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, to 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.

This bill would additionally include, as purposes of the program, assisting local jurisdictions that are urban communities within a county with operating safe parking sites while locating interim or permanent housing.

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.

~~This bill would additionally include assisting specified local jurisdictions with, among other things, removing and storing cars and~~

recreational vehicles, as specified, acquiring property for safe parking sites, and increasing safe parking site hours, as purposes of the program.

Beginning on April 1, 2026, and quarterly thereafter, the bill would require the department to report to the chairs of ~~the Senate and Assembly Committees on Local Government, the Senate and Assembly Committees on Transportation, the Senate Committee on Housing, and the Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development~~ *certain Senate and Assembly committees* on the funding distributed for each of the program’s purposes, as specified.

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:

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

7 (b) Further startling statistics are:

8 (1) Two-thirds of reported homeless (124,537) in the state, the
9 highest in the country, sleep outside.

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

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

16 (c) Homelessness may be defined as an individual or family
17 who lacks a “fixed, regular, and adequate” nighttime permanent
18 residence. A man, woman, or child that sleeps on the street, in
19 front of a store, or in an RV for more than 14 days is considered
20 to be experiencing homelessness.

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

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

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

7 ~~SEC. 2. Section 50250 of the Health and Safety Code is~~
8 ~~amended to read:~~

9 ~~50250. For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions~~
10 ~~shall apply:~~

11 ~~(a) “Additional funding round moneys” means moneys~~
12 ~~appropriated for the program in or after fiscal year 2022–23.~~

13 ~~(b) “Agency” means the Business, Consumer Services, and~~
14 ~~Housing Agency.~~

15 ~~(c) “Applicant” means a continuum of care or local jurisdiction~~

16 ~~(d) “Continuum of care” has the same meaning as in Section~~
17 ~~578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.~~

18 ~~(e) (1) Subject to paragraph (2), “council,” unless context~~
19 ~~requires otherwise, means the California Interagency Council on~~
20 ~~Homelessness, previously known as the Homeless Coordinating~~
21 ~~and Financing Council created pursuant to Section 8257 of the~~
22 ~~Welfare and Institutions Code.~~

23 ~~(2) Unless context requires otherwise, “council,” with respect~~
24 ~~to the administration of this chapter on or after the effective date~~
25 ~~of the act adding this paragraph, means the department.~~

26 ~~(f) “County” includes, but is not limited to, a city and county.~~

27 ~~(g) “Department” means the Department of Housing and~~
28 ~~Community Development.~~

29 ~~(h) “Funding round 1 moneys” means moneys appropriated for~~
30 ~~the program in fiscal year 2021–22.~~

31 ~~(i) “Homeless” has the same meaning as in Section 578.3 of~~
32 ~~Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.~~

33 ~~(j) “Local jurisdiction” means a city, including a charter city, a~~
34 ~~county, including a charter county, or a city and county, including~~
35 ~~a charter city and county.~~

36 ~~(k) “Program” means the Encampment Resolution Funding~~
37 ~~program established pursuant to this chapter.~~

38 ~~(l) “Recipient” means an applicant that receives grant funds~~
39 ~~from the council for the purposes of the program.~~

1 ~~(m) “Recreational vehicle” has the same meaning as in Section~~
2 ~~18010.~~

3 ~~(n) “State right-of-way” means real property held in title by~~
4 ~~the State of California.~~

5 ~~SEC. 3.~~

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

8 50251. (a) The Encampment Resolution Funding program is
9 hereby established to, upon appropriation by the Legislature,
10 increase collaboration between the council, local jurisdictions, and
11 continuum of care for the following purposes:

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

14 (2) Provide encampment resolution grants to local jurisdictions
15 and continuum of care to resolve critical encampment concerns
16 and transition individuals into safe and stable housing.

17 (3) Encourage a data-informed, coordinated approach to address
18 encampment concerns.

19 ~~(4) Assist local jurisdictions that are urban communities within~~
20 ~~a county that offer temporary shelters and safe parking sites with~~
21 ~~the removal and storage of cars and recreational vehicles while~~
22 ~~locating temporary shelter for people experiencing homelessness~~
23 ~~in encampments.~~

24 ~~(5) Assist local jurisdictions that are urban communities within~~
25 ~~a county that offer temporary shelters and safe parking sites with~~
26 ~~the code enforcement of the parking, storage, inspection, and~~
27 ~~towing of cars and recreational vehicles.~~

28 ~~(6) Assist local jurisdictions that are urban communities within~~
29 ~~a county that offer temporary shelters and safe parking sites with~~
30 ~~acquiring property for safe parking sites and increasing safe parking~~
31 ~~site hours.~~

32 *(4) Assist local jurisdictions that are urban communities within*
33 *a county with operating safe parking sites while locating interim*
34 *or permanent housing. This includes the acquisition of sites for*
35 *safe parking, operation of the site, services to the safe parking*
36 *site, and increasing safe parking site hours.*

37 (b) (1) The council shall administer the program.

38 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the council may consult with
39 and designate a state agency or department to support the
40 administration of the program.

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

4 (2) In determining which applications to approve, the council
5 shall evaluate and score proposals based on all of the following
6 criteria:

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

8 (B) Whether the site selected for services aligns with the
9 proposed service delivery model.

10 (C) Whether the demographics and needs of service recipients
11 align with the proposed service delivery model.

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

15 (E) The applicant's ability to coordinate with other systems to
16 increase services and housing options.

17 (F) The applicant's capacity to involve people with lived
18 experience and local community partners in the implementation
19 of its project.

20 (G) The applicant's ability to recruit and deploy personnel with
21 experience and expertise needed to support the success of their
22 proposal.

23 (H) The applicant's ability to demonstrate a prudent and
24 effective use of requested funding relative to the number of people
25 it seeks to serve and the types of services to be provided in the
26 proposal.

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

28 (1) The number of applications for program grants received by
29 the council.

30 (2) The number of applications for program grants denied by
31 the council.

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

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

34 (e) The council may adopt regulations to implement this chapter.
35 The adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation authorized by
36 this subdivision is hereby exempted from the rulemaking provisions
37 of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing
38 with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the
39 Government Code).

1 ~~SEC. 4.~~

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

4 50254. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, all recipients of
5 funds pursuant to this chapter shall provide data elements,
6 including, but not limited to, health information, in a manner
7 consistent with state and federal law, to their local Homeless
8 Management Information System for tracking in the statewide
9 Homeless Data Integration System.

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

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

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

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

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

31 (d) For purposes of this paragraph, “health information” includes
32 “protected health information,” as defined in Part 160.103 of Title
33 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and “medical information,”
34 as defined in subdivision (j) of Section 56.05 of the Civil Code.

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

1 (f) The council shall evaluate the data and outcomes reported
2 by recipients to assess efficacy of programs and identify scalable
3 best practices for encampment resolution that can be replicated
4 across the state.

5 (g) The council shall report as follows:

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

11 (2) (A) Beginning on April 1, 2026, and quarterly thereafter,
12 to the chairs of the ~~Senate and Assembly Committees on Local~~
13 ~~Government, the Senate and Assembly Committees on~~
14 ~~Transportation, the Senate Committee on Housing, and Senate~~
15 ~~Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, the Assembly Committee~~
16 ~~on Budget, the Senate Committee on Housing, the Assembly~~
17 ~~Committee on Housing and Community—Development~~
18 ~~Development, and the Senate and Assembly Committees on Human~~
19 ~~Services~~ on the funding distributed for each of the purposes
20 described in subdivision (a) of Section 50251.

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

24 (C) A report to be submitted pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall
25 be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government
26 Code.

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

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

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

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

36 (4) Notwithstanding Section 11546 of the Government Code,
37 from review or approval of any division of the Department of
38 Technology, upon approval from the Department of Finance.

- 1 (5) From the review or approval of any division of the
- 2 Department of General Services.

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