

Introduced by Senator Richardson

February 21, 2025

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 748, as introduced, Richardson. Encampment Resolution Funding program: cars and recreational vehicles.

Existing law establishes the Encampment Resolution Funding program, administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, to increase collaboration between the council, local jurisdictions, and continuums of care for, among other things, assisting local jurisdictions in ensuring the safety and wellness of people experiencing homelessness in encampments.

This bill would additionally include, as a program purpose, assisting local jurisdictions with the removal and storage of cars and recreational vehicles, as specified, and assisting local jurisdictions with increasing safe parking site hours, as purposes of the program. The bill would define encampments to include people using cars and recreational vehicles for temporary shelter along public roads.

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. Section 50250 of the Health and Safety Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 50250. For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions
- 4 shall apply:

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

3 (b) “Agency” means the Business, Consumer Services, and
4 Housing Agency.

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

6 (d) “Continuum of care” has the same meaning as in Section
7 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

8 (e) (1) Subject to paragraph (2), “council,” unless context
9 requires otherwise, means the California Interagency Council on
10 Homelessness, previously known as the Homeless Coordinating
11 and Financing Council created pursuant to Section 8257 of the
12 Welfare and Institutions Code.

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

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

17 (g) “Department” means the Department of Housing and
18 Community Development.

19 (h) “*Encampment*” includes, but is not limited to, people using
20 cars and recreational vehicles for temporary shelter along public
21 roads.

22 ~~(h)~~

23 (i) “Funding round 1 moneys” means moneys appropriated for
24 the program in fiscal year 2021–22.

25 ~~(i)~~

26 (j) “Homeless” has the same meaning as in Section 578.3 of
27 Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

28 ~~(j)~~

29 (k) “Local jurisdiction” means a city, including a charter city,
30 a county, including a charter county, or a city and county, including
31 a charter city and county.

32 ~~(k)~~

33 (l) “Program” means the Encampment Resolution Funding
34 program established pursuant to this chapter.

35 ~~(l)~~

36 (m) “Recipient” means an applicant that receives grant funds
37 from the council for the purposes of the program.

38 ~~(m)~~

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

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

3 50251. (a) The Encampment Resolution Funding program is
4 hereby established to, upon appropriation by the Legislature,
5 increase collaboration between the council, local jurisdictions, and
6 continuums of care for the following purposes:

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

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

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

14 (4) *Assist local jurisdictions with the removal and storage of*
15 *cars and recreational vehicles while locating temporary shelter*
16 *for people experiencing homelessness in encampments.*

17 (5) *Assist local jurisdictions with increasing safe parking site*
18 *hours.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 (1) The number of applications for program grants received by
13 the council.

14 (2) The number of applications for program grants denied by
15 the council.

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

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

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