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Consent Calendar  
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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Vice Mayor Lori Droste  
Subject: Potential Measure P FY2022 Allocations

### **Recommendation**

Refer the Measure P funding discussion to the City Manager, Measure P Homeless Panel of Experts and the Health and Life Enrichment policy committee to determine next steps to ensure that the Measure P fund stays solvent. Specifically, these bodies should prioritize preferred programs and services within the various categories that the Measure P panel previously outlined according to updated projected revenues. During the course of these deliberations, the Panel of Experts should hear presentations from staff on which homeless services (e.g. permanent supportive housing exits, shelters, emergency interventions, multi-departmental staffing, and supportive services) are funded outside of Measure P so that the bodies can make recommendations after understanding the entirety of services and programs.

To the extent possible, the committees and commissions should attempt to find a non-volatile source of funding for permanent supportive housing, using the [1,000 person plan](#) as a framework for best addressing the homelessness crisis on our streets.

The Panel of Experts and Health and Life Enrichment policy committee should finalize their priorities in time for the budget committee's consideration in June of 2021.

### **Background**

Current Measure P revenues projections for the upcoming fiscal years are currently estimated at \$3 6.2 million dollars while total annual expenses hover around \$11.54 (Attachment A). While the beginning fund balance is healthy for FY21 and FY22, if current allocations are sustained, the fiscal year shortfalls begin this year and extend to \$8.5 million dollar annual fiscal year deficits in the following fiscal years.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Clerk/Item%202%20Staff%20report.pdf>

In 2019, the Measure P Panel of Experts recommended that Council allocate its Measure P revenues accordingly:

- 30% permanent supportive housing
- 30% temporary accommodations and shelter
- 14% street conditions and hygiene
- 14% supportive services
- 10% flexible housing funds
- 2% infrastructure.

If Council chooses to strictly follow the recommended percentage allocations, this means that Council has the following revenue to allocate to the aforementioned categories:

- \$1,900,000 to permanent supportive housing
- \$1,900,000 to temporary accommodations and shelter
- \$420,875,000 to street conditions and hygiene
- \$420,875,000 to supportive services
- \$300,625,000 to flexible housing funds
- \$60,125,000 to infrastructure

For example, Council allocated approximately \$2.6 million for temporary shelters (STAIR, Dorothy Day, YSA, outdoor shelter) in FY2021. If Council wants to maintain these existing and new shelter programs *and* if overall revenues are anticipated to be only \$36 million, Council will exhaust all Measure P revenue and have ~~no~~ **limited** money to allocate to permanent supportive housing, street conditions and hygiene, supportive services, flexible housing funds, and infrastructure. Additionally, in October of 2020, City Council also approved a \$900,000 yearly [permanent supportive housing Measure P allocation](#) for homeless housing.

### **Questions for the Committee**

1. What other funding sources are dedicated to helping our unhoused community?
2. How much money will be available from the recently passed stimulus bill to help our unhoused community? What criteria is attached to such funding?
3. Should the categories identified by the Measure P Panel be re-thought?
4. Should costs for infrastructure (personnel and technical assistance) come off the top to ensure that evaluation and personnel are always paid for with Measure P funds even if overall revenues are down?
5. If the panel and committee wants to retain the various categories established by the Measure P panel and funding is limited, which programs *within the categories* should be prioritized for Measure P funding?
6. Staff has indicated that approximately 57% of 5150 transports are for unhoused individuals. Is there an alternative non-Measure P source of funding to pay for the 5150 transports?
7. How can Measure P help sustain existing programs?

### **Fiscal Impacts**

By addressing future funding shortfalls, this item will guide discussions to ensure that the Measure P fund remains financially solvent.

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Attachment 1. Measure P Program Projection