

# EXPANDED YEAR-ROUND COMMUNITY HOMELESS ASSITANCE PROGRAM (CHAP)

City Council  
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# Purpose

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Staff is seeking direction regarding Council's desire to expand the initial pilot (CHAPP) to operate as a new year-round program, the Community Homeless Assistance Program (CHAP), and to give direction as to the scope of activities to be permitted under the general operation of CHAP.

# Background

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- Community Housing Assistance Pilot Program (CHAPP)
  - October 2015
    - Pilot approved November 2015 to March 2016
    - Safe parking, the placement of portable toilets, and temporary shelter
    - Catholic Charities and Redwood Gospel Mission
  - March 2016
    - Pilot extended 30 days to April 30, 2016

# Homeless Subcommittee

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- May 2016
  - Report outlining options for extending CHAPP to a year-round program, declaration of shelter emergency to allow for the use of City facilities, other alternatives
  - Committee requested to share report with the full Council

# Expanded Program

- Community Housing Assistance Program (CHAP)
  - Year-round program
  - Safe parking, placement and maintenance of portable toilets, temporary overnight shelter, safe camping (tents and other temporary structures)
  - Other short-term measures – bathroom facilities, storage
  - Code amendments – 6 to 9 months
  - Interim option – declaration of local emergency

# Council Direction & Next Steps

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- Scope of activities
- Emergency declaration – CHAPP resumes
- Develop program design for expanded program (CHAP)
- Code amendments

# Recommendation

It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Council, by motion, direct staff to prepare appropriate ordinance amendments to allow the initial Community Homeless Assistance Pilot Program (CHAPP) to operate as a new year-round program, the Community Homeless Assistance Program (CHAP), and to give direction as to the scope of activities to be permitted under the general operation of CHAP, potentially to include safe parking, the placement and maintenance of portable toilets, temporary overnight shelter, and a safe camping program.

# Discussion

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- Questions
- Direction