

August 1, 2022

Steering Committee  
South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
2355 Crenshaw Blvd., #125  
Torrance, CA 90501

Via Email

**SUBJECT: City of Rancho Palos Verdes Innovation Grant Project Progress and Additional Funding Request**

Dear Chair Cruikshank and Members of the Steering Committee:

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes was awarded \$20,000 of the SBCCOG's Innovation Funds to develop the City's Homelessness Plan. After notification of the executed statement of work with the County, the City released a request for proposals (RFP) for a consultant to help develop the plan. On July 18, the RFP closed without receiving any bids.

SBCCOG Senior Project Manager Ronson Chu assisted City Staff in connecting with Focus Strategies, the consulting firm preparing the Gardena Homelessness Plan, also funded through an Innovation Grant. Mr. Chu and City Staff met with Focus Strategies to discuss the City's project on July 28. Focus Strategies expressed their interest in the opportunity but informed us that they would not be able to complete the project for less than \$30,000.

Homelessness Plans are valuable tools to help broaden the collective impact of policies seeking to address homelessness. While the City's service capacity is limited, the City is interested in assessing its part in assisting to connect unhoused individuals to services through the Los Angeles County Continuum of Care. The plan will help address homelessness in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes by identifying goals and strategies the City can implement to reduce and help prevent homelessness.

The strategies assessed in the Homelessness Plan will be a valuable resource for the City and our neighboring jurisdictions and local partners. We respectfully request that an additional \$10,000 be allocated to the City's Innovation Fund project, bringing the City's grant award total to \$30,000, on par with the Gardena grant, to allow us to proceed with the project.

Sincerely,



**Ara Mhramian**

City Manager, City of Rancho Palos Verdes