

Los Angeles County supervisors have adopted a \$32.8 billion supplemental budget, marking the final step in the County's annual budget process and reflecting an ongoing commitment to serving vulnerable residents, addressing a broad range of emerging needs and improving the quality of life throughout the region.

"From essential investments in affordable housing and the fight against homelessness, to expansion of mental health and immigration legal services, this budget addresses a broad range of emerging needs and Board priorities, while reflecting a commitment to sound fiscal stewardship and services that support and transform lives," Chief Executive Officer Sachi A. Hamai said.

Highlights of the supplemental budget adopted on October 2, 2018 include:

- **Mental Evaluation Teams**—The budget adds 40 positions to the Department of Mental Health and Sheriff for 10 new field teams, enhanced supervision and support, and staff to establish risk assessment and management program to identify threats and address the needs of patients with serious mental illness who require intense case management. This brings the total number of these highly effective multi-disciplinary teams to 33.
- **Immigration Legal Services**—It allocates an additional \$1.1 million and 5 positions to the Public Defender to expand services provided to its non-citizen clients with advice regarding adverse immigration consequences stemming from criminal convictions.
- **Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)**—It also establishes a PREA Compliance Team to implement necessary reforms in County detention facilities.

In addition, the supplemental budget also makes significant investments in affordable housing and the fight against homelessness, including:

- \$2.2 million of ongoing funding to support the Sheriff's Homeless Outreach Service Team (HOST) and the Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association (LACPCA) Program, and an additional \$1 million in funding to LACPCA, to expand the Sheriff's homeless outreach and collaboration among local police departments and service providers throughout the County.
- \$25.4 million for the Department of Health Services to provide additional interim housing beds, and \$44.2 million for intensive case management services, street-based outreach, and transitional housing assistance.

- \$9.8 million in additional one-time funding for the Affordable Housing budget unit.

Other programs and priorities funded include:

- Extended operation of the 24 seasonal swimming pools from ten to 12 weeks, and the operation of Belvedere, San Fernando, and Castaic aquatic centers from ten to 12 weeks and an additional 40 weekends.
- \$7.5 million and 95 positions to the Department of Children and Family Services for the expanded Permanency Partnership Program, which places newly detained children with relatives and extended family.
- \$8.3 million to purchase contract-provider Institutions for Mental Diseases beds on behalf of the jail diversion population, and \$1.7 million and 8 positions to Public Defender's Mental Health Unit to expand services to mentally ill defendants.
- \$21.5 million for Voting Solutions for All People hardware manufacturing, software development, and implementation; \$40.3 million for Phase III of the Assessor's Modernization Project; and \$7.5 million in IT enhancements to update and replace critical systems and services.
- \$7.8 million for the County's Rainy Day Fund, in addition to \$39 million appropriated earlier in the budget process. This is the second year of the five-year plan to reach the 10% reserve goal set by Board budget policy.