



**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
AGENDA REPORT**

CONSENT CALENDAR

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: Ken Stripling

DATE: June 11, 2019

SUBJECT: FEDERAL LEGISLATION: S. 923

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

PRESENTER: Masis Hagobian

RECOMMENDED ACTION

City Council adopt the City Council Legislative Committee recommendation to support S. 923 (Feinstein) and transmit position statements to Senator Dianne Feinstein, Santa Clarita’s federal legislative delegation, members of applicable congressional committees, other Members of Congress, administration officials and interested organizations, as appropriate.

BACKGROUND

This bill proposes to require the United States Health Resources and Services Administration, within the United States Department of Health and Human Services, to establish a competitive grant program to award funding to local government entities, including cities and counties, for the planning and implementation of supportive housing projects and programs to address homelessness.

Specifically, S. 923 authorizes \$750 million, subject to annual appropriations, for fiscal years 2020 through 2025, to carry out the new grant program. The grants may be used for any combination of operations and capital building costs. However, the supportive housing projects and programs must include addressing mental health, substance use disorders, disabling or other chronic health conditions, educational and job training/employment outcomes, and life skills classes (ie. financial literacy). Eligible grant recipients are government entities (at the county, city, regional, or locality level), Indian tribe, or tribal organization.

If the supportive housing project and program will serve families with children, the services available must also include children’s behavioral and mental health services, early childhood education, regular and age-appropriate children’s programming and activities, child health and nutrition screening and education, and parenting classes and support programs.

S. 923 was introduced in the United States Senate on March 28, 2019, and referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. No hearing in the Senate has been

scheduled at the time of the writing of this report.

The City Council Legislative Committee met on May 30, 2019, and recommends that the City Council adopt a “support” position on S. 923.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

1. Adopt a “neutral” position on S. 923
2. Adopt an “oppose” position on S. 923
3. Take no action on S. 923
4. Refer S. 923 back to the Legislative Committee
5. Other action, as determined by the City Council

FISCAL IMPACT

The resources required to implement the recommended action are contained within the City of Santa Clarita's adopted Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget.

ATTACHMENTS

S. 923 - Bill Text