Our City Our Home Oversight Committee



CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

- 1. Call to Order, Welcome, Roll Call & Introductions
- 2. Public Comment
- 3. City Attorney Presentation
- 4. Controller Presentation
- 5. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
- 6. Committee Schedule, Workplan and Proposals
 - a. Schedule of Meeting for 2020 monthly
 - b. Schedule of Meetings for 2021 bimonthly
 - c. Workplan

3. City Attorney Presentation – Committee Overview

Role and Duties of the Committee

- Monitor the administration of the Our City, Our Home Fund (OCOH) and make recommendations to ensure that it is accountable to the community and consistent with the law;
- Make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding appropriations and spending priorities from the Fund;
- Identify barriers to exits from homelessness and propose solutions to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors;
- Solicit input from People Experiencing Homelessness (PEH) on spending priorities;
- Conduct a needs assessment every three years including using data on race, family composition, sexual orientation, age, and gender of people served by the Fund's programs.

Public Bodies, Public Meetings and Other Requirements

- OCOH Oversight Committee is a policy body and is subject to State and City open meeting laws and public records and Sunshine requirements;
- All business must be done in public. Members should familiarize themselves with requirements detailed in Part 3 of the City's Good Government Guide and take care to avoid communication among a majority of the members outside of the setting of a noticed public meeting;
- Conflicts of Interest: Some conflict of interest laws apply to committee members, and members could be required to abstain from discussions and votes.

4. Controller Presentation – Financial Overview

Some Basics

Funded by a dedicated tax

- Paid by companies with San Francisco gross receipts above \$50M
- Rates vary by industry, similar to the City's general gross receipts tax system
- Will generate in excess of \$300M annually, with high levels of volatility

Funds deposited into a special fund

- Establishes a fund into which those taxes are deposited and held
- Cash in the fund earns interest and retains unspent balances

Spending

- Spending legally required to be spent in line with voter-adopted allocations
- Voter-approved policy that spending should be above baseline level that existed prior to measure
- Approved by the Mayor and Board with guidance from this committee

Oversight

- Regular reporting on the fund's revenue and expenditures by the Controller
- Oversight by the Committee and other City oversight agencies

Spending Allocations

1) Housing - Exits from Homelessness

- A minimum of 50% of the fund
- Specific proportions for homeless families, young adults, and general population
 - 25% for homeless families
 - 20% for homeless youth age 18-29
 - 55% for general population
- Acquisition, rehab, lease, and operation of permanent housing
- May be used for long-term rent subsidies; no more than 12% for short-term

2) Mental health

- A minimum of 25% of the fund
- New mental health service programs for homeless people
- Eligible programs specified, including outreach, substance abuse, residential services, peer support, and other mental health services
- May be used for acquisition or lease of new facilities

Spending Allocations

3) Homelessness prevention

- A maximum of 15% of the fund
- Prevention services for those at risk of becoming homeless or recently homeless
- Eligible programs specified, including financial assistance, rental assistance, case management, legal services, eviction prevention.

4) Temporary shelter

- A maximum of 10%
- Short-term shelter, including shelter, navigation centers, and hygiene services

5) Administration

- A maximum of 3% for administration and oversight of the tax
- Includes mandated needs assessment and support of oversight committee

Full legal text and descriptions in SF Business and Tax Code Article 18 (Available at https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/san_Francisco)

Big C Projected Revenues (\$M)

		FY20-21	FY21-22	FY22-23	FY23-24	FY24-25
Permanent housing - general population	(1)	108	94	93	93	95
Permanent housing - under age 30	(1)	40	34	34	34	35
Permanent housing - families	(1)	49	43	42	42	43
Mental health	(1)	98	85	85	85	86
Homelessness prevention	(2)	59	51	51	51	52
Shelter & hygiene	(2)	40	34	34	34	35
Subtotal		394	341	339	339	346
Repayment of City advances		197				
Total		591	341	339	339	346

Allocation Notes

- (1) Allocation represents floor can be higher
- (2) Allocation represents ceiling can be lower

Budget Process

Legal action against the tax now complete.

- The tax has been assessed since 2019 but funds reserved during litigation.
- "Advances" of City general funds to expand programs during recent years
- Litigation concluded in the City's favor last week and funds now released

Funds for FY20-21 and FY21-22 appropriated in the City budget but reserved.

- Reserved pending spending plans and oversight committee feedback
- Requires Board of Supervisors action to authorize release of reserve

Staff Planning

Preliminary planning for proposed uses of some funds underway, predominantly focused on new programs during COVID public health crisis.

Status of Preliminary Planning

(\$M, FY20-21 and FY21-22 Funds)

	-	Prelimina	ary Plans?	
	Total	Programmed	Unprogrammed	Porgramming Notes
Permanent housing - general population	202	162	40	Supportive housing – homeless recovery plan
Permanent housing - Under age 30	73	-	73	
Permanent housing - Families	92	-	92	
Homelessness Prevention	110	-	110	
Shelter & Hygiene	73	19	54	Emergency Shelter and temporary housing
Mental Health	183	66	117	Mental Health SF ramp-up
Total	733	247	486	

5. Election of Officers

- Nominations for Chair
- Nominations for Vice Chair
- Elections

6. Committee Business

Committee Schedule, Workplan and Proposals

Meeting Dates for 2020

- October
- November
- December

Meeting Dates for 2021

Fiscal Year 20-21 Workplan and Proposals

- Budget recommendations for FY21
- Needs assessment
- Member proposals and ideas

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