

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

August 8, 2024

The Honorable Deanne Criswell
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C St SW
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Administrator Criswell,

The City of Los Angeles has requested federal assistance under the Shelter and Services Program Competitive (SSP-C) Grant Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. We respectfully request your full and fair consideration of approval for this critical funding so that the City of Los Angeles, the County, and nonprofit partners can quickly provide humanitarian support and housing to new migrants.

Many of these migrants are fleeing life-threatening situations, and the City of Los Angeles has dedicated significant resources in partnership with the LA Welcomes Collective, a consortium of non-profit organizations, to ensure people are treated with dignity and respect. The City of Los Angeles and partners have worked together to provide shelter, medical care, mental health resources, legal services, case management and other resources to recent arrivals.

While the immediate response by the City and its partners has been robust, the situation requires strengthening their capabilities. The City has obligated a significant portion of their budget to providing resources for newly arrived migrants, but the City's ability to adequately and humanely serve this population will be strained without additional support. According to an article from the Los Angeles Times, migrants are now beginning to live in Skid Row, including young children¹. We worry that without federal assistance for sheltering, homelessness throughout Los Angeles will be exacerbated.

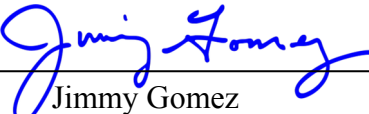
We are therefore encouraged by the City's request for SSP-C funding for FY24. The Shelter and Services Program has provided local governments and nonprofit entities critical resources necessary to support asylum seekers and other migrants at one of their most vulnerable moments in their lives. It helps communities deliver necessities to families like food, shelter, and other vital services as they wait for their opportunity to claim asylum. The City of Los Angeles will oversee the grant funding, and will work closely with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights, Clínica Romero, and the Central

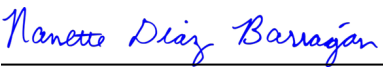
¹ <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-06-10/skid-row-families>


American Resource Center to provide shelter and services. This funding will facilitate and further a regional and coordinated approach to providing shelter and services to migrants.


Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your response to our request.


Sincerely,


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Member of Congress


Nanette Diaz Barragán
Member of Congress


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