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# REPORT

**DATE:** For the Agenda of October 4, 2002 **ITEM 107**

**REPORT NO.:** HCR02-087

**SUBJECT:** Funding for the 2002/2003 Winter Shelter Program  
(Citywide)

## SUMMARY

**Issue:** Should the Housing Commission recommend Housing Authority approval of continued support by the Commission of the City's Homeless Winter Shelter Program and support of the Homeless Family Program?

**Recommendation:** That the Housing Commission recommend Housing Authority approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (Attachment 1) between the Housing Commission and the City of San Diego to provide up to \$445,000 for the City's FY03 Winter Shelter and Family Shelter programs.

**Fiscal Impact:** The Housing Commission's FY03 approved budget includes \$445,000 for the City's FY03 shelter programs.

### Certificate of Funding Availability:

|                  |                             |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Certificate No.: | 03-070                      |
| Amount:          | \$445,000                   |
| Revenue Sources: | Various/Lease Sale Proceeds |
| Division:        | Asset Management            |
| Line Item:       | Loans & Grants              |

**Affordable Housing Impact:** Although these programs provide no permanent affordable housing, the City anticipates serving approximately 350 adults per night through the 2002/2003 90-day Winter Shelter Program and 150 parents and children per night through the family year-round shelter.



**Future Related Action:** Should the Housing Commission recommend approval, this action will be forwarded to the Housing Authority for final approval.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City's Continuum of Care approach to housing and services for the homeless is supported by City Council Policy 000-51 ("Comprehensive Homeless Policy," adopted June 12, 1995). Under this policy, the City coordinates with businesses, social service agencies, community groups, and other jurisdictions to assess needs and promote programs that restore people who are homeless to their optimum participation in the community.

The Regional Task Force on the Homeless is comprised of the City, the County of San Diego, and various nonprofits. In August 1999, the Task Force issued a countywide update on the state of homelessness. As outlined in that report, there is an estimated homeless population of 15,000 within the region, of which 6,500 are located in the City of San Diego. There are approximately 2,300 shelter beds available in the city, resulting in a large unmet need for temporary housing.

## **DISCUSSION**

For approximately 15 years, the City has managed a temperature/weather driven shelter program (seasonal shelter program). Over time, the program evolved into the current model, which includes a winter shelter program consisting of 200 beds for single adults and 150 beds for male veterans (both open from December 15 through March 15), and a year-round family shelter serving 47 families. The family shelter has obtained a site for year-round operation of a short-term transitional program; the site is currently undergoing rehabilitation in anticipation of providing 150 beds for parents and children. (See related Housing Commission report on this Agenda).

In association with the shelter programs, participants will be offered meals, case management, and adjunct referrals to health care, mental health services, employment and other counseling services.

The anticipated cost for the FY03 shelter programs is approximately \$1.4 million, including the year-round program for families (\$475,000 for the winter shelter component). In addition to the Housing Commission support of \$445,000, CDBG, ESG, City General Funds and in-kind support from the County will be utilized to support the programs. Last year, the Housing Commission contributed \$445,000 to the winter shelter program.

**ALTERNATIVE**

Do not recommend the commitment of \$445,000 for this purpose. Withholding of these funds would reduce the number of homeless individuals and families that the City's Shelter Programs could assist.

Respectfully submitted,

**Signature on File  
With Original Document** Approved by,

Jack D. Farris  
Manager,  
Housing Finance & Development

Elizabeth C. Morris  
Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. Draft MOU for the 2003 Program
2. Shelter Programs Descriptions

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is entered into, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October 2002, by and between THE SAN DIEGO HOUSING COMMISSION, hereinafter called "Housing Commission," and THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, hereinafter referred to as "CITY."

RECITALS

WHEREAS, CITY's Consolidated Plan reports approximately 15,000 homeless persons in the region and approximately 6,500 located within the CITY OF SAN DIEGO'S jurisdictional limits; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Action Plan included in the Consolidated Plan recognizes the need to continue and expand the involvement of nonprofit entities in the provision of shelter and services to the homeless, and further recognizes the need to increase the availability of shelter beds and transitional housing (and related services), and to effectively serve homeless persons with special needs; and

WHEREAS, the CITY has supported a Winter Shelter Program during the past several winters to supplement year-round shelter beds; and

WHEREAS, the CITY is anticipated to declare a winter emergency in November of 2002 and authorize a 2002/2003 Winter Shelter Program; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Commission, on October 4, 2002, pursuant to HCR02-087 recommended Housing Authority approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Commission and the CITY which provides for a \$445,000 Housing Commission contribution to help defray operational cost for CITY's Fiscal Year Winter Shelter and Family Shelter Programs; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority on \_\_\_\_\_ approved the transfer of \$445,000 for this purpose and authorized the **Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Authority** to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with CITY for the transfer of \$445,000 to help defray cost associated with the Fiscal Year 2003 Winter Shelter Program and Family Shelter Program (Attachment 1);

NOW, THEREFORE, the CITY and the Housing Commission agree as follows:

1. The San Diego Housing Commission agrees to and shall transfer an amount not to exceed FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$445,000) in FY03 funding for the FY03 Winter Shelter Program and the FY03 Family Shelter Program (**Attachment 2**). Payment shall be made to the CITY upon invoice with documentation of expenditures.
2. CITY agrees to use these funds for the sole and express purpose of underwriting the costs of the FY03 Winter Shelter and Family Shelter Programs, as approved by the CITY Council.
3. CITY agrees to return to the Housing Commission any portion of these funds not required for the purpose specified herein.
4. CITY agrees to account to the Housing Commission for the use of the funds.

SAN DIEGO HOUSING COMMISSION

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elizabeth C. Morris  
Chief Executive Officer

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**CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
FY03 SHELTER PROGRAMS**

**Goal:** To provide temporary shelters to serve the homeless during extreme weather conditions

**Components:**

- Dispersed seasonal shelter program to serve approximately 350 persons
  - 200 shelter beds for single adults (Operator: Alpha Project)
  - 150 shelter beds for veterans (Operator: Vietnam Veterans of SD)
  - 150 shelter beds for families (Operator: YWCA of SD County)
  - 100 overflow beds for single adults (Operator: SD Rescue Mission)
  
- Coordination with the Homeless Outreach (HOT) team consisting of two Police Officers, a County Social Worker, A Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) Clinician and a Project Manager
  - Provide homeless individuals with referrals to services
  - Assist with placement of homeless families, especially nights and weekends (PD)
  - Funded by the City & County

**Budget:**

- \$475,000 (\$1.4 million including the family year-round shelter)
  - Anticipated Funding Sources: City CDBG, Housing Commission, Emergency Shelter Grant, and City General Funds