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CITY SEEKS PROPOSALS FOR YEAR-ROUND, PERMANENT INDOOR FACILITY TO REPLACE THE WINTER TENTS FOR HOMELESS ADULTS

City of San Diego and San Diego Housing Commission issue joint Request for Proposals for program with a minimum of 350 beds

SAN DIEGO, CA—In a step toward the possible replacement of the winter tent shelter program that was introduced in 1986, the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) and the City of San Diego (City) today jointly requested proposals for a year-round, permanent indoor facility to provide interim housing for homeless adults.

More than \$1.6 million in Federal and City funds will be provided for the Interim Housing Program for Homeless Adults, replacing the City's Single Adult Emergency Winter Shelter which operates in Barrio Logan and the City's Veterans Emergency Winter Shelter in the Midway District.

Among the features of the new facility specified by the Request for Proposals (RFP):

- Minimum 350 beds for homeless men and women (18 and up)
- Up to 40 percent of beds set aside for homeless veterans
- Supportive services to stabilize lives
- 24-hour residential services and staffing

The RFP was announced today in a joint news conference by Mayor Kevin Faulconer, City Council President Todd Gloria, Councilmember David Alvarez and SDHC President & CEO Richard C. Gentry at the City Administration Building. The RFP is posted [on the SDHC website](#).

The RFP will remain open through January 13, 2015. A pre-application meeting for nonprofit developers and service providers is scheduled to be held at 10 a.m. December 16 in Room 119 of the SDHC Achievement Academy, 1045 11th Avenue, Downtown San Diego.

Gentry said a selection is expected to be announced by February. If feasible, the facility could be operating as early as July 1, 2015.

Federal funding for the Interim Housing Program will come from the Community Development Block Grant program and Emergency Solutions Grants. The City General Fund will provide additional funding.

Nonprofit developers and service providers answering the RFP are being asked to develop proposals that will help participants exit the program into permanent supportive housing.

In addition, the San Diego City Council on October 7, 2014, directed SDHC to perform with City staff a study of replacement locations for a permanent indoor homeless facility.

The current location of the Single Adult Emergency Winter Shelter at 16th Street and Newton Avenue, which opened November 1, will not be included in the study as a site for the facility in 2015-16. The shelter will remain in operation through April 1, 2015.

The City has operated an inclement weather or winter shelter program since 1986. SDHC has administered the Homeless Shelters and Services Program on behalf of the City since July 1, 2010.

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