

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**San Diego Housing Commission provides  
\$1.1 million for special needs housing programs***Fifteen contracts to awarded to local service providers*

SAN DIEGO - The San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) has awarded \$1.1 million in Housing Trust Fund grants for special needs housing programs.

The grants will be used to fund a total of 15 contracts with nonprofit service providers, as follows:

- **Episcopal Community Services** – \$47,790 for Julian's Sanctuary and \$48,100 for Julian's Hope (both for families fleeing domestic violence); \$29,925 for Downtown Safe Haven (for persons with mental disabilities)
- **Father Joe's Villages** – \$122,997 for Fresh Start (homeless men); \$122,997 Family Living Center (homeless families); \$87,281 for STEP program (homeless women)
- **Mental Health Systems**, \$80,000 for Serial Inebriate recovery program (individuals in recovery)
- **Salvation Army** – \$43,283 for Transitional Living Center (homeless families); \$100,000 for STEPS program (homeless men)
- **San Diego Second Chance** – \$106,850 (homeless adults)
- **San Diego Youth & Community Services** – \$27,000 Foster Care Graduate Housing program
- **Vietnam Veterans of San Diego** – \$57,000 for Welcome Home (homeless veterans)
- **YMCA** – \$24,240 for Turning Point (for at-risk youth, with a focus on those who have "aged out" of the foster care system);
- **YWCA** – \$79,540 for Passages (homeless women); \$122,997 for Becky's House (families fleeing domestic violence)

Populations assisted will include at-risk youth, victims of domestic violence, homeless adults, veterans, and persons with mental disabilities and/or chemical addictions. The Housing Trust Fund grants will enable the contracted organizations to serve a total of 694 beds, or individuals. The contracts will be for a period of one year, with options to renew.

The Housing Commission established the Housing Trust Fund in 1991. To date, the agency has used the fund to invest over \$68 million in the local community, leading to the production of over 8,000 units and supporting an average of 480 transitional housing beds each year.

**About the San Diego Housing Commission:** *The San Diego Housing Commission is a public agency working to expand affordable housing opportunities in the City of San Diego. Each year, the agency helps 80,000 low-income individuals with affordable housing through award-winning programs that benefit the city's economy and revitalize neighborhoods. The agency also finances affordable housing development and advises the San Diego City Council on housing policy matters.*

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