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# San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) Family Reunification Program Expansion Presentation to the SDHC Board of Commissioners April 11, 2019

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# Family Reunification Program

## Introduction

- HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO, SDHC’s Homelessness Action Plan
  - Homelessness Prevention and Shelter Diversion Program
    - Programming includes the Downtown San Diego Clean and Safe Family Reunification Program (Family Reunification Program)
      - Collaboration with the Downtown San Diego Partnership (Downtown Partnership) to operate the Family Reunification Program
      - Focuses on Downtown San Diego



# Family Reunification Program Program Overview

- Housing Navigators from the Downtown Partnership conduct outreach activities to engage individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- The Downtown Partnership coordinates with law enforcement and local service agencies to provide linkages to services.
- The program provides relocation and follow-up services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- June 1, 2017 – February 28, 2019: The program has reunited 1,360 individuals.



# Family Reunification Program

## Method of Procurement

- The current contract with the Downtown Partnership expires June 30, 2019.
- A new contract will be executed effective July 1, 2019, utilizing a sole source justification.
- The Downtown Partnership has demonstrated capacity to administer the program:
  - Collaboration with local service agencies and the San Diego Police Department’s Homeless Outreach Team.
  - Consistently obtaining programmatic outcomes and goals.
  - Efficient and effective utilization of awarded funds.
  - Timely submission of administrative documents to SDHC staff.



# Family Reunification Program Program Expansion

- As part of HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO, SDHC funds were allocated to support the program, serving the Downtown area.
- The addition of Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funds administered by SDHC will expand the program's service area to include:
  - Bankers Hill
  - Balboa Park
  - Hillcrest
  - Barrio Logan
  - Golden Hill
  - Sherman Heights
- The program is anticipated to serve 1,400 individuals in the expanded service areas through June 30, 2020.



# Family Reunification Program HEAP Funding

- Authorized by Senate Bill 850, signed into law in June 2018.
- HEAP funds are allocated to cities experiencing a severe homelessness crisis.
- HEAP funds must be contractually obligated by January 1, 2020, and completely expended by June 30, 2021.



## Family Reunification Program HEAP Funding (Continued)

- HEAP funds received by the City of San Diego will be allocated, in part, to the Family Reunification Program.
- Given the strict timelines imposed by the funding, SDHC proposes to allocate \$90,000 of HEAP funds to the remainder of the existing Family Reunification Program Fiscal Year 2019 contract via a budget amendment.
- Further, SDHC proposes to increase the Fiscal Year 2020 contract renewal for the Family Reunification Program by \$360,000 in HEAP funds.
- Programmatic outcomes will be revised to serve 1,400 individuals experiencing homelessness during Fiscal Year 2020 with a total annual budget of \$754,000.



# Family Reunification Program Staff Recommendations

That the SDHC Board of Commissioners take the following actions:

- Authorize the execution of a contract amendment for the Downtown San Diego Partnership Clean and Safe Family Reunification Program, awarding an additional \$450,000 of HEAP funding to be allocated as follows:
  - \$90,000 for the contract term of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019
  - \$360,000 for the contract term of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020





## Family Reunification Program Staff Recommendations (Continued)

- Authorize the President & CEO, or designee, to execute all necessary documents and instruments that are necessary and/or appropriate to implement these approvals, in a form approved by General Counsel, and to take such actions necessary and/or appropriate to implement these approvals. The execution the contract amendment will be contingent on a Memorandum of Understanding between SDHC and the City of San Diego being approved by the Housing Authority and the San Diego City Council detailing the roles and responsibilities of the two parties related to the amount HEAP funding being committed, and the purpose for which it is being committed to the Commission.
- Authorize the President & CEO to substitute funding sources and/or increase compensation by not more than 20 percent of the total agreement amount for the proposed agreement, if necessary, without further action by the Board of Commissioners (Board) of the Housing Commission, but only if and to the extent that funds are determined to be available for such purposes.



# Questions & Comments

