



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

HOUSING COMMISSION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2017 HCR17-071

SUBJECT: Contract for the Fiscal Year 2018 Mental Health Systems (MHS) Serial Inebriate Program

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): Citywide

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Homeless Housing Innovations

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REQUESTED ACTION:

Recommend the execution of an agreement with Mental Health Systems totaling \$268,250 for Transitional Housing Services during the term of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF KEY FACTORS:

- Approving this action will authorize the Housing Commission to expend \$268,250 in City General Funds to provide transitional housing services to homeless single adults.
- The proposed funding is included in the Housing Commission's FY 2018 Approved Budget, which was also approved by the Housing Authority in June 2017.
- Mental Health Systems shall provide a year-round (365-days per year) service-enhanced transitional housing program for a minimum of 44 homeless individuals in San Diego during Fiscal Year 2018.



REPORT

DATE ISSUED: August 31, 2017 **REPORT NO:** HCR17-071

ATTENTION: Chair and Members of the San Diego Housing Commission
For the Agenda of September 8, 2017

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COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the San Diego Housing Commission (Housing Commission) take the following actions:

- 1) Authorize the execution of an agreement with Mental Health Systems (MHS) in the amount of \$268,250 in City General Funds to provide Transitional Housing and Services to Serial Inebriates;
- 2) Authorize the President & Chief Executive Officer (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; and
- 3) 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.

SUMMARY

The Housing Commission administers the contracts for the City of San Diego's (City) Homeless Shelters and Services Programs based on a Memorandum of Understanding between the Housing Commission and the City that took effect on July 1, 2010. The Serial Inebriate Program is a part of the City's portfolio of Homeless Shelters and Services Programs.

Established in January 2000, the Serial Inebriate Program is a collaborative effort to reduce the number of chronic, homeless alcoholics who cycle in and out of detoxification centers, County Jail, and local emergency rooms. The residential program offers participation in the Serial Inebriate Program in lieu of incarceration as a result of a guilty verdict or plea for public intoxication. As a Serial Inebriate Program participant, clients receive intensive wraparound services that assist in their recovery from alcoholism to

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improve their well-being. Partner agencies include the City, the County of San Diego, San Diego Police Department, and San Diego County Sheriff's Departments, San Diego County Superior Courts, San Diego County Health and Human Services, Mental Health Systems, Inc., and the Housing Commission.

Since the inception of SIP, the Housing Commission has been an active partner providing support to the program's housing element through the Housing Trust Fund, and since FY15, augmented with City General Funds. The Housing Commission will enter into a FY 2018 non-competitive contract with MHS for \$268,250 in City General Funds to operate a minimum of 44 beds in the Serial Inebriate Program. MHS will assess and house a minimum of 44 participants in FY 2018.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IMPACT

As San Diegans continue to live in a City-declared housing emergency "shelter crisis," the need for immediate housing assistance is critical to the well-being of our community members. The Serial Inebriate Program serves this purpose by providing Transitional Housing with Supportive Services to men and women experiencing homelessness. Individuals participating in this program represent some of San Diego's most vulnerable citizens, as 100 percent of participants are homeless, with low-to-moderate incomes.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed funding approved by this action is included in the Housing Commission's FY 2018 Approved Budget, which was also approved by the Housing Authority in June 2017. Approving this action will authorize the Housing Commission to expend \$268,250. Additionally, approving this action will result in the provision of shelter and services for approximately 44 individuals served by Mental Health Systems, at an average annual cost to the City outlined as follows:

- Serial Inebriate Program: \$16.70 per bed night

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/CONTRACTING

Mental Health Systems (MHS) is a local non-profit organization founded in 1978. The Equal Opportunity Contracting forms will be submitted for review and approval by the Housing Commission in advance of the execution of this contract. As a non-profit, MHS is exempt from the requirement to submit a Workforce Report.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS and PROJECTED IMPACTS

Stakeholders for this project include: the Mental Health Systems Serial Inebriate Program residents and Mental Health Systems as the subrecipient administering the program. The program is expected to have a positive impact on the community because it will provide shelter and services to 44 otherwise homeless individuals.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The activities described in the report are not a project as defined in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15378(b)(5) as they are administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and, therefore, are not subject to CEQA pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines. Nevertheless, they would be categorically exempt under multiple separate provisions of CEQA, including Section 15301 for existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use. This determination is not appealable

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and a Notice of Right to Appeal the Environmental Determination (NORA) is not required. The activity contemplated herein, including operation of the facility, is categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act pursuant to Section 58.35(b)(2) and (3) and exempt per Section 58.34(a)(3) and (4) of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

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