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# San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC)

## City of San Diego Connections Housing Interim Shelter

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## Connections Housing Interim Shelter Program

### Introduction

- SDHC administers agreements for the City of San Diego's Homeless Shelters and Services Programs.
- Current Memorandum of Understanding between the City and SDHC:
  - Includes the Connections Housing Interim Shelter Program
  - Became effective July 1, 2019
  - Will expire June 30, 2024
- September 8, 2017: The Housing Authority approved a one-year operating agreement with People Assisting The Homeless (PATH) with four one-year options to renew for the operation of the Connections Housing Interim Shelter Program.
- The proposed actions today will allow SDHC to enter into a non-competitive, sole source agreement with PATH for an initial one-year term, with four one-year options to renew.
- The program supports the Community Action Plan on Homelessness for the City of San Diego



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### Program Overview

- Shelter and wraparound services, utilizing practices aligned with harm reduction and trauma-informed principles, including but not limited to:
  - Housing-focused case management that aims to resolve program clients' homelessness as quickly as possible
  - Care coordination and assistance with applying for public benefits
  - Assistance in locating safe and affordable permanent or other longer-term housing
    - Includes determining housing interventions and opportunities outside of the Coordinated Entry System (CES)
- Maximum capacity: 80 beds (an increase of 15 beds)
- Operations 24 hours per day, seven days per week



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### Service Model

- Basic shelter services, including but not limited to:
  - Appropriate 24-hour residential services and staffing
  - A minimum of two meals per day in compliance with all applicable health and safety regulations
  - Showers, restrooms, laundry facilities, and belongings storage for program clients
  - Routine operating and client supplies, including but not limited to hygiene products, basic first aid supplies, and cleaning supplies
  - Telephone access and message services
  - Regularly laundered linens



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### COVID-19 Mitigating Practices

- Compliance with all local, state and federal public health orders
- Alignment with guidance from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  - Preventing & Managing the Spread of Infectious Disease for People Experiencing Homelessness
  - Preventing & Managing the Spread of Infectious Disease within Encampments
  - Interim Guidance for Homeless Service Providers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019
- Personal Protective Equipment for both clients and staff
- Assessment/Isolation Procedures
  - Universal Screening Tool
  - Partnerships with primary care providers



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### Operator Experience – PATH

- 30 years of operational and programmatic experience serving individuals experiencing homelessness
- Serves 1,100 people in the County of San Diego annually, helping clients develop stable, independent lives through permanent homes and wraparound supportive services
- Operates three additional interim shelter programs throughout the state of California, totaling just over 500 beds for individuals and families experiencing homelessness
- Has operated the Connections Housing Interim Shelter Programs since its inception in 2013



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### Housing Units and Shelter Beds

#### Connections Housing:

- 73 permanent supportive housing units
  - SDHC rental housing vouchers help residents pay their rent
- 80 interim shelter beds through a contract SDHC administers on behalf of the City
- 40 interim shelter beds through a grant per diem program with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- 14 respite care beds through contracts with four different health insurance providers.



*Photo courtesy of PATH*







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### Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Agreement

- Initial operating term: July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023
- Operating cost for the initial contract term: \$1,135,410
- Anticipated funding sources (to be determined in the City's Fiscal Year 2023 budgeting process):
  - Community Development Block Grant
  - Emergency Solutions Grant
  - City General Fund
- Funding for future years is contingent on the City making funds available for this purpose.

| <b>FUNDING<br/>BY USE</b> | <b>FY 2023</b>     |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Operator Agreement        | \$1,044,993        |
| Housing Commission        | \$90,417           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>\$1,135,410</b> |





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### Staff Recommendations

#### **That the SDHC Board of Commissioners take the following actions:**

- 1) Authorize SDHC to enter into an agreement with People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) in the amount of \$1,044,993 for an initial term of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, with four one-year options for renewal, contingent on funding being made available for that purpose and the continuance or extension of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of San Diego for oversight and administration of the City's Homeless Shelters and Services Programs (current term ends June 30, 2024), to provide interim shelter and services for persons experiencing homelessness at the City of San Diego's Connections Housing Interim Shelter Program at 1250 Sixth Ave., San Diego, CA 92101. The funding source for the initial operating term is expected to consist of City General Fund, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) funds.



## City of San Diego Connections Housing Interim Shelter Program Staff Recommendations (Continued)

- 2) Authorize SDHC's Interim President & Chief Executive Officer (President & CEO), or designee, to execute all documents and instruments that are necessary and/or appropriate to implement these approvals, in a form and format approved by General Counsel, and to take such actions necessary and/or appropriate to implement these approvals, provided that a copy of the documents, signed as to form by General Counsel, are submitted to each Housing Commissioner in advance of approval for the designee to sign.
- 3) Authorize SDHC's Interim President & CEO, or designee, 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 Housing Commission Board or the Housing Authority, but only if and to the extent that funds are determined to be available for such purposes.





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## Questions & Comments

