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San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) Approval of a Contract to Operate the City of San Diego's Interim Shelter Program for Transition-Age Youth Presentation to the SDHC Board of Commissioners June 11, 2021

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Introduction

- SDHC administers the contracts for the City of San Diego’s Interim Shelter Program for Transition-Age Youth based on a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of San Diego for the administration and oversight of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funded homelessness programs, which first took effect on June 16, 2020.
- January 16, 2021: SDHC entered into a sole-source agreement with Urban Street Angels (USA) to create a 19-bed interim shelter for Transition-Age Youth.
- HHAP funding states that grantees are required to use at least 8 percent of the program allocation for services that meet the specific needs for youth experiencing homelessness, under Health and Safety Code § 50218(b).



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Overview

- 24-hour, 7-day-a-week, service-enhanced interim housing program
- Aligned with “Housing First” principles
- Minimum of 19 transition-age youth experiencing homeless in the City of San Diego at any one time.
- Safe, low-barrier, interim housing, as well as stabilization and supportive services, to connect transition-age youth experiencing homelessness to the most appropriate longer-term or permanent housing intervention.
- Since opening the program, USA has provided shelter to 70 individuals.
 - 9 exited to permanent or longer-term housing
 - 42 transitioned into temporary housing with a plan to move into long-term, permanent housing shortly thereafter.



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Overview (Continued)

- Supports the goal of the City’s Community Action Plan on Homelessness to address and end youth homelessness.
 - Program was developed with an experienced transition-age-youth service provider to meet the unique needs and challenges this population may have.
- USA takes a trauma-informed, client-centered approach in services and site setup, which provides a safe and welcoming environment specifically geared toward transition-age youth.
- Services include:
 - Employment Services;
 - Peer Mentorships;
 - Transportation Assistance;
 - Case Management & Housing Navigation; and
 - Life Skills



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- Non-competitive procurement process under Procurement Policy 9.4
- Program leverages existing site resources controlled by USA, as well as other cash and in-kind funds to support the program.
- USA has operated the program since January 15, 2021.
- A Request for Proposal process for this project would not be viable as the program utilizes a site that belongs to and /is controlled by USA.
- A change in the operator would adversely impact program operations and client stability.



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Funding Source	FY2021	FY2022
HEAP	\$209,730.64	\$0
HHAP	\$0	\$510,373.02
TOTAL	\$209,730.64	\$510,373.02



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Staff Recommendations

That the SDHC Board of Commissioners take the following actions:

- 1) Approve the execution of a 12-month, Non-Competitive agreement under Procurement Policy 9.4 with Urban Street Angels (USA) to operate the City of San Diego’s Interim Shelter for Transition-Age Youth at 1404 5th Ave, San Diego, CA 92101, for a term of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, with a budget of \$449,018 in Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Program funding, contingent upon the appropriation of said funds by the City of San Diego in the City’s Fiscal Year 2022 budgeting process, on terms and conditions as set forth in the agreement (Agreement), as it may be amended upon advice of the Housing Commission’s General Counsel;



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- 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 and format 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 Housing Commission Board or the Housing Authority of the City of San Diego, but only if and to the extent that funds are determined to be available for such purposes.



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Questions and Comments

