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# REPORT

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**ITEM 101**

**REPORT NO.:** HCR03-080  
For the Agenda of October 3, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Funding for the 2003/2004 Winter Shelter and  
Family Shelter Programs (Citywide)

## SUMMARY

**Issue:** Should the Housing Commission recommend Housing Authority approval of the continued support by the Housing Commission of the City's Homeless Winter Shelter Program and support of the Homeless Family Program?

**Recommendation:** That the Housing Authority approve the Memorandum of Understanding (Attachment 1) between the Housing Commission and the City of San Diego to provide up to \$445,000 for the City's FY04 Winter Shelter and Family Shelter Programs.

**Fiscal Impact:** The Housing Commission's FY04 approved budget includes \$445,000 for the City's FY04 shelter programs.

### Certificate of Funding Availability:

Certificate No.:	04-067
Amount:	\$445,000
Revenue Sources:	Rental Rehab/Lease Sale Proceeds
Division:	Asset Management
Line Item:	Loans & Grants

**Affordable Housing Impact:** Although these programs provide no permanent affordable housing, the City anticipates serving approximately 350 adults per night through the 2003/2004 90-day Winter Shelter Program and 150 families per night through the family year-round shelter.

**Future Related Action:** Should the Housing Commission recommend approval, this action will be forwarded to the Housing Authority.



## **BACKGROUND**

The City's Continuum of Care approach to housing and services for the homeless is supported by City Council Policy 000-51 ("Comprehensive Homeless Policy," adopted June 12, 1995). Under this policy, the City coordinates with businesses, social service agencies, community groups, and other jurisdictions to assess needs and promote programs that restore people who are homeless to their optimum participation in the community.

The Regional Task Force on the Homeless is comprised of the City, the County of San Diego, and various nonprofits. In August, 1999, the Task Force issued a countywide update on the state of homelessness. As outlined in that report, there is an estimated homeless population of 15,000 within the region, of which 6,500 are located in the City of San Diego. There are approximately 2,300 shelter beds available in the City, resulting in a large unmet need for temporary housing.

## **DISCUSSION**

For approximately 15 years, the City has managed some form of seasonal shelter program. Over time, the program evolved into the current model, which includes a winter shelter program consisting of 150 beds for single adults and 150 beds for male veterans (both open from December 15 through March 15), and a year-round family shelter serving 44 families (150 beds for parents and children).

In conjunction with the shelters, non-profits provide services to the shelter participants, including meals, case management and referrals to health care and mental health services, employment training and job referrals, and placement in longer-term transitional programs.

The anticipated cost for the FY04 shelter programs is approximately \$1 million, including the year-round program for families. In addition to the Housing Commission contribution of \$445,000, CDBG, Emergency Shelter Grant, City General Funds, and in-kind support from the County will be utilized to support the programs. Last year, the Housing Commission contributed \$573,000 to the winter shelter and year round family shelter programs.

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**ALTERNATIVE**

Do not recommend the commitment of \$445,000 for these programs. Withholding these funds will require the City to identify other funding resources and may result in less assistance for homeless individuals and families.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Signature on File  
With Original Document**

Approved by,

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Attachments:

1. Draft MOU for the 2004 Programs
2. Shelter Program Descriptions
3. 2003 Winter Shelter Program Report

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