



Good Neighbors

San Diego
Housing Commission

REPORT

ITEM 103

DATE: For the Agenda of June 22, 2001

REPORT NO.: HCR01-073

SUBJECT: Housing Trust Fund Transitional Housing Grants
(City Council Districts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8)

SUMMARY

Issue: Should the Housing Commission approve grants for proposals selected through a Request for Proposals process, totaling \$1,000,000, for operating transitional housing programs, and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute contracts, in a form acceptable to General Counsel?

Recommendation: That the Housing Commission approve one-year grants of support to the following programs:

- a. **Catholic Charities** in the amount of \$23,000 as partial funding of occupancy and administrative expense for the House of Rachel, a transitional program, which provides five beds in the City Heights area.
- b. **Center for Community Solutions** in the amount of \$34,000 as partial funding of occupancy and administrative expenses for the Next Step Program, an 18-bed program for families fleeing domestic violence.
- c. **College Opportunity Program** in the amount of \$12,000 as partial funding of occupancy expenses for the College Opportunity Program, providing four beds for disadvantaged youth seeking to attend college.
- d. **Episcopal Community Services** in the amount of \$18,000 as partial funding of occupancy and administrative expenses for the Friend-to-Friend Safe Haven program, a six-bed program for the Homeless Mentally Ill.

- e. **The Salvation Army** in the amount of \$120,000 as partial funding of occupancy and administrative expenses for the STEPS Program, a 42-bed program for men in the downtown area;
- f. **Sanctuary** in the amount of \$65,000 as partial funding of occupancy and administrative expenses for the Bridges Program, a 35-bed program for families fleeing domestic violence located in the Ocean Beach area;
- g. **San Diego Safe Harbor, Inc.** in the amount of \$51,000 as partial funding of occupancy and administrative expenses for Safe House, a 12-bed program for men in the La Jolla and downtown areas;
- h. **San Diego Second Chance** in the amount of \$59,000 as partial funding of occupancy and administrative expenses for Second Chance Transitional Housing, a 30-bed program for adults in the City Heights and downtown areas;
- i. **St. Vincent de Paul Village, Inc.** in the amount of \$175,000 as partial funding of occupancy and administrative expenses for the Fresh Start Program, a 150-bed program for men in the downtown area;
- j. **St. Vincent de Paul Village, Inc.** in the amount of \$145,000 as partial funding of occupancy and administrative expenses for the STEP Program, a 38-bed program for women in the downtown area;
- k. **St. Vincent de Paul Village, Inc.** in the amount of \$200,000 as partial funding of occupancy and administrative expenses for the Family Living Center, a 110-bed program for families in the downtown area;
- l. **YWCA of San Diego County** in the amount of \$98,000 as partial funding of occupancy and administrative expenses for Passages, a 49-bed program for women in the downtown area.

Fiscal Impact: Approval of these recommendations will result in the expenditure of \$1,000,000 in FY01 Housing Trust Fund transitional housing program funds.

Certificate of Funding Availability: See Attachment 3.

Affordable Housing Impact: Funds will be used to help families and individuals with very low incomes (defined as a maximum of fifty percent of area median income, but program participants will be homeless and primarily unemployed with much lower incomes). These grants will provide approximately 499 beds in transitional programs for one year.

Environmental Review: Not applicable to grants funding operations.

BACKGROUND

As part of its responsibilities in relation to oversight of the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) the Housing Commission is required (Municipal Code Section 98.0504) to commit at least ten percent of each year's HTF program funds to Transitional Housing activities. With these awards, \$1.8 million, approximately 23 percent of FY01 HTF program funds will be committed to Transitional Housing. This compares with approximately \$1.5 million in FY00.

Previous FY01 awards included: \$415,000 to the City of San Diego for the acquisition and rehabilitation of the Cortez Hill Transitional Housing project; \$150,000 to the Salvation Army for the Family Development Center; \$85,000 to the City of San Diego to lease SRO units at the Hotel Metro to house severely mentally ill persons; an additional \$25,000 to San Diego Youth & Community Services for their Take Wing project; and \$10,000 to the Ecumenical Council for the College Opportunity Program. In addition, in a separate report (HCR01-070), staff is recommending \$82,000 in predevelopment assistance to Vietnam Veterans for expansion of their current facility on Pacific Highway.

DISCUSSION

A Request for Proposals from Nonprofit Corporations Seeking to Provide Transitional Housing for the Homeless was issued on February 6, 2001. Thirteen proposals were received before the deadline. Staff is recommending funding for twelve proposals. Vietnam Veterans submitted a proposal for operating support under this RFP and subsequently requested that consideration of their application be delayed; therefore, no funding for operating support is recommended at this time.

Total funding of these recommendations would be \$1,000,000, leaving \$0 of the available funds uncommitted.

Under these recommendations, the Family Living Center at St. Vincent de Paul Village (SVDPV) would receive the largest amount (\$200,000). SVDPV and HUD will provide over \$800,000 to support this program.

Episcopal Community Services asked for two years' support of the Friend-to-Friend Safe Haven Program, a six-bed program for the homeless mentally ill. Due to limited funds, staff recommends funding only one year, or \$18,000.

For purposes of disclosure, it should be noted that the Housing Commission's Chief Executive Officer, Elizabeth C. Morris, is a member of The Salvation Army's San Diego Metropolitan Advisory Board. Ms. Morris does not have any decision-making authority for The Salvation Army.

Attachment 1 is a chart that summarizes the requested grant amount, recommended amount, total cost and leverage for each recommended proposal.

Attachment 2 provides narratives for all the recommended programs.

ALTERNATIVE

The Commission could reduce any of the recommended grant amounts or change the mix of recommended funding.

Submitted by,

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Director, Housing Programs

**Signature on File
With Original Document**

Approved by,

Elizabeth C. Morris
Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. Transitional Housing RFP: Requests for Operating Funds
2. Transitional Housing RFP: Proposal Summaries
3. Certificates of Funding Availability

Certificates of Funding Availability

1. Catholic Charities
Certificate No: 01-162
Amount: \$23,000
Revenue Source: HTF Impact Fee
Division: Housing Finance
Line Item: Grants
2. Center for Community Solutions
Certificate No: 01-173
Amount: \$34,000
Revenue Source: HTF Impact Fee
Division: Housing Finance
Line Item: Grants
3. College Opportunity Program
Certificate No: 01-172
Amount: \$12,000
Revenue Source: HTF Impact Fee
Division: Housing Finance
Line Item: Grants
4. Episcopal Community services
Certificate No: 01-171
Amount: \$18,000
Revenue Source: HTF Impact Fee
Division: Housing Finance
Line Item: Grants
5. The Salvation Army
Certificate No: 01-170
Amount: \$120,000
Revenue Source: HTF Impact Fee
Division: Housing Finance
Line Item: Grants
6. Sanctuary
Certificate No: 01-169
Amount: \$65,000
Revenue Source: HTF Impact Fee
Division: Housing Finance
Line Item: Grants

7. San Diego Safe Harbor
Certificate No: 01-168
Amount: \$51,000
Revenue Source: HTF Impact Fee
Division: Housing Finance
Line Item: Grants
8. San Diego Second Chance
Certificate No: 01-167
Amount: \$59,000
Revenue Source: HTF Impact Fee
Division: Housing Finance
Line Item: Grants
9. St. Vincent de Paul Village, Inc., STEPS
Certificate No: 01-165
Amount: \$145,000
Revenue Source: HTF Impact Fee
Division: Housing Finance
Line Item: Grants
10. St. Vincent de Paul Village, Inc., Family Living Center
Certificate No: 01-164
Amount: \$200,000
Revenue Source: HTF Impact Fee
Division: Housing Finance
Line Item: Grants
11. St. Vincent de Paul Village, Inc., Fresh Start
Certificate No: 01-166
Amount: \$175,000
Revenue Source: HTF Impact Fee
Division: Housing Finance
Line Item: Grants
12. YWCA of San Diego County
Certificate No: 01-163
Amount: \$98,000
Revenue Source: HTF Impact Fee
Division: Housing Finance
Line Item: Grants