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San Diego
Housing Commission

REPORT

DATE: For the Housing Authority Agenda of September 18, 2001

REPORT NO: HAR01-006

SUBJECT: Contract for Women and Children's Transitional Living Consortium Supportive Housing Program (Council Districts 2, 3, 6)

SUMMARY

Issue: Should the Housing Authority authorize execution of documents to implement a HUD Supportive Housing Program (SHP) renewal grant awarded on behalf of three SHP subcontracts with existing sponsors of the Women and Children's Transitional Living Consortium (TLC) Program pursuant to the City's 2000 HUD-approved SuperNOFA application?

Recommendation: That the Housing Authority authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute the following documents: (1) the attached Supportive Housing Program (SHP) contract with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive funds; (2) agreements, substantially in the form as Attachment 3 subject to General Counsel review, with Ecumenical Council, YWCA of San Diego County, and The Salvation Army as subcontractors of this SHP collaborative to provide housing and services; (3) an Amendment to FY02 Housing Commission Budget to reflect additional funds provided under the 2000 S+C grant as shown in Attachment 1 to increase Special Purpose Housing by \$1,106,949 over a two year period; \$1,080,634 to Loans and Grants for provider supportive services, operating and administrative costs, and \$26,315 to Reserves for future years' Housing Commission administrative costs over the two year life of the grant.

Fiscal Impact: An increase of \$1,106,949 to the FY02 Housing Commission Budget which will be used to support transitional housing and related services over a two year period.



Certificate of Funding Availability:

Certificate Nos: 02-062, 02-063, 02-064
Amounts: \$285,912; \$325,916; \$468,807
Revenue Source: Supportive Housing Program
Division: Housing Services
Line Item: Loans & Grants
OUSA No.: 459

Affordable Housing Impact: This award of funds will provide transitional housing and related services over a two year period for 122 transitional beds (60 units) for single women and women with children fleeing domestic violence.

Consolidated Plan Consistency: These contracts are consistent with the Consolidated Plan that states: "The City will provide higher levels of coordination, facilitate interagency communication and conduct aggressive resource development to ensure that the maximum number of services and affordable housing opportunities are available to homeless persons making the transition to permanent housing."

Previous Related Actions: On April 21, 2000, the Housing Commission Board authorized staff to: (1) submit an application to HUD under the City's 2000 Continuum of Care SuperNOFA process to apply for SHP renewal funds and; (2) if funding was received, proceed to Housing Authority to accept the funding award and execute appropriate documents.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs, authorized under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, is to fund projects that will fill gaps in locally developed Continuum of Care systems, thereby assisting homeless persons in moving to self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

As a Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program, the Supportive Housing Program is designed to provide transitional housing for homeless persons. Eligible applicants are states, units of local government, housing authorities and nonprofits. Eligible activities include leasing, supportive services and operating costs to support transitional housing; subcontracting agencies provide a percentage match for operating and supportive funds.

On December 23, 2000, HUD awarded the Housing Commission a two-year SHP renewal grant of \$1,106,949 to continue this successful program. As the applicant and grantee, the Commission will serve as the fiscal agent and subcontract with the three sponsoring agencies: Ecumenical Council of San Diego, YWCA of San Diego County, and The Salvation Army.

DISCUSSION

The Women and Children's Transitional Living Continuum has been providing safe, affordable transitional housing and supportive services to homeless, female-headed families or very low income women and children who are homeless because they are fleeing from a domestic violence situation. The goal is to break the cycle of dependency and to preserve the health and well-being of at-risk families. For the past six years, TLC Collaborative has been operating a successful program providing 122 transitional beds (60 units) for women and children as part of the City's Continuum of Care system.

The Commission serves as the applicant for this grant, assumes fiscal agent responsibilities, provides project oversight and is responsible for submitting annual performance reports to HUD. As fiscal agent, the Commission disburses the SHP funds in accordance with the terms of its subcontracts.

The \$1,106,949 in funding is allocated as follows; Attachment 1 shows the budget breakdown for the Special Purpose Activity Budget as \$1,080,634 in Loans & Grants and \$26,315 in reserves. The Administration fee of 5% is split 50/50 between the subcontractors and the Commission.

ALTERNATIVES

Do not authorize execution of the proposed contracts, resulting in the loss of 122 transitional housing beds (60 units).

Respectfully submitted,

**Signature on File
With Original Document**

Approved by,

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Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment 1: Summary of Expenditures – Special Purpose Activity
Attachment 2: Contract with HUD
Attachment 3: Contract with Subcontractors