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San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) San Diego Youth Services Youth Emergency Shelter Presentation to the SDHC Board of Commissioners April 6, 2023

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San Diego Youth Services Youth Emergency Shelter

Introduction

- SDHC administers the contract for the Youth Emergency Shelter 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, and expires on June 30, 2025.
- Fiscal Year 2021: SDHC entered into a sole-source agreement with San Diego Youth Services (SDYS) to enhance an existing 17-bed interim shelter for Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) for a six-month term.
- Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023: SDHC entered into a sole-source agreement with SDYS for two additional terms.
- Program supports the Community Action Plan on Homelessness for the City of San Diego and Strategic Priority No. 4 of SDHC's Strategic Plan for FY 2022-2024.



San Diego Youth Services Youth Emergency Shelter

Program Overview

- The SDYS YES Program provides up to 17 low-barrier, congregate shelter accommodations for runaway and homeless youth (RHY) experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the City of San Diego.
 - The only emergency shelter in San Diego County for RHY ages 12 to 17
 - Specializes in services for RHY who are victims of neglect, exploitation, physical abuse or sexual abuse
 - Provides a 24-hour crisis hotline, a daytime drop-in center, outreach services and a nightly shelter
 - Operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week
 - Referrals are facilitated through Child Welfare Services, Law Enforcement and the Coordinated Shelter Intake Program, which SDHC administers.



San Diego Youth Services Youth Emergency Shelter Program Overview (Continued)

- Program has been operational since 1970.
- Shelter Services provide a safe, secure and supportive environment with access to case management and personalized care coordination.
- SDYS YES Program services include:
 - Basic Needs Assistance
 - Case Management
 - Independent Living Skills
 - HIV/STI Health Education
 - Expressive Arts Therapy
 - Group Activities
 - Computer Literacy
 - Daytime Recreational Activities



San Diego Youth Services Youth Emergency Shelter Service Model

- SDYS YES Program is a Housing First program with low barriers to entry and operations.
- Basic shelter services, include but not limited to:
 - Appropriate residential services and staffing
 - Up to 17 beds with residential furnishings
 - A minimum of two meals per day
 - Showers, wash stations, restrooms, laundry facilities
 - Storage for personal belongings
 - Telephone access and message services
 - Mail services



San Diego Youth Services Youth Emergency Shelter Service Model (Continued)

- Supportive services include, but not limited to:
 - Solution-Focused Case Management
 - Coordination with, and referrals to, County, State and Federal Services
 - Expertise in facilitating family reunification and/or identification of safe, alternative housing options.
 - Coordination with foster care and host homes programs.
 - Self-Sufficiency, Art Therapy, and Life Skills Classes
 - Connections to behavioral, mental, sexual health and wellness resources
 - Good Neighbor Policy focused on engagement with surrounding community to promote a clean, safe and welcoming environment



San Diego Youth Services Youth Emergency Shelter Operator Experience – SDYS

- SDYS has provided specialized services for the region's most vulnerable youth since 1970.
 - Foster Children
 - Youth Experiencing Homelessness
 - Victims of Abuse and Neglect
 - Youth struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues
- SDYS' portfolio of services includes:
 - Child Sex Trafficking Awareness & Recovery
 - Homeless Housing & Supportive Services
 - Workforce Development
 - Suicide Prevention and Intervention
 - Adoption Support



SDYS TAY Academy

Photo: SDYS



San Diego Youth Services Youth Emergency Shelter Contractor Selection Process

- A non-competitive procurement process under Procurement Policy 9.4 was utilized to procure the Program operator.
- SDYS leverages existing resources as well as other cash and in-kind funds to support program operations.
- A Request for Proposal process for this project would not be feasible as the Program utilizes a site that is under lease by SDYS.



San Diego Youth Services Youth Emergency Shelter Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Agreement

- Operating Term: July 01, 2023, through June 30, 2024 with four one-year options for renewal

FUNDING SOURCE	FUNDING BY USE	FY 2024	FY 2025*	FY 2026*	FY 2027*	FY 2028*
HHAP	San Diego Youth Services	\$326,173	\$326,173	\$326,173	\$326,173	\$326,173
General Fund	SDHC Administrative Costs	\$16,309	\$16,309	\$16,309	\$16,309	\$16,309
TOTAL		\$342,482	\$342,482	\$342,482	\$342,482	\$342,482

**Option years will be exercised contingent upon the availability of funding from the City of San Diego for that purpose.*



San Diego Youth Services Youth Emergency Shelter Staff Recommendations

That the SDHC Board of Commissioners take the following actions:

- 1) Authorize SDHC to enter into an agreement with San Diego Youth Services in the amount of \$326,173 for an initial term of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with four one-year options for renewal, contingent on funding being available for that purpose, to provide interim shelter and services for youth ages 12-17 experiencing homelessness at the Youth Emergency Shelter Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) located at 3427 Fourth Ave., San Diego, CA 92103. The funding source for the initial operating term is anticipated to be Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) and is contingent on the City of San Diego making the funding available for this purpose in the Fiscal Year 2024 budgeting process.



San Diego Youth Services Youth Emergency Shelter Staff Recommendations (Continued)

- 2) Authorize SDHC's 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.
- 3) Authorize SDHC's 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 SDHC Board or Housing Authority, but only if and to the extent that funds are determined to be available for such purposes.



Questions & Comments

