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# San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) Amendment to the Contract with People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) to Operate the Connections Housing Interim Shelter Program Presentation to the SDHC Board of Commissioners July 18, 2025

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# Connections Housing Interim Shelter Program

## Program Overview

- Connections Housing Interim Housing: 1250 Sixth Ave., San Diego, CA 92101.
- The shelter program will continue to provide shelter year-round for up to 70 single adults experiencing homelessness:
  - Safe, low-barrier shelter in downtown San Diego
  - Alignment with Housing First principles
  - 24 hours a day, seven days a week
  - Referrals are facilitated through the Coordinated Shelter Intake Program, which SDHC administers.
  - Housing-focused case management and supportive services aimed at resolving a person's homelessness as quickly as possible
- PATH has operated the program since 2013.
  - April 18, 2022: The SDHC Board of Commissioners approved a non-competitive, sole source agreement with PATH to operate the Connections Housing Interim Shelter Program.
    - Four, one-year options to renew



# Connections Housing Interim Shelter Program Service Model

- Services will be delivered in a housing-focused environment that leverages a variety of resources to facilitate successful exits to permanent and longer-term housing:
  - Determining diversion opportunities
  - Self-sufficiency needs assessments
  - Development of housing plans, including stabilization strategies and client housing goals and objectives
  - Coordination with and referrals to County of San Diego, State of California, and federal programs, as well as nonprofits and social service agencies, as appropriate
  - Assistance in locating safe and affordable permanent or other longer-term housing, including determining housing interventions and opportunities outside of the Coordinated Entry System (CES)
  - Completion of intakes, screenings, assessments, and case conferencing or other integral components of CES pursuant to the San Diego Continuum of Care community standards and policies



# Connections Housing Interim Shelter Program Service Model (Continued)

- Basic shelter services include but are not limited to:
  - Appropriate residential services and staffing
  - A maximum of 70 beds and other residential furnishings
  - A minimum of two meals per day in compliance with all applicable health and safety regulations
  - Showers, wash stations, restrooms, laundry facilities/service and personal belongings storage
  - Routine operating and client supplies, including but not limited to hygiene products, basic first aid supplies, and cleaning supplies
  - Telephone access and message services
  - Regular laundered linens
  - Mail service



# Connections Housing Interim Shelter Program

## Program Operator Experience – PATH

- More than 30 years of operational and programmatic experience
- Serves approximately 1,100 people in the County of San Diego annually
- Operator of Connections Interim Housing since its inception in 2013
  - Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025):
    - 149 unduplicated individuals served
    - 37 individuals exited to permanent housing
- Provider of additional services at Connections Housing
  - 73 permanent supportive housing units with rental assistance from SDHC
  - 40 interim shelter beds through a grant per diem program with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
  - 14 respite care beds through contracts with two health insurance providers
  - PATH Depot



*PATH Connections Housing*



# Connections Housing Interim Shelter Program

## Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Agreement

- Operating Term : July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
- Fiscal Year 2026 operating term is the third of four options to renew.
- Remaining option years are contingent upon funds being made available for this purpose during the City's annual budgeting process.

| FUNDING SOURCE | FUNDING BY USE            | FY2026             | FY2027             |
|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| City GF        | Operator Agreement        | \$1,226,702        | \$1,226,702        |
| ESG            |                           | \$614,176          | \$614,176          |
| City GF / ESG  | SDHC Administrative Costs | \$151,688          | \$151,688          |
|                | <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>\$1,992,566</b> | <b>\$1,992,566</b> |



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## Staff Recommendations

### **That the SDHC Board of Commissioners take the following actions:**

- 1) Authorize the amendment to operating agreement HHI-23-35.2 between SDHC and PATH to increase funding for the Connections Housing Interim Shelter Program at 1250 Sixth Ave., San Diego, CA 92101 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 by \$710,036 for a revised total of \$1,840,878. FY 2026 funding sources are expected to be City of San Diego (City) General Funds and federal Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) funds.
- 2) Authorize SDHC's President and Chief Executive Officer (President and 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 and 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 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.



## Questions & Comments

