

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

For the Agenda of:
June 9, 2009

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Department of Human Assistance

Subject: Agreement With The St. John's Shelter Program For Women And Children To Provide Emergency Shelter To Women And Children

Supervisory District: All

Contact: Suzanne Hammer, Program Manager 875-4325

Overview

The Department of Human Assistance (DHA) released a Request For Proposal for the provision of an emergency shelter for 100 homeless single women and women with children. On March 24, 2009, the City of Sacramento appropriated \$54,000 to add twelve additional beds to the successful proposer's program from July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. St. John's Shelter Program For Women and Children (St. John's) submitted the only proposal, therefore it is recommended the contract be awarded based on the quality of their proposal and their previous satisfactory performance.

Recommendation

Approve the attached Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Human Assistance, or his designee to execute an agreement with St. John's in the amount of \$828,444 for the first year of the contract (July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010), \$774,444 in the second two years (July 1, 2010-June 30, 2012) of the three year contract, and to amend the Agreement up to 10% of the original contract amount, or \$50,000, whichever is less, to exercise the power to terminate, with or without cause the agreement when necessary, and when appropriate and necessary, to exercise the power to assign the agreement.

Measures/Evaluation

DHA provides safety net services for many of the County's most vulnerable citizens. St. John's will provide emergency shelter and services for up to 100 homeless single women and women with children. The program is expected to serve 550 homeless women, and 600 children annually. The program will be measured by the number of people who exit to either transitional or permanent housing with an expectation that a minimum of 40% will achieve that goal.

Fiscal Impact

This agreement will be funded with 62% City and County Emergency Shelter Grant monies, and 38% CalWORKs monies for a total funding amount of \$828,444 in fiscal year 2009-10, and \$774,444 in fiscal years 2010-12. The total three-year cost of the program will be \$2,377,332. The Department's proposal is consistent with the application elements of the County's 11 Point

Plan.

BACKGROUND

St. John's has successfully provided safe emergency shelter and supportive services for homeless women and children in Sacramento for 24 years. The size of the program and breadth of services has continually expanded since the inception of the program in 1985. Last year, 1,104 women and children were served by the program. St. John's partners with The Effort to provide comprehensive mental health and substance abuse services to all women in need of treatment and stabilization. In addition, the program offers employment training, housing placement services, and case management. St. John's has been at or above residential capacity for the past three years. This is one of only two year round emergency shelters serving families in Sacramento.

DISCUSSION

The St. John's is located at 4410 Power Inn Rd. It is funded to provide 24 hour emergency shelter for 100 women and children per night. On March 24, 2009, the City of Sacramento appropriated \$54,000 to expand the program to serve 112 people from July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 in order to provide greater shelter capacity to families who are living on the streets, or are precariously housed. After January 1, 2010, the capacity will be reduced to 100 residents for the remainder of the contract term.

The length of stay in the shelter is 31 days with two possible 30 day extensions for extenuating circumstances such as: imminent housing placement, securing sustainable employment, and stabilizing mental health. Participants will be provided three (3) meals a day, which includes sack lunches available for those who are employed, a clean bed, laundry services, assistance in accessing mainstream benefits, substance abuse workshops, employment services, mental health treatment, and transportation assistance.

71-J COMPLIANCE

These services have been reviewed by County Counsel and determined not to be subject to Section 71-J.

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Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:
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County Executive

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Attachment: Resolution