

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

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For the Agenda of:
June 17, 2009

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Department of Human Assistance

Subject: Report Back On 71-J Issues Related To Use Of \$235,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds To Backfill Homeless Services

District: All

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BACKGROUND

At the June 15, 2009 Budget Hearing, Supervisor Dickinson asked if there are 71-J issues related to the use of \$235,000 CDBG funds related to backfilling Mather Children's Services, Aid-in-Kind Shelters, or other homeless services.

DISCUSSION

Homeless contracts with Volunteers of America (VOA), Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center (SAEHC), and Lutheran Social Services (LSS) are being impacted by 71-J layoff provisions. Contracts that employ the equivalent of County Bachelor of Arts level Social Workers that perform case management (CM) services are affected as a result of reductions in the Department of Health and Human Services' In-Home Supportive Services Program. Specific contracts affected are as follows:

- VOA – termination of CM for Mather singles
- VOA – reduction of CM for CalWORKs families in transitional living
- VOA – reduction of CM for Adolfo youth
- SAEHC – termination of CM for Mather families
- SAEHC – reduction of CM for Mather Children's services
- LSS – reduction of CM for Adolfo Youth

The contract with SAEHC for Mather Children's services has been funded at \$510,348 and includes \$167,634 for case managers. The \$342,714 balance supports other staff positions and various costs to operate the program. DHA is proposing that the contract be restored in the amount of \$300,000 for services other than case management. CDBG funds in the amount of \$100,000 could be coupled with \$200,000 HUD funds redirected from existing support services (monitoring) contracts with SAEHC and VOA for this purpose. There are no other known 71-J issues related to this proposed action.

Respectfully submitted,

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