Social Work Action Group Professional Services Agreement

Homeless Emergency Aid Program Funding

September 24, 2019
New Funding to Address Homelessness

• Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) authorized by Governor Brown in June 2018.
  • *Purpose: To provide direct assistance to cities to address the homelessness crisis throughout California.*

• City of LE, City of Wildomar and County Areas Applied for Housing Assistance and Support Program in Dec.

• **Two of Three Cities in Riv. Co.** to be Awarded Funding.

• A second round and additional housing funding expected in coming year.
The Need for More Services

• Homelessness is Increasing
• No Local Beds or Housing Available
• Currently No Funding for Cities for Homelessness
• High Number of Police Calls for Service
• Negative Impacts to Quality of Life for Citizens & Businesses
• Minimal Service Providers
• Increasing Abatement Costs
• Leveraging Limited Resources
• Finding Ways to Tackle Barriers
Proposed Program - House LE/Wildomar

- $1.5 Million Grant Award, Effective August 2019.
- Regional demonstration effort to build and implement a Housing First Program.
- Innovative, collaborative approach to serve a high need, under-served area of Southwest Riv. Co.
- Identify ways to create housing in areas with little to no resources for the homeless that can be replicated.
- Aimed at finding those with the greatest need and to get them housed as soon as possible.
Key Proposed Services

- Homeless Street Outreach in LE, Wildomar and District 1 Areas
  - Enforcement – New Community Services Deputy
  - Housing Outreach – New Housing and Outreach Specialist

- Housing Database Development
  - Landlords/Property Owners
  - Possible Housing Options
  - Community Service Providers
  - Develop Incentives and Agreements, e.g. Eviction Protection

- Housing Navigation
  - Community Outreach and Engagement
Key Proposed Services

Housing Subsidies – Up to 5 in the region, leased by non-profit.
  • Covers rent, utilities, landscaping, maintenance and more.
  • House for 30 to 120 days until a more permanent option found
  • Reviewed and approved by Homeless Task Force

Rental Assistance – Includes Down Payment Assistance

Intensive Case Management and Supportive Services
  • Permanent, Supportive Care

Data Collection & Reporting – Ongoing Evaluation
Other Updates...

• New Community Service Deputy – Begins October 10, 2019
• New Housing & Outreach Specialist – Begins October 2019

• Next Steps:
  • Development of Subsidy & Assistance Programs
  • Identification of Housing Options in the Region
  • Establish Relationships with Landlords/Property Owners
  • Create Agreements for Leasing and Assistance
Recommendation

Authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Social Work Action Group (SWAG) in an amount not to exceed $1,015,000* in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

*Contract to be fully funded by the Homeless Emergency Aid Program grant awarded by Riverside County.
Social Work Action Group (SWAG)

- Formed in August 2017 by local government and nonprofit professionals.
- Eager to serve the Chronic Homeless – those on the streets.
- Now provide homeless services to the cities of Chino, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Perris, Temecula, Murrieta and Wildomar.
Outreach Stats: March 1, 2018 – April 15, 2019

- **188** Homeless Individuals Served
- **118** Male (63%), **70** Female (37%)
- **89%** have Mental Health Challenges
- **87%** have Substance Abuse Challenges
- **107** Street Exits
- **10** Returned to Streets
SWAG Success Stories - Darlene
SWAG Success Stories - Melissa
SWAG Success Stories – Thomas & Allie
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