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## AGENDA REPORT

TO: City Administrator  
ATTN: Dan Lindheim  
FROM: Department of Human Services  
DATE: May 19, 2009

RE: **Supplemental Report On The 2009/11 Permanent Access To Housing Strategy**

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### SUMMARY

At the Life Enrichment Committee meeting on May 12, 2009, staff was asked to provide brief performance summaries of selected Permanent Access To Housing (PATH) Strategy grantees. In response to Committee request, the following is provided:

A proposal review panel of professionals in the homeless service and housing arena was organized to review proposals submitted under the City's 2009 PATH Request for Proposals (RFP). Proposals were grouped by type of project and then ranked on a scale of 100 total points. Ranking Criteria included the following:

- A. Proposal is consistent with Funding Principles and Priorities
- B. Agency has experience and capacity to provide services
- C. Budget is reasonable and cost effective
- D. Agency has adequate fiscal controls
- E. Sole Source/Special Circumstances
- F. Agency is a City-certified Local Business Enterprise/Small Local Business Enterprise or 501 ( C ) ( 3 )

The following agencies were selected for funding under the 2009/11 PATH Strategy.

**St. Mary's Center (SMC)** proposes under the PATH program to provide an integration of services needed to move seniors from homelessness to permanent housing. In addition, SMC is also recommended for capital development funding to support the acquisition of their Closer To Home facility. The 6-bedroom facility is situated next door to St. Mary's Center at 3202 San Pablo Avenue. The City's Community Housing Services (CHS) division has contracted with SMC for homeless services for many years. SMC meets all contractual requirements for housing and services.

**Lifelong Medical Care (LMC)** proposes to provide integrated, wrap-around on-site resident services at the Harrison Hotel to support 81 single adult residents with mental health and substance abuse disabilities in maintaining housing, improving their quality of life while contributing to the community. LMC will complete its first year contract with CHS June 30, 2009. To date, LMC meets all contractual requirements with more than 85% of clients maintaining permanent housing for at least one year.

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**First Place For Youth (FPFY)** Provides wrap-around services to 20 formerly homeless youth with a special focus on former foster care youth. Housing is secured for the 20 youth at the Madison Apartments (a 79 unit permanent affordable housing facility). FPFY has contracted with CHS for three years under the Supportive Housing Program, satisfying contractual requirements. FPFY's performance to date under first year of PATH proves to follow the same level of service delivery and client satisfaction, with more than 85% of youth placed maintaining permanent housing for at least 12 months.

**East Oakland Community Project (EOCP)** proposes to provide rapid re-housing services for clients at the Crossroads homeless shelter facility, by addressing the issues that have precluded them from remaining stably housed. CHS has contracted with EOCP for many years under its homeless programs. EOCP's consistently meets contractual requirements under its contracts with CHS. EOCP also operates the City's Matilda Cleveland Transitional Housing Program and the Families In Transition Program.

**East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC)** proposes to provide homeless prevention services by assisting low-income residents with housing issues, many of whom are at risk of becoming homeless in the absence of advocacy services. Staff is working with EBCLC to bring them into compliance with Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) policies and regulations. Otherwise, EBCLC has exceeded contracted service levels under the current PATH contract.

**Homeless Action Center (HAC)** proposes to provide advocacy for SSI/SSDI income benefits and MediCal to homeless mentally ill clients at EOCP. CHS is in its second year Community Development Block Grant agreement with HAC. HAC meets contractual requirements under said agreement.

**East Bay Community Recovery Project (EBCRP)** proposes to provide two full-time housing specialists and a full-time employment/vocational counselor to provide the wrap-around services to find and maintain stable, permanent housing to 300 clients. EBCRP is also recommended for capital development funds for acquisition and rehabilitation of a 7-unit studio apartment. This will be CHS's first year contracting with EBCRP. Professionals in the homeless community view EBCRP's overall performance as effective and beneficial to the community. EBCRP is a current contractor with the Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services agency.

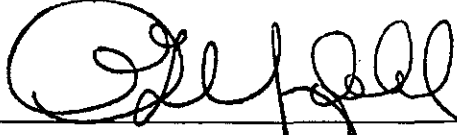
**Building Futures for Women & Children (BFWC)** proposes to eliminate or prevent homelessness for domestic violence victims who are homeless or in eminent danger of becoming homeless. This will be CHS's first year contracting with BFWC. Professionals in the homeless community view BFWC's overall performance effective and beneficial to the community. BFWC currently provides shelter, transitional housing, and supportive services in Alameda County.

**Affordable Housing Associates (AHA)** proposes the redevelopment of the Oaks Hotel, preserving affordable housing for homeless individuals in downtown Oakland. Oaks Hotels residents face an uncertain future unless the physical and financial status of the property can be stabilized. This will be CHS's first year contracting with AHA. AHA comes to the City's PATH Strategy having won numerous awards as an affordable housing developer and manager. AHA currently owns and manages 23 buildings Berkeley and Oakland, providing housing for more than 1,000 people. AHA is also funded by Oakland CEDA.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

There is no action required in this informational report.

Respectfully submitted,



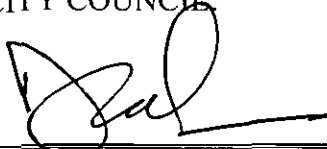
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