

County Of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

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Meeting Date

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Agenda Item No:

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Department: County Administrator



4/5 Vote Required

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Board Date:
11/3/2009

Deadline for Board Action:
11/3/2009

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: Appropriation transfer and temporary winter homeless shelter funding.

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

1. Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Sonoma and Commissioners of the Community Development Commission authorizing budgetary adjustments to the final 2009-2010 budget for Other General Government and Appropriations for Contingencies and Community Development Commission, in the amount of \$47,500, requiring four-fifths vote.
2. Authorize the use of the Guerneville Veterans Hall as a temporary winter homeless shelter.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES:

ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL:

Estimated Cost	\$47,500	Contingencies	\$47,500
		(Fund Name:)	
Amount Budgeted	\$0	Unanticipated Revenue	\$0
		(Source:)	
Other Available Appropriations	\$0	Other Transfers	\$0
(Explain Below)		(Source:)	
Additional Requested	\$47,500	Additional Funds Requested	\$0

Explanation (if required): Request is made from Contingencies. Transfer will be made to the Community Development Commission to manage the distribution of funds.

Prior Board Action: The County used the Guerneville Veterans Hall as a temporary winter homeless shelter during the winter of 2008-2009.

5/5/09 – Fee Waiver for use of Guerneville Veterans Hall by West County Community Services

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: County would attempt to identify another site for the current year for a temporary winter shelter in the Guerneville area.

Background:

This Russian River/Guerneville area is underserved in homeless services. At the December 16, 2008 Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board discussed the urgency of providing shelter for homeless individuals in the Russian River area. This was particularly important as the existing shelter facility had closed recently, without a replacement. Following that meeting, a local organization called the Interfaith Coalition, offered to provide services and management of the shelter during the rainy season. They obtained grant funding for staffing and supervision. West County Community Services (WCCS) agreed to be the responsible umbrella agency for liability and contract purposes. The Interfaith Coalition has since reformed as Community Housing Opportunities West (CHOW).

While CHOW has begun to work with County staff and other community partners on a more permanent solution to this ongoing need, such a solution has not been developed fully at this time. Because of this, the Guerneville Veterans Hall is needed once again as the best available option for a temporary winter homeless shelter. The dates for proposed operation are from 11/15/09 to 3/14/10. The hours of operation will be from 8 pm to 7 am. West County Community Services (WCCS) will provide administrative and fiscal oversight of the Homeless Shelter as well as insurance coverage. CHOW will oversee the daily operation and management of the Homeless Shelter.

CHOW has received grant funds of approximately \$34,500 to help fund insurance/liability costs and a portion of operation costs for the temporary shelter, with the expectation of additional grant funds of approximately \$17,000. However, there are additional costs of \$47,500 to fully fund the operation of the shelter. These include approximately \$31,000 in costs to Regional Parks for facilities expenses, and \$16,500 in additional operational costs that CHOW will incur that are not funded via grant funds. If Regional Parks needs to provide unforeseen janitorial support, there will be a cost of approximately \$58.00 per hour. Last year, approximately 6 hours of unforeseen support was needed. However, Regional Parks has worked with both WCCS and CHOW, and this additional support is not anticipated as being needed.

The County Administrator's Office is helping to coordinate with the Community Development Commission (CDC) for the identification and development of a long-term solution, namely the establishment of a permanent homeless shelter in the Guerneville area. It is anticipated that your Board will have such a plan for consideration early in the new year. If the additional grant funds are not received by CHOW, the team will work on identifying a source for the additional funds needed.

The requested action before your Board is a resolution to approve the transfer of \$47,500 from contingencies and to allow the use of Guerneville Veterans Hall for a temporary winter homeless shelter. Because of its expertise in managing homeless services and housing programs, the CDC will administer these funds.

Attachments: Budgetary Adjustment Resolution.

On File With Clerk: None.

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote: