



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Human Services Agency



Date: September 11, 2015
Board Meeting Date: October 20, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Iliana Rodriguez, Director, Human Services Agency

Subject: Measure A funding for Samaritan House (Safe Harbor)

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Samaritan House (Safe Harbor) to provide sustainability support, for the term of October 20, 2015 through June 30, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

BACKGROUND:

The FY 2015-16 Samaritan House applications for Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) was declined by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). In order to support the operation of the Safe Harbor shelter at a sustainable level, Samaritan House approached the Human Services Agency (HSA) requesting financial assistance to cover the funding gap for FY 2015-16.

Samaritan House (Safe Harbor), with its 30 emergency and 60 transitional beds, helps to stabilize over 400 homeless County adults each year. Both the emergency shelter program and the transitional housing program include case management services designed to help individuals move to a more stable housing situation or directly back to permanent housing. The shelter is operated in collaboration with HSA. Samaritan House (Safe Harbor) receives funding through County, State and Federal agencies for the operation of Safe Harbor Shelter.

DISCUSSION:

HSA considered the bridge funding request due to HCD's denial of the Samaritan House application for ESG for its Safe Harbor Shelter. The purpose of the bridge funding, which is funded through Measure A, is to enable Samaritan House to sustain operations of the Safe Harbor Shelter through the difficult period of a funding gap and to give Samaritan House an opportunity to locate other sources of funding for future years.

The agreement and resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by supporting the operations of Samaritan House (Safe Harbor) homeless shelters. It is anticipated that out of 461 beneficiaries 60% will move into permanent Transitional and Supportive housing.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2014-15 Actual	FY 2015-16 Projected
Projected Beneficiaries (number of individuals).	461	*461
Percent of Projected Beneficiaries moving into permanent Transitional and Supportive Housing.	60%	*60%

Due to the limited number of emergency and transitional beds, the number of beneficiaries served is limited to these projections.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is October 20, 2015, through June 30, 2016. The amount of the agreement is \$200,000. The agreement is funded 100% with Measure-A Sales and Use tax revenue. Budgetary appropriation for the agreement is included in the FY 2015-16 Recommended Budget.