

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 15
CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: December 19, 2007
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Neighborhood Services Department
SUBJECT: **REGIONAL WINTER SHELTER SYSTEM**

SYNOPSIS

Staff is requesting the City Council confirm participation in the Regional Winter Shelter Program at a cost of \$33,233 for FY 2007-08.

BACKGROUND

A Regional Task Force was established to explore a regional approach in providing shelter for homeless persons during the winter months. The underlying goal was to provide a fair and equitable distribution of costs and capacity across all north County cities. A collaborative of nonprofit agencies called the Alliance for Regional Solutions was formed to work on a system to provide homeless individuals and families in North County with not only safe haven during the winter months, but also with the tools and motivation necessary to assist them to move towards self-sufficiency and independent and responsible functioning.

The Regional Winter Shelter Program system will provide cold-weather shelter for the winter of 2007-08 for 100 consecutive nights. The total proposed budget for the Program is \$413,000, which anticipated funding from San Diego County, the Federal emergency Management Administration, United Way, municipal governments (cities of Del Mar, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Escondido, Poway, Oceanside, San Marcos, and Vista), and private resources.

ANALYSIS

The City Council at its October 10, 2007 meeting approved the City's participation in the Regional Winter Shelter system for a total cost of \$33,233 for FY 2007-08. The funds would provide \$15,000 to the Bread of Life, \$3,500 to Interfaith Shelter Network, and the remaining \$14,723 would support the administration and operations of the shelter system. This approval was contingent on the participation of all of the aforementioned cities and the County of San Diego.

The Alliance has been informed by the County Supervisors that the request for \$45,000 could not be funded from the Community Projects fund because the use did not fall within the guidelines for those funds. The Alliance is in the process of seeking alternative funding sources to cover that amount so the project can be fully funded. In

the worst case scenario that alternative funds are not identified, some services would need to be trimmed, such as the motel vouchers.

It is the hope of the Alliance and the municipal governments that the underlying goal of providing a fair and equitable distribution of costs across all North County cities can still be achieved. The Alliance and city staff will continue to work toward that goal. In the meantime, the City will directly fund Bread of Life and Interfaith Shelter Network.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City Council has approved funding for the Regional Winter Shelter System in the amount of \$33,233 for FY 2007-08.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

At its meeting on September 25, 1007, the Housing Commission unanimously voted to recommend that the City Council support the Regional Winter Shelter Program.

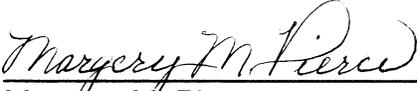
CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

Does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

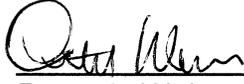
Staff is requesting that the City Council confirm participation in the Regional Winter Shelter Program at a cost of \$33,223 for FY 2007-08.

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