

**Agenda Item 9**
July 6, 2016

DATE: June 20, 2016

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Kimberly Goll, Executive Director *Kimberly Goll*

ACTION: Authorize HomeAid Orange County to initiate a Request for Application (RFA) process to operate emergency shelter facility in the city of Orange.

SUMMARY:

The Children and Families Commission of Orange County funds HomeAid Orange County as the administrative lead for the catalytic homeless prevention program. HomeAid recently purchased an emergency shelter facility in the city of Orange and is requesting authority to use the remaining \$1.3 million in catalytic emergency shelter grant funding to support the operations of this facility for a maximum term of five years.

DISCUSSION:

In February 2012, the Commission approved \$6,250,000 of catalytic funding to support the construction and operation of emergency shelter projects focused on the unique needs of families with children ages 0-5. The catalytic investment approved by the Commission focused on expanding the availability of emergency shelters while reducing the ongoing demand for the Family Redirection program, which provides alternative shelter to families with young children seeking shelter at the armories.

HomeAid Orange County is the administrative lead for this catalytic investment. HomeAid conducted Request for Application (RFA) processes in July 2013 and September 2015, which yielded a total of seven projects, and allocated approximately \$4.9 million of the Commission's \$6.25 million. These projects have leveraged an additional \$8.45 million in support and will provide emergency shelter to approximately 270 families annually. To date, the Commission's catalytic support has provided for 66 new emergency shelter units, which are 14 away from the goal of 80 units originally set by the Commission.

HomeAid has recently acquired a 9,800 square foot building in the city of Orange in an area that has emergency shelters as an allowable use. Commission funding was not used for the purchase or rehabilitation of the building. The facility will have the capacity to providing emergency shelter to 15 families at a time with the ability to serve an estimated 45 families annually. HomeAid is requesting authority to conduct a third RFA process to identify an operator for their facility in Orange. If a qualified service provider is identified through the RFA, up to the remaining \$1.3 million in Commission catalytic emergency shelter grant funding would be used to support the operations of this facility. HomeAid would not be eligible to receive any lease or use payment as part of the Commission catalytic support.

The applications received through this process would be reviewed by a non-conflicted review panel. Selection criteria for the homeless service provider would include, but not limited to, an ability to

leverage additional funding, experience in sustaining programs, linkage to permanent housing opportunities such as rapid rehousing, past performance and experience working with homeless families. Consistent with prior Catalytic Emergency Shelter funding allocations, the final selection and authorization to fund the operation of the new facility is expected to be presented to the Commission for consideration in October 2016.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

The information presented in this staff report has been reviewed in relation to the Commission's Strategic Plan and are consistent with Strong Families goals and outcomes.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:

- April 2016- Receive Catalytic Investment Progress Report Approved Term Sheet For Family Assistance Ministry Emergency Shelter Project
- September 2015- Receive Catalytic Investment Progress Report
- March 2015- Approve Emergency Shelter Term Sheet for Mercy House and Colette's Children's Home
- May 2014 – Approve Emergency Shelter Term Sheets for Pathways of Hope, Colette's Children's Home and Illumination Foundation
- March 2014 – Received Catalytic Investment Progress Report
- December 2013 – Status Report on Round 1 and Round 2 Catalytic Projects
- September 2013 –Status Report on Round 1 and Round 2 Catalytic Projects
- February and May 2013 – Update and implementing actions for Round 1 and 2 Catalytic Investments
- October 2012 – Received Catalytic Investment Progress Report
- February 2012 –Approved Catalytic Investment

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize HomeAid Orange County to initiate a Request for Application (RFA) process to operate their emergency shelter facility in the city of Orange.

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