

Press Release

COUNTY AWARDED \$13.7 MILLION FOR HOMELESS SERVICES

HUD GRANT WILL DIRECTLY ASSIST THE COUNTY'S POPULATION OF HOMELESS FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS

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(Santa Ana, CA) – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the County of Orange \$13,765,384 in homeless assistance funding as part of the Continuum of Care Super Notice of Funding Availability (SuperNOFA) grant competition. The SuperNOFA is an annual process and the grant award to the County of Orange, with OC Community Services (OCCS) as the lead agency, is a direct result of the County's partnership with cities and homeless service organizations to address the issue of homelessness in Orange County. This collaborative effort is part of a regional plan aimed at breaking the cycle of homelessness. According to the County's 2007 needs assessment survey, Orange County residents experience approximately 35,000 episodes of homelessness throughout the course of one year.

"Orange County is being recognized by the federal government for our regional approach to help move families and individuals out of homelessness and into self-sufficiency," stated Patricia C. Bates, Chair of the County Board of Supervisors. "In this present time of budgetary constraints, the nearly \$14 million will ensure that we continue to care for our residents most in need."

"I applaud the political will and commitment of Chairwoman Bates and Supervisor Moorlach dedicated to Orange County's efforts to reduce and end homelessness," indicated Philip Mangano, Executive Director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. "In receiving a record \$14.6 million in HUD targeted homeless assistance resources and an additional \$10.3 million to prevent homelessness from the President's Economic Recovery Program, Orange County is receiving a tangible expression of partnership to end the long misery of homelessness for its poorest neighbors."

OC Community Services, OC Partnership, and the Continuum of Care Leadership Cabinet coordinated the 2008 Continuum of Care application process. The \$13.7 million grant award will provide transitional shelter and supportive services for families and individuals as well as permanent supportive housing for the disabled and special needs homeless populations. The County of Orange has received \$110.9 million since 1996 in the Continuum of Care SuperNOFA grant competition.

2008 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Award recipients include:

American Family Housing

\$630,958 for 38 beds, supportive services, operations, leasing and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to provide permanent housing to homeless

Orange County Housing Authority

\$777,600 for 10 Housing Certificates for tenant-based rental assistance for disabled homeless

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Orange County Housing Authority	\$1,166,400 for 15 Housing Certificates for tenant-based rental assistance for disabled homeless
Mercy House	\$118,000 for 20 beds, supportive services, operations and HMIS to provide transitional housing to homeless
American Family Housing	\$572,553 for 104 beds, supportive services, operations, leasing and HMIS to provide permanent housing to homeless
Anaheim Supportive Housing Senior Adults	\$139,020 for 12 beds, supportive services, operations and HMIS to provide permanent housing to homeless
Mercy House	\$90,240 for 21 beds, supportive services, operations and HMIS to provide transitional housing to homeless
Collette's Children's Home	\$157,278 for 24 beds, supportive services, operations, leasing and HMIS to provide transitional housing to homeless
Women's Transitional Living Center	\$84,167 for 21 beds, supportive services and operations to provide transitional housing to homeless
Human Options	\$111,122 for 50 beds, supportive services and operations to provide transitional housing to homeless
John Henry Foundation	\$146,369 for 30 beds, supportive services and operations to provide permanent housing to homeless
OC Partnership	\$57,043 for HMIS to provide services to providers who serve homeless subpopulations
OC Partnership	\$433,263 for HMIS to provide services to providers who serve homeless subpopulations
Collette's Children's Home	\$127,309 for 24 beds, supportive services, operations and HMIS to provide transitional housing to homeless
Women's Transitional Living Center	\$149,119 for 14 beds, supportive services and operations to provide transitional housing to homeless
South County Outreach	\$25,157 for 10 beds, supportive services and operations to provide transitional housing to homeless
South County Outreach	\$175,959 for 50 beds, supportive services and HMIS to provide transitional housing to homeless
So.Cal. Alcohol & Drug	\$382,527 for 20 beds, supportive services, operations, leasing and HMIS to provide transitional housing to homeless
South County Outreach	\$25,034 for 8 beds, supportive services and operations to provide transitional housing to homeless
Thomas House	\$30,799 for 76 beds, 14 cribs, supportive services, operations and HMIS to provide transitional housing to homeless
Human Options	\$30,793 for supportive services only to provide transitional housing to homeless
YWCA Central OC	\$93,880 for 11 beds, supportive services, operations and HMIS to provide transitional housing to homeless
Thomas House	\$57,034 for 24 beds, supportive services, operations and HMIS to provide transitional housing to homeless

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Orange Coast Interfaith Shelter	\$283,129 for 24 beds, supportive services, operations, leasing and HMIS to provide transitional housing to homeless
Veterans First	\$159,700 for 24 beds, supportive services, operations and leasing to provide transitional housing to homeless
Families Forward	\$73,819 for 35 beds, supportive services and operations to provide transitional housing to homeless
Veterans First	\$254,804 for 28 beds, supportive services, operations, leasing and HMIS to provide transitional housing to homeless
Family Assistance Ministries	\$558,832 for 26 beds, supportive services, HMIS and acquisition to provide transitional housing to homeless
Families Forward	\$132,941 for 49 beds, supportive services and operations to provide transitional housing to homeless
Interval House	\$73,268 for case management and supportive services to victims of domestic violence
Eli Home	\$524,275 for 28 beds, supportive services, operations, leasing and HMIS to provide transitional housing to homeless
Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Shelter	\$252,000 for low cost child care services to homeless families
Serving People in Need	\$806,415 for 120 beds, supportive services, leasing and HMIS to provide transitional housing to homeless
Toby's House	\$119,545 for supportive services for homeless individuals
Orange County Housing Authority	\$534,672 for 30 Housing Certificates for tenant-based rental assistance for disabled homeless
Orange County Housing Authority	\$983,832 for 58 Housing Certificates for tenant-based rental assistance for disabled homeless
Orange County Housing Authority	\$399,156 for 24 Housing Certificates for tenant-based rental assistance for disabled homeless
Orange County Housing Authority	\$3,027,372 for 174 Housing Certificates for tenant-based rental assistance for disabled homeless

"This award is a direct result of the hard work and dedication of the County's partnership with cities, non-profit organizations, and other important stakeholders," stated Chair Bates. "These thirty eight programs will provide families and individuals with the housing and support they need to achieve independent living."

In addition to the \$13.7 million in competitive funding awarded under the Continuum of Care Super Notice of Funding Availability (SuperNOFA) grant competition, the County, Anaheim, Garden Grove and Santa Ana were allocated \$804,417 in Federal Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funding which is distributed on a formula basis. Another \$10.3 million was allocated by formula to Orange County jurisdictions as part of the Homelessness Prevention Fund under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Below are the Homelessness Prevention Fund allocations:

Anaheim:	\$2,046,908
Costa Mesa:	\$ 560,237
Fullerton:	\$ 622,710
Garden Grove:	\$1,068,707

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Huntington Beach:	\$ 566,611
Irvine:	\$ 540,656
Orange:	\$ 545,636
Orange County:	\$1,556,026
Santa Ana:	\$2,831,989
Westminster:	\$ 511,454

The Continuum of Care \$13.7 million in funding awards will be formally acknowledged on March 5, 2009 at 10:00 am at the Orange County Rescue Mission's Village of Hope located at One Hope Drive, Tustin. Philip Mangano, Executive Director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness will be in attendance along with Chair Patricia C. Bates and Supervisor John M. W. Moorlach from the County Board of Supervisors.

OC Community Services houses the County's Homeless Prevention Division. OC Community Services also administers funds for participating cities and community-based organizations for homeless services. For more information about the County's efforts to address homelessness, please contact Karen Roper at (714) 567-7418 or (714) 423-8315.

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