

COUNTY AWARDED \$10.7 MILLION FOR HOMELESS SERVICES

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

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the County of Orange \$10,706,858 in a homeless assistance grant competition under the Continuum of Care Super Notice of Funding Availability (SuperNOFA). The SuperNOFA is an annual process and the grant award to the County of Orange, with Housing and Community Services (HCS) as the lead agency, is a direct result of the County's partnership with cities and hundreds of non-profit organizations to address the issue of homelessness in Orange County. This collaborative effort has undertaken a regional plan aimed at breaking the cycle of homelessness. According to the County's 2005 needs assessment survey, Orange County residents experience approximately 35,000 episodes of homelessness throughout the course of one year.

"Once again 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 Paula Burrier-Lund, Director of HCS. "In this present time of budgetary constraints, the \$10.7 million will ensure that we continue to care for our residents most in need."

Housing and Community Services, OC Partnership, 2-1-1 Orange County, and the Continuum of Care Leadership Cabinet coordinated the 2006 application process. The 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 \$85.5 million since 1996 in the SuperNOFA competition.

2006 Award recipients include:

Mercy House Transitional Living Centers, Inc.

\$188,000 for 21 beds, supportive services, operations, and HMIS to provide transitional housing for homeless subpopulations suffering from HIV/AIDS

Anaheim Supportive Housing For Senior Adults, Inc.

\$278,040 for 12 beds, operations, HMIS, and supportive services to provide permanent housing for chronically homeless elderly, disabled, and homeless subpopulations

American Family Housing

\$260,600 for 37 transitional housing beds, supportive services, operations, and HMIS for chronically homeless, disabled, and homeless subpopulations

Colette's Children's Home, Inc.

\$313,469 for 24 transitional housing beds, supportive services, operations, and HMIS for chronically homeless women and children, disabled women, and homeless subpopulations

Orange County Housing Authority

\$2,911,380 for 37 Housing Certificates for tenant-based rental assistance for disabled homeless

Serving People In Need, Inc.	\$209,600 for supportive services and HMIS for chronically homeless substance abusers and subpopulations
Council of Orange County Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$839,325 for acquisition of sites for 25 transitional housing beds, supportive services, operations, and HMIS for chronically homeless and homeless subpopulations
Saddleback Community Outreach	\$52,155 for 8 beds, supportive services, and operations to provide transitional housing for homeless families
Saddleback Community Outreach	\$193,209 for 50 transitional housing beds, supportive services, and HMIS for homeless families and subpopulations
Veterans First	\$823,330 for 24 beds, supportive services, operations and HMIS to provide permanent housing for chronically homeless, disabled veterans
Women's Transitional Living Center, Inc. (WTLC)	\$97,889 for 40 transitional housing beds, supportive services, operations, and HMIS for chronically homeless victims of domestic violence and homeless subpopulations
The Eli Home, Inc.	\$522,576 for 28 transitional housing beds, supportive services, operations, and HMIS for homeless victims of domestic violence and homeless subpopulations
WISEPlace	\$201,187 for acquisition of sites for 5 transitional housing beds, supportive services, operations, and HMIS for chronically homeless women
Women's Transitional Living Center, Inc. (WTLC)	\$24,001 for 14 transitional housing beds, supportive services, and HMIS for chronically homeless victims of domestic violence and homeless subpopulations
Thomas House Temporary Shelter	\$57,984 for 24 beds, operations, HMIS, and supportive services to provide transitional housing for homeless families with children and homeless subpopulations
Thomas House Temporary Shelter	\$30,800 for 6 beds and supportive services to provide transitional housing for homeless families with children and homeless subpopulations
Toby's House Maternity Home	\$254,352 for supportive services for pregnant, homeless women and children (0-5)
Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Service, Inc.	\$252,000 for supportive services (child care) for homeless families and homeless subpopulations
Southern California Alcohol & Drug Program, Inc.	\$380,245 for 20 transitional housing beds, supportive services, operations, and HMIS for substance abusing women and children and homeless subpopulations
Orange County Housing Authority	\$677,844 for 42 Housing Certificates for tenant-based rental assistance for disabled homeless

Orange County Housing Authority	\$ 1,171,488 for 72 Housing Certificates for tenant-based rental assistance for disabled homeless
Orange County Housing Authority	\$493,176 for 32 Housing Certificates for tenant-based rental assistance for disabled homeless
Orange County Housing Authority	\$474,108 for 30 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 Paula Burrier-Lund, Director of HCS. "These twenty three programs will provide families and individuals with the housing and support they need to achieve independent living."

HCS houses the County's Homeless Prevention Division. HCS 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.