



INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: March 17, 2015
TO: Honorable Mayor Braddy and City Commissioners
VIA: Russ Blackburn, City Manager *RF*
FROM: Fred Murry, Assistant City Manager *FM*
SUBJECT: Update on Homeless Programs and Services provided by the City FY08-FY14

The attached information is being provided at the request of Commissioner Warren. The City Manager's office was asked to identify Homeless Programs and Services previously provided or being currently provided to homeless individuals and families within our community. The chart outlines information on the number of clients assisted and/or the total amount funded between October 1, 2007 and September 30, 2014 (FY08-FY14).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the City Manager's office.

**City of Gainesville
Homeless Programs and Services
October 1, 2007 - September 30, 2014**

City Homeless Initiative			
Agency	Program Summary	Total Assisted	Total Amount Funded
Homeless Services	One Stop Homeless Assistance Center: Development, Operations & Maintenance of the Empowerment Center	-----	\$ 1,930,868.00
	Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry: Provide a broad array of programs and services at the Empowerment Center (via Grace Marketplace) for the homeless and to provide a general support system to homeless persons and the local community. Jointly funded w/ Alachua County via Interlocal Agreement.	FY 2014: \$308,000; and FY 2015: \$279,840 (thru March 31)	\$ 587,840.00
	Office on Homelessness Program: Partnership b/tw City, County and the Alachua County Housing Authority for the creation and operation of a local Office on Homelessness (OHH). Jointly funded w/ Alachua County via Interlocal Agreement. Note: OOH Program closed out in FY 13.	-----	\$ 437,198.00
	Family Unification/Homeward Bound Program: Partnership with St. Francis House to assist homeless persons to relocate to family members who would be willing to take the homeless person in and assist them with getting back on their feet (typically, a one-way bus ticket is provided).	381	\$ 75,523.00
Emergency Shelter Assistance Programs (cold weather or other emergencies caused by extraordinary circumstances that threaten the physical health and/or welfare of residents and/or homeless persons)	Cold Night Shelter Program: Provides emergency shelter and supportive services to homeless individuals and persons during the coldest winter months typically December-March. Program offered prior to December based upon extreme weather conditions. [See Provider details below]:	22,014	\$ 475,553.00
	St. Francis House: Provides assistance to homeless persons and families requesting shelter on designated cold nights. Other services are provided include meals, care management, showers, laundry facilities, and mail and phone services.	19,154 <i>(included in total above)</i>	\$233,871 <i>(included in total above)</i>
	Alachua County Housing Authority Program: Provides assistance through the Hotel/Motel Voucher Program on designated cold nights for eligible homeless individuals and families with special needs such as small children, medical conditions, disabilities, elderly, and mental illness.	1880 <i>(included in total above)</i>	\$219,457 <i>(included in total above)</i>
	Alachua County Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless: Provides assistance through the Hotel/Motel Voucher Program on designated cold nights for eligible homeless individuals and families with special needs such as small children, medical conditions, disabilities, elderly, and mental illness.	980 <i>(included in total above)</i>	\$22,225 <i>(included in total above)</i>

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City Homeless Initiative (continued)

Agency	Program Summary	Total Assisted	Total Amount Funded
Transportation	Partnership w/ Alachua County Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless to provide bus passes for homeless persons participating in services at the Empowerment Center	1557	\$ 15,000.00
Medical Respite	Partnership w/ Alachua County to support the provision of respite care services for homeless individuals during brief periods of recovery after discharge from medical care. Jointly funded w/ Alachua County via Interlocal Agreement.	87	\$ 31,500.00
Community Grant Program	Support non-profit organizations to provide various services (meals, housing, counseling/training, utilities, medical and veterinarian) for needy individuals and families, including homeless persons.	40,736	\$ 339,090.00

Emergency Shelter Programs

Agency	Program Summary	Total Assisted	Total Amount Funded
St. Francis House	Provides temporary shelter, emergency food distribution, and various support services.	10,672	\$ 129,788.00
Family Promise (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network)	Provides emergency shelter and meals for homeless families. Supportive services including case management assistance with health care, child care, education, transportation, employment, and housing.	587	\$ 100,996.00
Arbor House, Inc.	Serves homeless single-mother families while they pursue goals that lead to self-sufficiency and spiritual wholeness. Through housing, counseling, life skills training, parenting classes, part-time employment, career counseling, and educational opportunities.	53	\$ 73,536.00

Transitional Housing Programs

Agency	Program Summary	Total Assisted	Total Amount Funded
Pleasant Place	Provides transitional housing for homeless, pregnant, and/or parenting teens between the ages of 13 and 18, and their children.	171	\$ 65,972.00
Peaceful Paths Network	Provides low-income, long-term housing to homeless women and their children who are victims of domestic abuse. Peaceful Paths also operates an emergency shelter, which facilitates moving clients from emergency shelter to transitional housing and ultimately self-sufficiency.	1,060	\$ 38,019.00
The Preserve	Provides transitional living space for boys aged 16 to 18, at the Norma Greene Transition House.	18	\$ 5,805.00
VETSPACE	HUD Continuum of Care Program: Provides transitional housing and supportive services to homeless or near homeless veterans who suffer from mental illness, chronic substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, physical disabilities, unemployment and domestic violence. Program transitioned to Provider in FY 14-15 for direct management/oversight of program.	97	\$ 733,898.00

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Transitional Housing Programs (continued)

Agency	Program Summary	Total Assisted	Total Amount Funded
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare	HUD Continuum of Care Program - Project HOPE: Provides transitional housing and supportive services for mentally ill homeless persons and their families. The Project is referred to as "Housing Opportunities for People Empowerment". Program transitioned to Provider in FY 14-15 for direct management/oversight of program.	142	\$ 647,080.00

Other Homeless Programs and Homeless Services

Agency	Program Summary	Total Assisted	Total Amount Funded
Helping Hands Clinic	Helping Hands Clinic: Provides assistance to homeless and low-income residents with medical, eye care, dental, psychiatric and other needs at no charge.	4,900	\$ 83,489.00
Helping Hands Clinic	Helping Hands Women's Clinic: Provides assistance to homeless women with medical, eye care, dental, psychiatric and other needs at no charge.	1,177	\$ 14,818.00
Three Rivers Legal Services	Legal Assistance Program: Program to assist homeless individuals and families with legal services by preparing and submitting disability applications to the Social Security Administration to prevent denials of benefits.	288	\$ 65,152.00
Total		83,940	5,851,125