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Temporary Emergency Homeless Assistance Plan (B)

During the October 24, 2005, City Commission meeting, Commissioner Jack Donovan made a presentation on the need for immediate shelter and services for persons who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The City Commission agreed to discuss proposals to meet these needs at the November 14, 2005, City Commission meeting.

..Explanation

At the October 24, 2005, City Commission meeting, Commissioner Jack Donovan made a presentation on the need for addressing the immediate shelter and services needs of persons who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless over the next four to six months. The needs and some options and costs are outlined in a handout that was provided by Commissioner Donovan. The need statement identified various segments of the current homeless population of Gainesville in need of help, as well as those who are at risk of becoming homeless.

Commissioner Donovan's presentation on needs included a range of costs summarized below:

Shelter for current homeless persons: Up to \$149,000
Services for currently homeless persons: Up to \$189,000
Prevention services for at-risk persons: Up to \$247,500
Total: Up to \$585,500

The City Commission agreed to discuss proposals to address these needs at its November 14, 2005, meeting. Commissioner Donovan said he would bring several alternative plans for this purpose.

Research by City staff indicates that the City Commission has approved \$70,310 in the FY 2005-06 CDBG and HOME budgets to support programs to assist the homeless through Gainesville Community Ministry, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Peaceful Paths and St. Francis House. The City served as the applicant and grantee for \$99,101 provided from Supportive Housing Grant funds for transitional housing and support services for mentally ill homeless persons at Meridian Behavioral Health Care and for \$106,215 provided for transitional housing and support services for homeless veterans at VETSPACE. The City assisted with the Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry's application for State Homeless Assistance Challenge Grants that provided \$60,000 for facilities and services at several homeless organizations. The City participates in joint applications with Alachua County that result in SHIP Special Needs funding for various organizations serving the homeless. The City Commission has allocated \$5,000 for Sister Hazel's Clinic (medical care assistance) and \$15,000

for homeless youth at The Preserve from general funds. Finally, \$50,000 was set aside in the FY 2005-06 CDBG budget for a yet-to-be determined capital improvement initiative for the homeless, in anticipation of recommendations from the homeless summit committees.

With regard to future funding, staff is proposing that next year's competitive allocation process for CDBG and HOME be handled in an RFP (Request for Proposals) fashion. Using this approach, the City would specify in an RFP those kinds of services or programs that it would consider for funding. Based on recent discussions, staff has identified a group of core services or programs that we believe are appropriate for the City to support. Thus, the proposed priorities for CDBG and HOME funding would be those services or programs that address one or more of the following: housing; assistance to the homeless; recreation programs for children and youth, provided they supplement the City's own recreation programs; and support for employment and job training initiatives. This new approach could increase funding for homeless services from block grant funds.

..Fiscal Note

Funding for the components for Commissioner Donovan's proposal has not been identified. Prior discussions at City Commission meetings suggested funding might come from reallocation of budgeted funds, from City Commission contingency funds (\$150,000 is available in City Commission contingency funds), or from prioritization of other revenues.

..Recommendation

Recommended Motion: The City Commission: 1) discuss Commissioner Jack Donovan's proposals (or other proposals to be presented at the 11/14/05 City Commission meeting) to provide temporary emergency homeless services; 2) provide direction to staff on which portions of the proposals the City Commission wishes to implement; 3) if appropriate, authorize staff to issue an RFP at the earliest opportunity for local service providers that are willing to provide the additional services and cold night shelter for homeless persons during the winter months; 4) allocate a portion of City Commission contingency funds, reappropriate budgeted funds, and/or assign funds from the \$300,000 in new, unallocated ad valorem revenues for this purpose; and 5) initiate plans for encouraging, receiving and utilizing donations from community members.

Gainesville/Alachua County Local Homeless Housing & Service Providers

Agency	Type of Housing or Service Provided	Funding Sources
Alachua County Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry, Inc.	Information and referral	State, Donations
Arbor House, Inc.	4 emergency shelter beds for women with children; 16 transitional housing beds for women with children	Donations
Catholic Charities	Emergency services and food pantry	Donations, United Way
Chrysalis Community, Inc.	4 transitional housing beds for single women	State, Donations
Corner Drug Store, Inc.	20 emergency shelter beds for youths	Federal, State, United Way, Donations
Fire of God Ministries	Emergency services and meals	Donations
Gainesville Community Ministry	Emergency services, clothing and food pantry	City, United Way, Donations
GHA/Meridian Behavioral Healthcare "PATH"	32 permanent supportive housing beds for families with children	Federal, Fees
GHA/VETPORT	21 permanent supportive housing beds for veterans	Federal, Fees
Interfaith Hospitality Network, Inc.	15 emergency shelter beds for families	City, Donations
Lazarus Restoration Ministries	Emergency supportive services; 4 transitional housing beds for families with children	Donations, State
Malcolm Randall VAMC – Veterans Outreach	7 transitional housing beds for veterans	Federal
MBH "HOPE" Program	7 transitional housing beds for men and women	City (Federal), Agency Funds
Peaceful Paths, Inc. – Gallenkamp Shelter	30 emergency shelter beds for women and children	Federal, United Way, City State, Donations
Peaceful Paths, Inc. – Transition House	10 transitional housing beds for women and children	Federal, United Way, Donations
Pleasant Place, Inc.	16 transitional housing beds for girls with children	Federal, United Way, State
Sister Hazel's Angel of Mercy Free Medical Clinic/Helping Hands Clinic	Primary medical care	Donations, City
St. Francis House – Sunrise Apartments	33 permanent supportive housing beds for single men and women	Federal, Fees
St. Francis House, Inc.	Emergency services, meals and 30 emergency shelter beds	Federal, State, City, United Way, Donations
St. Francis House, Inc. – Homes & Jobs	15 transitional housing beds for families	Federal, Donations, Fees
The HOME Van	Mobile emergency services and meals	Donations
The PRESERVE, Inc.	5 transitional housing beds for male youths	State, City, Donations
The Salvation Army	Emergency services, meals, food pantry, and 24 emergency shelter beds for single men	United Way, Donations
VETSPACE, Inc.	29 transitional housing beds for veterans	City (Federal), United Way, Donations

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**Homeless Assistance Programs Supported
by the
City of Gainesville - FY 2005-06**

Total Funding \$345,626

Agency	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Program Description
Gainesville Community Ministry	HOME	\$19,442	Rental deposit assistance
Interfaith Hospitality Network	CDBG	\$17,868	Shelter program for homeless families
Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network	CDBG	\$8,000	Outreach office and emergency shelter improvements
The PRESERVE	Gen. Fund	\$15,000	Transitional housing for homeless teens
Sister Hazel's Angel of Mercy Free Medical Clinic	Gen. Fund	\$5,000	Primary medical care in conjunction with the Helping Hands Clinic
St. Francis House	CDBG	\$25,000	Emergency shelter program
To be determined	CDBG	\$50,000	Homeless capital initiative
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare	SHP	\$99,101	Transitional housing and support services for mentally ill, homeless persons
VETSPACE	SHP	\$106,215	Transitional housing and support services for homeless veterans

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TEMPORARY (4-6 MONTHS) EMERGENCY HOMELESSNESS SERVICES PLANS (UNTIL TEN YEAR PLAN ACTIVATES)

To protect safety and security; to promote productive functioning; to maintain community integrity and honor.

POPULATION	# IN NEED	SERVICE PLAN OPTIONS	COSTS
Homeless Children and Parents	200 (70 units)	(1) Shelter in (a) Tents (b) Churches (c) Motels (d) Homes (e) Parks/Buildings (f) Dorms/Fraternity/Sororities (2) Counseling/Skills Education/Advocacy/Placement for work, housing, services (a) MSW (b) assistant (3) Food (supplement) (4) Health Care (5) Child Care (6) Transportation (7) Management/Coordination (IHN, GCM, HAS?) (8) Security	(1) (a) \$200x70=\$14,000 (b) Charity=\$0 (c) \$0-50x70=\$0-3,500 (d) \$200x70=\$14,000 (e) \$0-200=\$0-14,000 (f) Charity=\$0 (2) (a) \$40KxYr/2 = \$20K (b) Volunteer=\$0 (3) Charity (4) Charity (5) 50x\$50x6mo=\$15,000 (6) Buses (free passes) and volunteers (7) Quarter Staffx\$40,000=\$10,000 (8) Half Staffx\$30,000x1/2yr=\$7,500 TOTALS: Shelter + \$52.5K
Homeless Individual Workers and Partners	300 (200 units)	As above (except Child Care)	(1) Shelter (2)\$20K+0 (3) \$0 (4) \$0 (5) \$0 (6) \$0 (5) \$0 (6) Buses, Bikes (7) Staff/2x\$40KxYr/2=\$10K (8) 1/2Staffx\$30KxYr/2=\$7.5K TOTAL=S+\$37.5K
Homeless Elderly	75	As above (except Child Care)	(1) Shelter (2)\$10+0 (3)\$0 (4) \$0 (5) \$0 (6) Bus/Vol (7) Staff/4x\$40KxYr/2=\$5K. TOTAL=S+\$15K
Homeless Physically Handicapped	100	As above (except Child Care) --	(1) Shelter (2)\$10+0 (3)\$0 (4)\$0 (5) \$0 (6) Bus/Vol (7) Staff/4x\$40KxYr/2=\$5K. TOTAL=S+\$15K
Homeless Mental Health Handicapped	100	As above (except Child Care)	(1) Shelter (2)\$20+0 (3)\$0 (4)\$0 (5) \$0 (6) Bus/Vol (7) Staff/4x\$40KxYr/2=\$5K. TOTAL=S+\$25K
Homeless Drug or Alcohol Problems	150	As above (except Child Care)	(1) Shelter (2)\$20+0 (3)\$0 (4)\$0 (5) \$0 (6) Bus/Vol (7) Staff/4x\$40KxYr/2=\$5K. TOTAL=S+\$25K
Homeless Criminal	50	Jail or Special Location?	(1) Shelter (2)\$10+0 (3)\$0 (4)\$0 (5) \$0 (6) Bus/Vol (7) \$0 (8) \$0. TOTAL=S+\$10K
Homeless By Choice	50	As above (except Child Care)	(1) Shelter (2)\$10+0 (3)\$0 (4)\$0 (5) \$0 (6) Bus/Vol (7) \$0 (8) \$0. TOTAL=S+\$10K
At High Risk of Homelessness	300 (150 units)	(1) Rent/mortgage/utilities assistance for 3 months (2) (a) MSW (b) assistant (3) Other needs as above	(1) 150x3x\$400=\$180K (2) \$40KxYr/2+0=\$20K (3) \$0 (4) 150x\$25x6mo=\$22.5K (5) 50x\$50x6mo=\$15,000 (6) Bus, Bikes (7) Staff/4x\$40K=\$10K TOTAL=S+\$247.5K
SOME LOCATIONS		Park buildings (Westside, MLK, etc), Tachachale, McPherson, Dept Wildlife	