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## HUMAN RESOURCES AGENCY

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AGENDA: October 27, 1998

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz  
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### **AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM FOR THE 1999-2000 FISCAL YEAR**

Dear Members of the Board,

On August 25, 1998, the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development announced the availability of funding from the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program (EHAP-VI). This program awards small grants to eligible local organizations and governmental agencies for activities that provide housing and related services to homeless persons and persons threatened with loss of their homes. The purpose of this letter is to seek your Board's authorization to apply for EHAP-VI funds for the Winter Shelter Program for the 1999-2000 fiscal year. Unfortunately, these funds are not available in time to address the shortfall in State funding for this year which is described in a separate letter on this agenda.

The Winter Shelter Program in Santa Cruz County has been operated for the past decade by the Interfaith Satellite Shelter Program (ISSP). The ISSP Program provides the vast majority of the emergency shelter beds in the County, and is the only emergency shelter that is open to all homeless people regardless of gender, age or family status. The ISSP emergency shelter program is usually the first step in connecting the homeless with services such as counseling, job training and health care, which are a part of the solution to the individual and community problem of homelessness. In addition, the ISSP program continues to provide a safety net until permanent housing is found.

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A separate letter on this agenda describes the threat to the Winter Shelter Program caused by the loss of other State funds, and the local efforts to continue operation of this critical community service. In response to this funding crisis, the Human Resources Agency is proposing to apply for the entire County allocation of EHAP funds on behalf of the Interfaith Satellite Shelter Program.

In 1998, out of the \$1,920,000 allocated to the EHAP program state wide, a total of \$14,624 is available to Santa Cruz County. If the grant application is successful, EHAP-VI funds will be available after March 15, 1999. Although the EHAP-VI funds will not be available to assist the Winter Shelter Program this year, it is anticipated that, if the County's application is successful, these funds would provide support for the Winter Shelter Program beginning in November, 1999. A resolution authorizing the Agency Administrator to apply for the grant in the maximum amount permitted by the Notice of Availability of Funding (NOFA) is prepared for your Board's consideration (Attachment 1).

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT your Board approve the Resolution included as Attachment 1, authorizing the Human Resources Agency Administrator to apply for EHAP-VI funding.

Very Truly Yours,

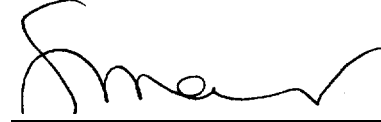
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CECILIA ESPINOLA  
 Human Resources Agency Administrator

Attachment

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RECOMMENDED



Susan A. Mauriello  
 County Administrative Officer

cc County Counsel  
 Human Resources Agency  
 Inter-Faith Satellite Shelter Program

## ATTACHMENT 1

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION NO.

On the motion of Supervisor  
duly seconded by Supervisor  
the following resolution is adopted.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A GRANT  
FROM THE EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Community Affairs, issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program (EHAP) (Round #EHAP-VI); and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Cruz is a local government agency which is eligible and wishes to apply for and receive an EHAP grant;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Human Resources Agency Administrator to apply for an EHAP grant in an amount not more than the maximum amount permitted by the NOFA, and in accordance with the program statute and regulations;

BE it further resolved that if the grant application authorized by this resolution is approved, the County of Santa Cruz hereby agrees to use the EHAP funds for eligible activities in the manner presented in the application as approved by the Department and in accordance with the program statute (Health and Safety Code Section 50800-50806.5) and Regulations (Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 7, Subchapter 12, Sections 7950 through 7976 of the California Code of Regulations), and the Standard Agreement; and

BE it further resolved that if the grant application authorized by this resolution is approved, the Human Resources Agency Administrator is authorized to sign the Standard Agreement and any subsequent amendments with the Department for the purposes of this grant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 27th day of October, 1998, by the following vote:


AYES:	SUPERVISORS
NOES:	SUPERVISORS
ABSENT	SUPERVISORS

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Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of said Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM

  
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Jane M. Scott

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