

County of Santa Cruz

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AGENDA: June 11, 2002

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz
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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUD 2002 CONTINUUM OF CARE APPLICATION

Dear Members of the Board:

On May 21, 2002, your Board directed the Human Resources Agency (HRA) Director to return on June 11, 2002, with recommendations regarding selected projects to be included in the 2002 HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance funding application. As you may recall, HUD requires local communities to develop a comprehensive, coordinated housing and service delivery system or Continuum of Care, and prefers that each community submit a "consolidated application" of agency applications for Homeless Assistance that reflects the Continuum of Care strategy. Each year, HRA coordinates and submits this application. The purpose of this letter is to provide your Board with recommendations for projects to be included in this year's application.

HUD requires that projects be submitted in rank order. As was done last year, a Ranking Committee was convened to rate and rank the funding proposals submitted for inclusion in the application. The committee included representatives from the Cities of Watsonville and Santa Cruz, a member of the homeless community, a member of the Housing Advisory Commission, a community member/homeless advocate, a representative of Veteran Services, a staff member of the County Office of Education who works with homeless children, and a representative of a community-based organization. Criteria used for rating and ranking the projects included:

- Consistency with Continuum of Care priorities
- Project quality and readiness
- Outcomes
- Agency/collaborative capacity
- Cost-effectiveness

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- Integration of “mainstream” programs (such as Food Stamps or Medi-Cal)
- Leveraging of new resources

The applications submitted, totaling \$936,953, are listed in rank order below. Four of the projects are renewals; the new permanent housing project, located in Watsonville, will serve four homeless adults with disabilities. While HUD does not require site control at the time of application, the site selected is available for purchase and is centrally located within one block of public transportation accessing health care, fast food restaurants, grocery stores, and social services. During the past few years, Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center has purchased several similar small homes to meet the needs of their tenants and found that this strategy has worked well.

Agency	Project	Component/ Population	Geographic Location	New/ Renewal	Term	Funding Request
santa Cruz Community Counseling Center	Homeless Housing Project	Permanent supportive housing Homeless adults with disabilities	City of Watsonville	New	3 years	\$387,643
Pajaro Valley Shelter Services	Sudden Street Transitional Housing	Transitional housing Families with children	City of Watsonville	Renewal	3 years	\$40,869
Families in Transition	Scattered Site Transitional Housing	Transitional housing Families with children	Countywide	Renewal	1 year	\$185,186
county of Santa Cruz/Homeless Services Center	Page Smith Community House	Transitional housing Single adults	City of Santa Cruz	Renewal	1 year	\$142,591
Families in Transition	Clean and Sober Shared Transitional Housing	Transitional housing Families with children	Countywide	Renewal	1 year	\$180,664

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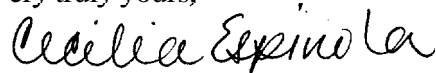
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IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board accept and file this report.

Very truly yours,

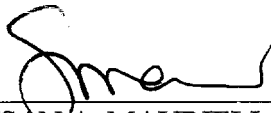


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