AGENDA ITEM DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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Issue:
Emergency Shelter Grant

Subject/Title:
Emergency Shelter Grant Public Hearing

Recommended Action:

That the Board of County Commissioners conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, to review the project recommendations of the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC), and allocate the Fiscal Year 2011 Emergency Shelter Grant funds for incorporation into the FY 2011 HUD Consolidated Action Plan.

Summary:

The Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program provides grants to states, metropolitan cities, urban counties, and the territories according to a formula used by the Community Development Block Grant Program. Clark County will receive a 25th year Emergency Shelter Grant estimated allocation of $279,951. The ESG Program is designed to help improve the quality of existing emergency shelters for the homeless, to help make available additional emergency shelters, and to help meet the costs of operating emergency shelters and provide certain essential social services to homeless individuals so that these individuals have access not only to safe and sanitary shelter, but also to the essential supportive services and other kinds of assistance needed to improve their situations. The ESG program can also be used to help restrict the increase of homelessness through the funding of preventive programs and activities.

Eligible activities that can be funded with the estimated $279,951 in Clark County Emergency Shelter Grant funds include rental assistance to prevent homelessness; renovation or rehabilitative costs to convert buildings into emergency shelters for homeless persons; operational costs of shelters and other temporary housing programs; essential, supportive services that assist individuals and families to return to stability and self-sufficiency; and the provision of basic, elementary assistance to meet the basic physiological needs of homeless persons.

HUD's Consolidated Plan and Citizen Participation

The Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2010-2014 delineates the funding goals of Clark County for the federal funds it administers from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). With regards to the continuum of care for homeless persons, the County has adopted the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition’s Ten Point Plan to End Homelessness in Southern Nevada.
In November 1981, the Board of County Commissioners established the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) to assist the County in its citizen participation responsibilities and to make recommendations to the Board on specific projects to be funded with the County's share of federal funds. The Committee is composed of 36 members – 19 representatives from the unincorporated towns and citizens advisory councils, 14 members at-large, and one representative each from the three Consortium member cities.

On November 16, 2010 the Board appointed 33 individuals with alternates to the CDAC and appointed Charlene Peterson as Chairperson and Susan Stern as Vice Chair. Three towns elected not to have a representative. On January 18, 2011, the CDAC received copies of 14 applications from local nonprofit partners, totaling $826,719 in requested ESG funding. On February 1, 2011, the CDAC was able to hear applicant presentations and interview representatives from the 14 projects. On March 1, 2011, the CDAC adopted its project recommendations.

Attached is a listing of projects, a brief project description, and the CDAC citizen recommendations. Additionally, Table 1 is included for the Board's information reflecting the funding requests and the Committee's recommendations for Fiscal Year 2011 ESG funding allocations. The Board is not restricted in its selections of projects by CDAC's recommendations.

The CDAC recommends funding a total of 12 projects in the amount of $279,951. The CDAC Chairperson, Ms. Charlene Peterson, will present these recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

DONALD G. BURNETTE
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Attachments
ATTACHMENT 1

CLARK COUNTY FEDERAL FUNDS FOR HOMELESS PROGRAMS
FY 2011 EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM

SUMMARY OF REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SO. NEVADA
   Resident Empowerment Program Requested: $132,823
   CDAC Recommends: $ -0-
   Catholic Charities operates a variety of housing and sheltering programs for the community’s homeless population. The Resident Empowerment Program serves homeless men 18 years of age and older. Homeless men are sheltered in a structured environment that begins with one week of overnight shelter stay. Additional weeks or months of shelter with increasing levels of independence and benefits are provided to men who participate in a more structured program which includes intensive case management, skills class attendance, and house duties. County homeless funds were requested to support the operations of the shelter facilities as well as administrative and supportive services costs.

   The CDAC did not recommend funding for this project.

2. CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SO. NEVADA
   St. Vincent HELP Apartments Requested: $50,235
   CDAC Recommends: $ -0-
   Catholic Charities operates a variety of housing and sheltering programs for the community’s homeless population. The St. Vincent HELP Apartments offer transitional housing and supportive services to single homeless adults who have received initial stabilization in an emergency shelter program but who need continued support to attain stability and self-sufficiency. County funds were requested to support the operational costs of the 120 single occupancy residential units as well as administrative and supportive services costs.

   The CDAC did not recommend funding for this project.

3. EMERGENCY AID OF BOULDER CITY
   Homeless Prevention & Transportation Requested: $ 51,000
   CDAC Recommends: $ 15,000
   Emergency Aid of Boulder City (EABC) provides emergency assistance to residents of Boulder City in the form of rent or utility payments, emergency lodging, and transportation assistance in the form of gas vouchers and car repairs for residents facing economic hardship, and bus tickets for residents who need to relocate in order to stabilize into housing. County funds were requested to provide rent/utility assistance to an estimated 33 households, as well as transportation costs for approximately 190 people.

   The CDAC recommends funding this project in the amount of $15,000.

4. EPICENTER ON THE PARKWAY
   Epicenter on the Parkway Requested: $ 37,000
   CDAC Recommends: $ 10,000
   Epicenter serves senior citizens, the disabled, youth 18 and under, veterans, homeless, and families with low incomes referred by social service agencies throughout Clark County. Epicenter on the Parkway operates a food pantry open five days a week, providing food baskets to sustain families in
need for two to three days. Epicenter on the Parkway also provides shelter and hosts homeless families through the Family Promise. County funds were requested to support the operations costs which include liability insurance, the purchase of bulk food items and hygiene items, as well basic needs costs which include food and the provision of bus passes.

The CDAC recommends funding this project in the amount of $10,000.

5. FAMILY PROMISE
   Supportive Services- Family Sustainability
   CDAC Recommends: $ 37,050
   Family Promise provides emergency shelter and supportive services to homeless families by partnering with 24 “host site” faith congregations who provide overnight shelter, meals and other services. County homeless funds were requested for supportive services costs which include case management salaries, identification restoration and the costs of transporting clients to/from the shelter sites and the day site.

The CDAC recommends funding this project in the amount of $37,050.

6. HELP OF SO. NEVADA
   Shannon West Homeless Youth Center
   CDAC Recommends: $ 20,000
   The HELP of Southern Nevada Youth Center provides emergency and transitional housing with intensive supportive services in dormitory style housing to homeless youth between the ages of 16-24. Case managers work with youth and place high importance on improving the mental and physical health, educational status, employment skills, and life skills of clients in the program. County funds are requested to support the operational expenses of the shelter facilities and supportive services costs.

The CDAC recommends funding this project in the amount of $20,000.

7. HOPELINK (HACA)
   Extended Family Shelter
   CDAC Recommends: $ 30,000
   HopeLink (formerly Henderson Allied Community Advocates) offers a variety of housing assistance programs and supportive services to low-income and disadvantaged households ranging in duration of assistance depending upon the needs of the household. The Extended Family Shelter is a new program that provides up to three months stay at a HopeLink identified hotel/motel room to homeless families or homeless individuals who are frail, elderly, or facing medical conditions. Homeless families served by this program would normally be broken apart in most traditional emergency shelters. Homeless individuals served by this program do not fit in well in a traditional emergency shelter. County funds are requested to support operations costs in the form of multiple months of hotel rent as well as supportive and administrative costs.

The CDAC recommended funding this project in the amount of $30,000.

8. LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF NEVADA
   Homeless Prevention Assistance
   CDAC Recommends: $ 24,000
   Lutheran Social Services of Nevada provides homeless prevention assistance in the form of short-term utility assistance to avoid shut off and rental assistance to avoid eviction as well as case
management to low-income individuals and families at imminent risk of homelessness due to eviction, foreclosure, or utility shutoffs. Clients assisted by the program also have access to Lutheran Social Services’ computer lab and food pantry. County funds are requested to support homeless prevention costs which include rental assistance to prevent eviction, utility assistance to prevent termination of services, and security deposits to move into housing.

The CDAC recommends funding this project in the amount of $24,000.

9. NEVADA PARTNERSHIP FOR HOMELESS YOUTH Requested: $110,000 Emergency Shelter Program CDAC Recommends: $23,000

Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth provides runaway and homeless youth between the ages of 12 to 18 years old a comprehensive crisis intervention program through its emergency shelter program. Once crisis responders arrive to assist a youth in crisis, youth are provided basic needs—food and water, clothing, transportation to medical care or an emergency shelter. If needed, youth are provided longer-term services which include a bed in a family-oriented environment located in a residential neighborhood where they can stay for up to two weeks or until they are properly transitioned to permanent housing, to another community service provider, or reunified with family. County funds are requested for supportive services, operations and administrative costs.

The CDAC recommends funding this project in the amount of $23,000.

10. S.A.F.E. HOUSE Requested: $56,685 Domestic Violence Shelter CDAC Recommends: $30,514

S.A.F.E. House provides shelter, supportive services, and advocacy to victims of domestic violence and their children from all over Clark County, but primarily from Henderson and Southeastern Valley area. Homeless clients are provided a safe environment, case management and counseling, and if needed, guidance through the legal system. County Homeless Funds were requested to support operational costs: a facilitator position, the security system, utility costs, and liability insurance for the shelter.

The CDAC recommends funding this project in the amount of $30,514.

11. THE SALVATION ARMY Requested: $38,890 Emergency Shelter CDAC Recommends: $29,167

The Salvation Army provides emergency shelter services to homeless individuals and families in Clark County. The Salvation Army operates an overnight homeless men and women’s shelter. Homeless clients have access to meals, mail services, free showers, and laundry services available at the Salvation Army Campus. Case management and more comprehensive supportive services are available to homeless individuals who move onto more structured programs within the Salvation Army. County funds are requested to pay operational expenses related to the shelter facilities, meals for clients, and staff salaries.

The CDAC recommends funding this project in the amount of $29,167.
12. **THE SHADE TREE, INC.**

**Emergency Shelter Operations**

Requested: $49,846  
CDAC Recommends: $37,385

The Shade Tree provides 24-hour accessible emergency shelter services to homeless women and women with children, and also shelter for their pets. The Shade Tree offers a Emergency Shelter Program providing free, emergency shelter for 30-90 days; a Short Term Transitional Shelter Program that provides extended shelter and case management for up to two years while the household regains stability and self-sufficiency; a Day Shelter Program providing all homeless women daily access to showers, laundry room facilities, mail service, phones, lockers, and lunch and also provides beds for medically infirm or those who work at night and require day sleeping accommodations; a Victim’s Service Center, providing services specific for victims of domestic violence, street crime, sexual assault, or elder abuse; and a Children’s Advocacy Center with specialized programming for homeless children. County Homeless Funds are requested to fund a receptionist, two client advocates, and one maintenance worker position.

The CDAC recommends funding this project in the amount of $37,385.

13. **WESTCARE, NEVADA**

**VOYAGE Transitional Housing**

Requested: $12,000  
CDAC Recommends: $9,375

WestCare’s VOYAGE project serves young women ages 16 to 21 with or without children or who are pregnant, homeless, runaways, or aging out of foster care with housing and support services for up to 15 to 20 months. Youth in the program have access to WestCare’s Women and Children’s campus and are linked to support services needed to improve their personal, professional, emotional, and academic growth to prevent further deterioration to their quality of life. County funds are requested to support a third transitional living apartment unit to serve 10 young women and their children for one year.

The CDAC recommends funding this project in the amount of $9,375.

14. **WOMEN’S DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

**Trans’l Housing Programs**

Requested: $24,000  
CDAC Recommends: $14,460

Women’s Development Center (WDC) provides a variety of housing services for homeless single women with minor children and also for senior women. Through its Transitional Housing programs WDC assists single parent homeless households and senior women to move towards self-sufficiency and independence by providing a furnished one or two-bedroom apartment and essential services, including case management, job development, housing counseling, children’s services, vouchers for basic needs, and job development. The goal is for the household to exit the program with affordable permanent housing, employment, a stable income, and for families a stable family life. County Homeless Funds are requested to pay the operations costs of shelter facilities, as well as administrative, supportive services and homeless prevention costs.

The CDAC recommends funding this project in the amount of $14,460.

**TOTAL HOMELESS SERVICES REQUESTED:** $826,719  
**TOTAL HOMELESS SERVICES RECOMMENDED:** $279,951
Should the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Emergency Shelter Grant allocation be greater than the estimated $279,951, the CDAC recommends that any extra allocation be increased by a proportionate percent only among emergency shelter focused projects: Family Promise- Supportive Services, HELP of Southern Nevada- Shannon West Youth Center, Hopelink- Extended Family Shelter, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth- Emergency Shelter Program, S.A.F.E. House- Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter, Salvation Army- Emergency Shelter, and The Shade Tree- TST Operations.

Should the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Emergency Shelter Grant allocation be less than the estimated $279,951, the CDAC recommends that each non-emergency shelter project be reduced by a proportionate percent first and then if necessary the emergency shelter projects may also be cut by a proportionate percent.
Table 1 – Funding Requests and Recommendations
Clark County Emergency Shelter Grant Funds for Homeless Programs
Fiscal Year 2011 - 2012
Estimated Amount Available: $279,951

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