

Agenda Report

DATE: JULY 14, 2003

TO: CITY COUNCIL/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

FROM: CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, CITY MANAGER/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBJECT: JOINT ACTION: THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE EMERGENCY HOMELESS RESPONSE PROJECT SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF PASADENA AREA CHURCHES FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY HOMELESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO THE EVACUATION OF THE WASHINGTON THEATER COMPLEX

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council and the Pasadena Community Development Commission take the following actions:

1. Approve the terms and conditions of the Third Amendment to the Emergency Homeless Response Project (EHRP) Sub-recipient Agreement No. 18,010/CDC-491 between the City and Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Churches ("Sub-recipient");
2. Approve a journal voucher appropriating \$250,000 from the Housing Opportunity Fund to the EHRP project for the provision of emergency homeless assistance services; and
3. Authorize/direct the City Manager/Chief Executive Officer to execute, and the City Clerk/Secretary to attest the Third Amendment, and take the actions necessary to implement EHRP.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Third Amendment to Emergency Homeless Response Project (EHRP) Sub-recipient Agreement provides \$250,000 for the continued provision of emergency homeless assistance for the households recently evacuated from the Washington Theater Complex. The Ecumenical Council in partnership with the City of Pasadena and Del Richardson Associates is coordinating the delivery of services to the affected households. All of the affected residents of the Washington Theater Complex have been housed in temporary lodging, principally hotels or motels, under the auspices of the Ecumenical Council's EHRP and are now seeking long-term accommodations.

BACKGROUND:

On April 28, 2003 the City Council/Pasadena Community Development Commission authorized the City Manager/Chief Executive Officer to enter into a second Amendment of the Sub-recipient Agreement (18,010/CDC-491) with the Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Churches granting \$225,000 for the operation of the Emergency Homeless Response Project. The Amendment provided for the continued operation of the Emergency Homeless Response Project and the expanded delivery of emergency services to the households evacuated from the Washington Theater Complex.

The magnitude of the required emergency assistance has exceeded the previously allocated EHRP funding and additional financial assistance is needed to assist the affected households. Although the majority of the households have been provided with HOME Tenant-based Rental Assistance coupons, many have experienced frustration with the requirements of the assisted housing programs and the limited availability of units suitable for these programs. These funds The households are seeking other options such as housing grants in order that they might be able to rent readily available housing unit throughout a broader housing market. Present efforts to assist the affected households has indicated greater flexibility will be required to expedite a timely and appropriate conclusion to the provision of emergency housing assistance and the desired long-term placement of the evacuated households.

Additional funding in the amount of \$250,000 from the Housing Opportunity Fund (interest earnings) is recommended to fund the continued provision of emergency homeless assistance services to the evacuated households for approximately three months. The use of the funds from the interest earnings will also provide greater flexibility in the delivery of emergency housing assistance options. The proposed allocation (\$250,000) and the previous allocation (\$175,000) will be drawn from the interest earnings of the Housing Opportunity Fund to allow the requested flexibility necessary to assist the affected households.

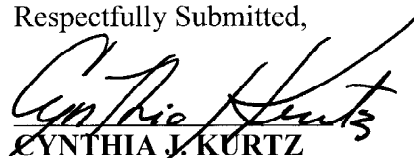
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY IMPACT:

Many of the evacuated households have school age children. Currently they are living in emergency housing (motels). It is in the interest of these children that they are returned to a stable housing situation as soon as possible and normal family conditions/activities restored.

FISCAL IMPACT:

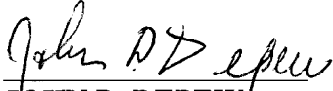
Approval of the subject recommendation will increase the City's funding commitment for the Emergency Homeless Response Program by \$250,000. The proposed (\$250,000) funding and previous funding (\$175,000) shall be drawn from the Commission's Housing Opportunities Fund Account (interest earning), which has a projected beginning balance for FY2003-04 in the amount of \$6.6 million. All cost associated with the Washington Theater Complex evacuation will continue to be carefully monitored.

Respectfully Submitted,



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