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CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: AUGUST 20, 2008

DEPARTMENT: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Approval of an Interlocal Agreement for Shared Funding of Regional Homeless Coordination and Inclement Weather Shelter between the cities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City and Clark County and to contribute \$331,382.25 (General Fund) towards this regional effort All Wards

The SNRPC created the Committee on Homelessness (CoH) to address regional homeless issues. The committee is comprised of management representatives from Clark County, the cities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson and Boulder City, and the Southern Nevada Homeless Coalition, U. S. Department of Veteran Affairs, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health, Clark County School District, and the Las Vegas Metropolitan and North Las Vegas Police Departments. All jurisdictions are required to contribute to the CoH regional budget based on population.

The CoH projects include:

- Implementation of the regions ten point plan.
- Inclement Weather Shelters - provided for homeless persons year round during extreme hot or cold weather conditions.
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) - a HUD mandated system designed to track services provided to homeless individuals in an effort to avoid duplication of services and improve the coordination efforts of service providers.
- Homeless Street And Shelter Count - mandated by HUD to count the number of homeless persons at a certain point in time.
- Public Awareness Campaign - the goal is to educate the community regarding the issue of homelessness with the result being a mobilized community will around homelessness and promotion of community and corporate investment into the Homeless Trust Fund. PSAs and the website, helphome.org, have been developed.