

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: November 4, 2009

DEPARTMENT: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Discussion and possible action on the Interlocal Agreement for Shared Funding with Clark County and the cities of North Las Vegas, Henderson and Boulder City to contribute \$314,813.14 for regional homeless coordination and inclement weather shelter - All Wards

The SNRPC created the Committee on Homelessness (CoH) to address regional homeless issues. All jurisdictions are required to contribute to the CoH regional budget based on population. The city of Las Vegas contributed \$ 290,760 for FY 2007-2008 and \$331,382.25 for FY 2008-2009.

The total cost for FY 2009-2010 is \$1,068,975 and will be shared amongst all local government entities. The city of Las Vegas requested investment to this regional effort is \$331,382.25.

The CoH projects include:

- Inclement Weather Shelters Provides approximately 342 winter night shelter spaces from November March during the coldest nights of the year and 300 summer day shelter spaces from April October during the hottest days of the year
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) - Homeless Management Information System that provides system access and support to over 20 homeless service providers for resource coordination and improved case management services. The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) mandates the use of system in order to receive homeless funds.
- Homeless Street And Shelter Count - Provides oversight of HUD mandated biannual homeless census. The Neighborhood Services Departments serves as the lead for the city of Las Vegas. As a result, over \$15 million has been allocated to the Southern Nevada Continuum of Care. The Continuum of Care is a network of service providers who provide case management, and housing services mostly to the mentally ill, chronic homeless, veterans, and other homeless populations with unique issues.
- Coordination of Project Homeless Connect - The Project Homeless Connect event is held at Cashman Center every year and is a one stop shop event for homeless individuals and families where dozens of area service providers provide a plethora of services ranging from medical to housing in order to assist individuals in becoming housed and self sufficient. Last year over 2,500 homeless received some type of assistance.
- Evaluation efforts - includes the analysis of outcomes reported by our HMIS system to ensure regional goals are being met as well as the monitoring of all regional contracts including CoH, CoC, and special projects.
- Maintenance of the HelpHopeHome website as a one point access to homeless information, resources and events.
- Manages a year-round off site lodging program (funded by Clark County) which allows for rapid placement of people unsuitable for mass shelter.