



Press Release



COUNTY AWARDED \$ 9.72 MILLION FOR HOMELESS SERVICES

COUNTY IS AGAIN RECOGNIZED FOR PARTNERSHIPS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN SUPERNOFA GRANT AWARD

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(Santa Ana, CA) – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the County of Orange \$9,729,254 in a homeless assistance grant competition under the Continuum of Care Super Notice of Funding Availability (SuperNOFA). The SuperNOFA is an annual process and the grant award to the County of Orange, as the lead agency, is a direct result of the County's partnership with cities and hundreds of non-profit organizations to address the issue of homelessness in Orange County. This collaborative effort has undertaken a regional plan aimed at breaking the cycle of homelessness. According to a 2002 survey, the number of homeless is now estimated at over 23,000 individuals and families in Orange County on any given night.

"Once again the federal government is recognizing the County's collaborative approach to deal with the issue of homelessness in Orange County," said Cynthia P. Coad, Chair of the Orange County Board of Supervisors. "We are greatly pleased with the \$9 million award and look forward to using these funds to care for our residents in need."

The Orange County Housing & Community Development Department (H&CD) and the Continuum of Care Leadership Cabinet coordinated the 2002 application process. The grant award will provide transitional shelter and supportive services for families and individuals as well as permanent supportive housing for the disabled and special needs homeless populations.

2002 Award recipients include:

Mercy Housing California

\$1,128,600 for permanent housing and supportive services for homeless individuals with special needs and disabilities

John Henry Foundation

\$157,500 for renewal of transitional housing and supportive services for homeless adults with mental illness

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**Orange County Housing Authority
and the Health Care Agency**

\$553,068 for renewal of Shelter Plus Care Section 8 Rental Assistance vouchers to provide permanent supportive housing for disabled and special needs homeless populations

O.C. Partnership

\$941,000 for development and implementation of a countywide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to link public and private agencies to a web based system. Once in place, HMIS will provide for an unduplicated count of the homeless as well as provide participating agencies with online data sharing, case management, reporting, and information and referral services

**Anaheim Supportive Housing
for Senior Adults**

\$836,700 for permanent supportive housing of disabled homeless seniors

Orange County H&CD

EI Modena Transitional Housing \$103,824 for renewal of transitional housing for families

Eli Home

\$1,650,984 for acquisition and operational costs of transitional housing and supportive services for families who are victims of domestic violence

**Mental Health Association
Of Orange County**

\$388,628 for renewal of outreach services for homeless mentally ill individuals

Interval House

\$238,500 for renewal of bilingual supportive services for homeless families who are victims of domestic violence

Shelter For The Homeless

\$394,900 for transitional housing and supportive services for homeless families

Human Options

\$100,245 for renewal of transitional housing and supportive services for homeless families who are victims of domestic violence

**Women's Transitional Living
Center Step Two**

\$313,412 for transitional housing and supportive services for homeless families and individuals who are victims of domestic violence

Families Forward

\$406,926 for transitional housing and supportive services for homeless families

Olive Crest

\$257,250 for renewal of rental assistance and supportive services for emancipated homeless youth

YWCA of Orange County

\$296,257 for renewal of transitional housing for homeless emancipated female youth

**Orange County Housing Authority
and the Health Care Agency**

\$1,961,460 for Shelter Plus Care Section 8 Rental Assistance vouchers for permanent housing and supportive services for homeless disabled individuals and their families

The County of Orange actively works with cities and non-profits through the Continuum of Care Community Forum and other regional planning collaboratives to find more effective approaches to breaking the cycle of homelessness.

"At a time when our nation is facing uncertain economic times, it is more critical than ever that programs such as these in Orange County are adequately funded," said Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez. "I will continue to support the great efforts of the organizations tackling the serious issue of homelessness in our community and am proud of the national example they are setting."

"The Supportive Housing Program and Shelter Plus Care Programs funded by this award are successful because they provide families and individuals with the training and support they need to achieve independent living," said Paula Burrier-Lund, H&CD Director. "This is the largest award yet for Orange County and is a direct result of the hard work and dedication of our partnerships."

H&CD houses the County's Homeless Prevention and Related Services Program. H&CD also administers funds for participating cities and community-based organizations for homeless services. For more information about the County's efforts to address homelessness, please contact Karen Roper, the County's Homeless Prevention Coordinator at (714) 480-2841/423-8315 or visit <http://www.oc.ca.gov> and click on Homeless Prevention.

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