



COUNTY AWARDED \$10.3 MILLION FOR HOMELESS SERVICES

HUD GRANT WILL DIRECTLY ASSIST THE COUNTY'S POPULATION OF HOMELESS FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS

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(Santa Ana, CA) – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the County of Orange \$10,374,475 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, with Housing and Community Services (HCS) 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 the County's 2005 needs assessment survey, the number of people that become homeless in a given year is estimated at almost 35,000 individuals and persons in families in Orange County.

"Once again Orange County is being recognized by the federal government for our regional approach to help move families and individuals out of homelessness and into self-sufficiency," stated Supervisor Lou Correa, First District Supervisor. "In this present time of budgetary constraints, the \$10.3 million will ensure that we continue to care for our residents most in need."

HCS, OC Partnership, Info Link Orange County, and the Continuum of Care Leadership Cabinet coordinated the 2005 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. The County of Orange has received nearly \$75 million since 1996 in the SuperNOFA competition.

2005 Award recipients include:

The John Henry Foundation, Manor House	\$151,200 for 15 beds and supportive services to provide permanent housing for chronically homeless and homeless subpopulations
The John Henry Foundation, Moore Village	\$287,906 for 15 beds, supportive services, and operations to provide permanent housing for chronically homeless and homeless subpopulations
OC Partnership	\$866,125 for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to continue implementation of the regional data system and to support service providers who serve homeless subpopulations
Orange County Housing Authority	\$2,212,920 for 26 Shelter Plus Care Section 8 Housing Vouchers to provide rental assistance for disabled homeless
Orange Coast Interfaith Shelter	\$1,400,000 for acquisition of sites for 80 transitional housing beds, supportive services, operations, and HMIS for chronically homeless and homeless subpopulations
Saddleback Community Outreach	\$78,615 for 10 beds, supportive services, operations, and HMIS to provide transitional housing for homeless subpopulations
American Family Housing	\$401,625 for 67 beds, supportive services, operations, and HMIS to provide transitional housing for homeless subpopulations -more-

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YWCA of Central Orange County	\$189,658 for 10 beds, supportive services, operations, and HMIS to provide transitional housing for homeless subpopulations
Colette's Children's Home	\$815,262 for acquisition of sites for 23 transitional housing beds, supportive services, operations, and HMIS for chronically homeless and homeless subpopulations
Orange County Association for Mental Health	\$342,030 for supportive services for disabled homeless individuals
Women's Transitional Living Center, Inc.	\$287,000 for 44 transitional housing beds, supportive services, operations, and HMIS to provide transitional housing for chronically homeless and homeless subpopulations
Human Options, Inc.	\$66,830 for 50 transitional beds, supportive services, and HMIS to provide transitional housing for homeless subpopulations
Interval House	\$152,640 for supportive services and HMIS for homeless families with children
Mercy House Transitional Living Centers, Inc.	\$249,424 for 40 transitional housing beds, supportive services, operations, and HMIS to provide transitional housing for chronically homeless and homeless subpopulations
Veterans First	\$501,296 for leasing of 28 beds, supportive services, operations, and HMIS to provide transitional housing for chronically homeless and homeless Veterans
Orange County Housing Authority	\$564,000 for 42 Housing Vouchers for tenant-based rental assistance for disabled homeless
Orange County Housing Authority	\$1,127,808 for 72 Housing Vouchers for tenant-based rental assistance for disabled homeless
Orange county Housing Authority	\$680,136 for 39 Housing Vouchers for tenant-based rental assistance for disabled homeless

"This award is a direct result of the hard work and dedication of the County's partnership with cities, non-profit organizations, and other important stakeholders," stated Paula Burrier-Lund, Director of HCS. "These eighteen programs will provide families and individuals with the housing and support they need to achieve independent living."

HCS houses the County's Homeless Prevention Division. HCS 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 at (714) 567-7418 or 714 423-8315.

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