



County of Santa Barbara Community Services Department

Housing and Community Development Division

General Fund Shelter Agreements:

PATH Santa Barbara Emergency Shelter;
Bridgehouse Shelter; and Santa Maria
Emergency Shelter; Districts 1, 4 and 5.

Recommended Actions

That the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute Shelter Operations General Fund Agreements with:

1. PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) to support and maintain service levels at the PATH Santa Barbara Emergency Shelter for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$115,784;
2. Good Samaritan Shelter to support and maintain service levels at the Bridgehouse Shelter for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$75,096;
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PATH Operational Changes in FY 2017-18

- Historically, PATH operated 100 year-round shelter beds and 100 additional “seasonal winter” shelter beds each night from December 1st through March 31st.
- The change in PATH’s program model will result in the 100 “seasonal winter” shelter beds being activated **only** when one or both of the following conditions occurs:
 - Overnight temperature of 40 degrees or below predicted; or
 - Greater than 50% chance of rain forecasted for 2 consecutive days
- The other 100 year-round beds at PATH are unaffected by the change.



Contract Award Methodology

- Each year, the shelter organizations provide HCD staff with data on the prior year's bed-night occupancy. Staff uses that data to proportionally distribute the total \$345,000 among the four shelters.
- PATH's operational changes will likely reduce the number of occupied bed nights in FY 2017-18, when compared to the prior year. This will be reflected in subsequent contracts.
 - Option 1:
 - Approve and authorize the recommended FY 2017-18 agreement with PATH, with the understanding that FY 2018-19's contract will likely decrease based on PATH's reduced FY 2017-18 bed-night occupancy, which would be re-distributed to other shelters.
 - Option 2:
 - Reduce PATH's FY 2017-18 contract amount based on **estimated** winter activation nights (anticipate 30-50 activation nights).
 - Option 3:
 - Other direction as provided by the Board.



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