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UPDATE: City of Vallejo/South Solano County and CAP Solano JPA Action Plan to Address Homelessness

Consistent with the 5 Year Regional Strategic Plan to Respond to Homelessness in Solano County, the Vallejo City Council authorized the acceptance of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Action Plan for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which includes the allocation of the FY2019-20 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and HOME Program funds towards efforts to prevent and respond to homelessness.

- Aug 2018 : Completion estimated June 30, 2023. Increase housing opportunities and services for homeless residents through the initial planning, entitlement and development of a 75-unit Permanent Supportive Housing project on Sacramento Street valued at over \$30 million dollars, with City support of \$5.7 million dollars from former Redevelopment assets, CDBG, HOME, and in-kind land contributions.
- Sept 2018: The City of Vallejo declared a homeless shelter emergency.
- May 14, 2019: The most notable effort will be the allocation of CDBG funds (On May 14, 2019, the City Council approved the use of \$658K of CDBG Funds for FY19-20 for the acquisition and construction costs for the Homeless Navigation Center. The Council's approval also included the requirement for procurement of funding for the operational costs in the total amount of approximately \$1.8 million dollars per year for a period of three-years. The navigation center will serve as a "one-stop-shop" for the homeless to access medical services, social services, and temporary shelter. The City of Vallejo/South Solano with private and non-profit partners plans to build a 125-bed homeless navigation center with a proposed opening in the Summer of 2020. This shelter will be a temporary stay for people looking to find a permanent place to live. It is anticipated that the Shelter will move over 500 vulnerable people off the streets annually and that 40% of these guests will exit to permanent housing.
- May 22, 2019: The City contracted for the assistance of a Homelessness and Support Services Coordinator, who will be working closely with our Housing Division, Police Department, the County, and local private/non-profit partners to better coordinate existing services and intervention efforts with Vallejo's homeless. This Coordinator role is designated under the Homelessness and Support Services Program, a new component of the Housing Division.



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Our Community Development and Housing Division is taking the lead with the above noted efforts, as well as other initiatives to help 1) those at risk of becoming homeless, 2) sustain housing and 3) provide tenant-based rental assistance.

- June 2019: HomeAid and the City of Vallejo entered into discussion for a construction partnership with the intent to consent to a Navigation Center donation in which HomeAid will make materials and labor available to the project as supplemental project costs, including project management time.

The City will be responsible for staff support during design and construction, as well as monitoring the deliverables and ensuring that the contractor delivers results for the construction project that will be performed directly by the manufacturer and builder through a contract with the City.

Summary of the Homeless Navigation Center Acquisition and Construction Project Budget:

- **Turnkey Construction Contract**
- **Infrastructure Contract**
- **Permit, Fees, Insurance**

Total \$1,073,755.00

- July 2019: HOME Temporary Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program – Relaunching this temporary housing program to help homeless families and families at risk of homelessness secure housing through the TBRA Program.
- July 2019: Homeless Prevention – Assist households in maintaining housing by ensuring systems are in place to decrease the chance of displacement due to non-payment of rent.
- August 2019: The City of Vallejo identified a location for the Homeless Navigation Center project. An agenda item is scheduled to go before the City Council on September 24, 2019, the City Council would next consider a resolution approving the proposal to use city-owned property for the Homeless Navigation Center Project at the October 8, 2019 Meeting.
- November 2019 thru March 31, 2020: Provide Seasonal Warming Shelter services on extremely cold and inclement nights during the winter months.



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NEXT STEPS:

- 4th Quarter 2019 – Execute Funding MOUs
- 4th Quarter 2019 – Award Construction Contract
- 1st Quarter 2020 – Break Ground
- 2nd Quarter 2020 – Construction Completion

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