

HOUSING FIRST FUND HOUSING FIRST HOMELESS SERVICES & FAMILY SUPPORT CENTERS

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Council Direction

- July 11, 2017
 - Housing First Fund to provide landlord incentives, risk mitigation, and tenant assistance
 - Evaluation of City-sponsored programs in alignment with Housing First
- November 14, 2017
 - Approved \$100,000 to expand hours at Homeless Services Center (HSC)
 - Staff return with budget and program to align HSC with Housing First

Council Direction

- Staff has collaborated with Catholic Charities to develop budgets for a Housing First Fund and to align Homeless Services Center (HSC) and Family Support Center (FSC) with Housing First model.

Housing First Fund – \$534,000

Landlord Incentives: Leasing bonuses, support hotline, marketing	\$100,000
Risk Mitigation: Excessive damage and/or non- payment of rent	\$100,000
Tenant Assistance: Transportation, housing preparation costs & location, rapid re-housing	\$304,000
Operational Expenses	\$30,000

- Administer through HOST

Homeless Services Center

- Operated by Catholic Charities – 24 years
- Funded by the City, County, private donations
- Multi-service day center
 - Showers and laundry
 - Telephone and mail service
 - Referrals and shelter intake
 - Coordinated Entry and HOST
 - Hours: 6 am to 11:30 am & 1 pm to 5 pm

Homeless Services Center

Current:	\$202,520
Proposed: Housing First: \$97,000/yr Extend Hours: \$121,000/yr	\$218,000 additional
TOTAL	\$420,520

- Housing Navigator, Participant Advocate and Operational Expenses

Family Support Center

- Operated by Catholic Charities – 27 years
- Funded by the City, County, private grants and donations
- 138-bed emergency shelter for families
 - Meals, clothing, children's activities
 - Medical and dental care
 - Client focused action plans to overcome homelessness

Family Support Center

Current:	\$96,460
Proposed: Housing First	\$100,000 additional
TOTAL	\$196,460

- Housing Stabilization Case Manager and Operational Expenses

Summary

Program	Existing Funding	Proposed Funding	Total
Housing First Fund	N/A	\$534,000	\$534,000
Housing First HSC	\$202,520	\$218,000	\$420,520
Housing First FSC	\$96,460	\$100,000	\$196,460
TOTAL	\$298,980	\$852,000	\$1,150,980

Homeless Services Investment

Current:	\$2.8 million
Proposed: Pro-rated Fiscal Year 2017/2018	\$852,000 additional
TOTAL	\$3.6 million

Fiscal Impact

- The General Fund is currently below reserve policy levels and an appropriation of funding will exacerbate its being out of compliance. Additionally, an appropriation of funding will increase the General Fund's structural deficit annually, which may result in reductions to other General Fund programs, or drawing General Fund reserves further out of compliance with Council policy.

Recommendation

- It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Council, by resolution, approve the following:
 - 1) creation of a Housing First Fund to provide landlord incentives, risk mitigation, and tenant assistance;
 - 2) alignment of the Homeless Services Center, a City-sponsored program operated by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, with the Housing First model;

Recommendation

- 3) alignment of the Family Support Center, also a City-sponsored program operated by Catholic Charities, with the Housing First model; and
- 4) amend the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 adopted budget within the General Fund and Shelter Operations Fund to appropriate funding for these purposes in the total annual amount of \$852,000;

Recommendation

- or, by motion, defer the appropriation of funding for these purposes until the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 budget process.