

County of Monterey, Board of Supervisors
September 26, 2023, Item #20

PAJARO NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER



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BACKGROUND



- With the closure of the congregate emergency shelter at the Santa Cruz Fairgrounds, and due to continued community need for emergency shelter, the County established a non-congregate shelter for 60 days at the Rodeway Inn in Watsonville. (5/1/2023-6/30/2023)
- The 60-day program was for survivors who could demonstrate residence in a dwelling made uninhabitable by the March flood.
- Guests were issued 21-day vouchers and were required to update their housing plans for recertifications.

May 1st: 75 households (264 individuals)

August 1st: 19 households (62 individuals) moved to Marina. NCS program separated from Kents Court residents.

July 31st: 43 households (165 people)

Current Census: 10 households (32 individuals)

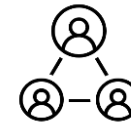
PEOPLE SERVED



58
Households/202
individuals
returned to their
repaired homes
or moved to
new homes.



Meals



Case Management



Access to financial relief programs



Access to public benefits



Permanent Housing Support Navigation team in partnership with Catholic Charities, Community Bridges, Hope Crisis Network, Housing Authority, Coalition of Homeless Services Providers, Central Coast Center for Independent Living, and Mujeres en Acción.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROVIDED



PROPOSAL TO TRANSITION PROGRAM TO HOMELESS SERVICES NETWORK

Remaining households lack sufficient resources to move into the housing market without long-term assistance, therefore it is recommended that DSS enter into an agreement with **Community Homeless Solutions** to take over operations of the Pajaro Non-congregate Shelter. Service activities would include:

- Program management and operational oversight
- Intensive wrap-around case management and meals
- Temporary non-congregate sheltering at the motel
- Transportation assistance
- Subcontract with Central Coast Center for Independent Living for intensive housing navigation and rapid re-housing services



RECOMMENDATIONS

Adopt a resolution to:

- Approve and authorize the Director or designee of DSS to sign an agreement with Community Homeless Solutions to operate the program, effective September 27, 2023 through March 27, 2024, in the amount of \$1,030,000;
- Authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller to issue out a payment to Community Homeless Solutions in the amount of \$150,000 upon execution of the agreement for startup costs;
- Authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller to amend the Social Services Community Program (001-5010-SOC004-8258) FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget increasing appropriations by \$1,030,000 financed by either...

OPTION 1. A decrease from General Fund contingencies (001-CAO020-8034)

OR

OPTION 2. A release from the Strategic Reserves (001-3111) (4/5ths vote).