

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness and Housing  
FROM: HomeBase  
RE: Update on Governor's Initiative to End Long Term Homelessness  
DATE: September 16, 2005

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As the last RSC meeting, we reported on the Governor's Council to Address Chronic Homelessness, announced in the State budget process. On August 31<sup>st</sup>, the Governor announced more details about the activities of the Council and the Governor's Initiative to End Long-Term Homelessness. The Corporation for Supportive Housing and the Conrad Hilton Foundation collaborated with the State on this Initiative.

The Governor's Initiative to End Long-Term Homelessness both redirects state funds to create new permanent supportive housing, and establishes an interagency council on homelessness.

The breakdown of the funding is as follows:

- Up to \$40 million in Proposition 46 funds to leverage private sector resources to produce 400 to 500 new supportive housing units.
- Funding provided under Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act to be used for services and support of ongoing operations at housing communities.
- \$10 million from the California Housing Financing Agency from its Housing Assistance Trust to provide liquidity to community based lending organizations developing housing for the long-term homeless. This will be used for purchasing loans, thereby freeing up capital for greater leveraging for new units.
- \$750,000 in Proposition 63 dollars allocated to the Department of Housing and Community Development to be used for predevelopment costs such as permitting, engineering costs, site development and environmental reports.
- \$125,000 in State General Fund dollars to fund an inter-agency council comprised of state and federal agencies and departments, local social service/health/law enforcement agencies, local elected officials, non-governmental providers of services to the homeless, homeless advocates, and the philanthropic community to coordinate efforts to combat long-term homelessness and maximize the use of resources. The State will have representatives of the Housing and Community Development Department, Housing Finance Agency and the Mental Health Services Department on the council and will provide a one-stop review process to fund local supportive housing proposals.

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