

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Human Services Division

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services
Cheryl S. Davis, Director of Human Services Division

DATE: August 26, 2014

SUBJECT: Salvation Army Preventive Care Winter Voucher Program

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve a contract with Salvation Army to operate a Preventive Care Winter Voucher Program in the amount of \$55,000 (100 percent net County cost) from October 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015 for homeless and low income families with children and adults, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the resulting contract and amendments up to 10 percent of the total contract amount, consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work.

BACKGROUND:

Since the winter of 1999, The Salvation Army has provided emergency shelter services, rental and utility assistance to prevent homelessness. Additionally, they provide food and transportation services to families in Placer County who are in need during the winter months. This program serves working poor families that are not served by CalWORKs that need additional help during the colder months.

The Salvation Army Preventive Care Winter Voucher Program has proven to be a cost effective and efficient way to assist families in crisis and in many cases, to avoid homelessness. In winter 2013-14, the Salvation Army was able to provide emergency assistance to 684 households of which 266 households received homeless prevention services, 192 households received emergency hotel vouchers, 128 households received utility vouchers, and 98 households received transportation vouchers.

The contract amount is an \$11,000 increase over the prior year due to increased demand by struggling families. Over the past few years, the Salvation Army has reported that they have been receiving an increase of families seeking homeless prevention assistance than any other type of emergency assistance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This contract is fully funded with County General Funds and is included in the Department's FY 2014-15 Proposed Budget.

This contract is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

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