

# El Dorado County Homelessness Resource Center

*A Programmatic Approach for Transitioning Lives  
and Improving the Community*

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

January 6, 2009

# Addressing Homelessness

- Part of the General Plan Housing Element:

Departments will “work with community and local organizations in providing community education on homelessness, gaining better understanding of the unmet need, and developing and maintaining emergency shelter programs, including funding for programs developed through interjurisdictional cooperation and working with local organizations to annually apply for the End Chronic Homelessness through Employment and Housing grant” (Measure HO-24; Policies HO-4.4, HO-4.5, and HO-4.6).

- Continuum of Care Strategy

= Collaboration and coordination of homeless services

# Continuum of Care Partners (partial list)



*Human Services*  
*Home*

*Mental Health*  
*Home*



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# El Dorado County Homeless Count & Survey 2008

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Average homeless identified: 128

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- Adult male and female 74%
- Unaccompanied youth 11%
- Children in families 15%
- Individuals or couples without children 76%
- Families with children 24%

# EDC Homeless Characteristics

- Estimated 451 people experience homelessness or are without stable housing annually in El Dorado County
- Majority of homeless have been homeless during previous year
- 75% of homeless self-identify as having a disability or special need
- 67% of homeless are not receiving any type of government benefit
- 22% meet the HUD definition for chronic homelessness
- Not newcomers to El Dorado County

# Grace Place



- *The* homeless shelter in El Dorado County
- Largely run on a volunteer basis
- Last winter saw 45 clients 5 days a week
- 3,500 total check-ins in 6 months of operation (2007-08)
- Formerly located at Camino Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Need to find alternative/permanent location
- Need to identify funding
- 2007-08 County funding \$63,000

# Community Development Block Grant Timeline

- April, 2008—BOS approves CDBG application on behalf of United Outreach
  - Permanent year-round shelter services
- July, 2008—CA Dept. of Housing and Community Development made conditional commitment of funds
  - **Total grant = \$1,470,975**
- December, 2008—Received Standard Agreement

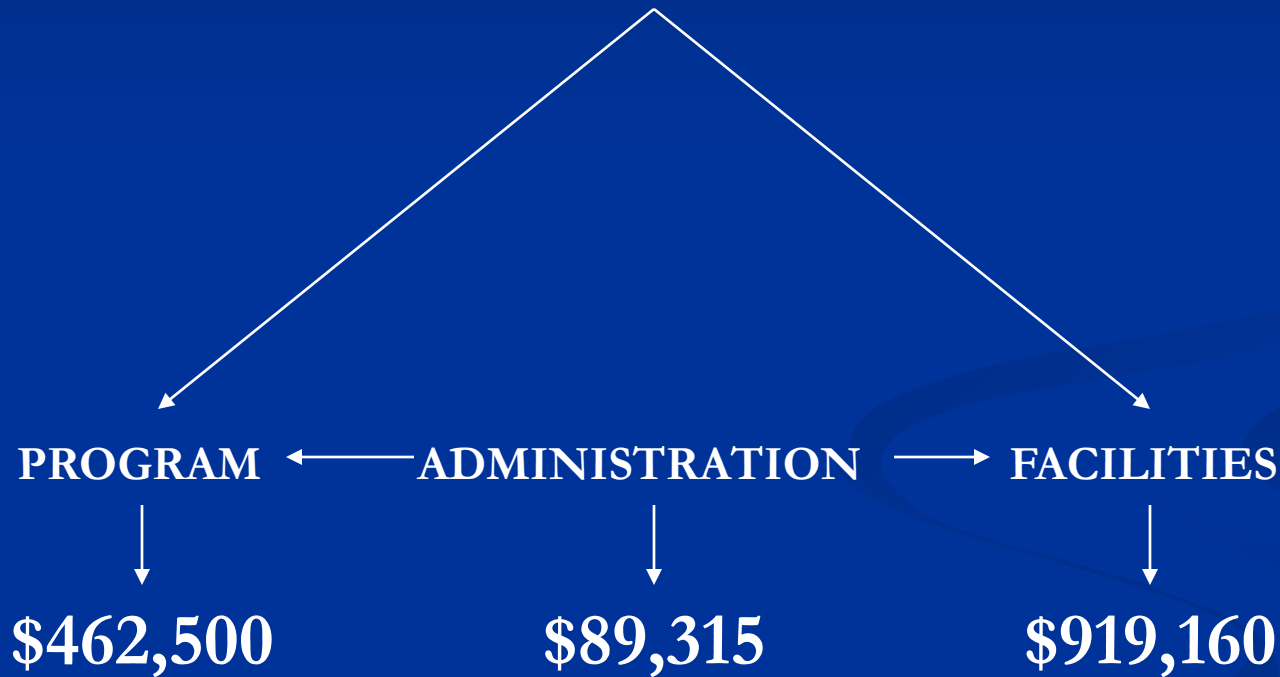
# Community Development Block Grant Timeline

- January 6, 2009 to accept/reject award
- 90-day clock to identify location
  - Must be in escrow or have executed long-term lease
  - Other conditions as set forth in Standard Agreement
- Grant expires June 30, 2011
- County and United Outreach must commit to running the shelter an additional 5 years
  - June 30, 2016



# Community Development Block Grant

**\$1,470,975**



# Homelessness Resource Program

- More than shelter
- Procedures established for all areas of shelter operations
  - Staffing and organizational information
  - Eligibility, referrals and capacity
  - Intake process
  - Case management
  - Office procedures

# Case Management Components

- “Tough Love”/Task centered approach
- Drug & alcohol screening
- Client assessment & case plan
  - Job development
  - Savings program
  - Life skills meetings and workshops
  - Drug & alcohol treatment support
- 2 Program scenarios

# Program Scenario A

- Staff of 5: Director, Assistant Director, 3 Program Supervisors
- Serves up to 35 homeless clients
- Clean and sober program with intake agreement
- Substance abuse testing
- Emergency shelter program
- Comprehensive case management services
- 120 day program establishing goals & outcomes
- Estimated client success rate: 70%
- MOU's developed with community partners enhances service delivery
- Annual revenue need during grant term: \$96,728
- Annual revenue after grant term: \$305,474

# Program Scenario B

- Staff of 4: Director, 3 Program Supervisors
- Serves up to 15 homeless clients
- Clean and sober program with intake agreement
- Substance abuse testing
- Emergency shelter program
- Comprehensive case management services
- 120 day program establishing goals & outcomes
- Estimated client success rate: 70%
- MOU's developed with community agencies enhances service delivery
- Annual revenue need during grant term: \$17,431
- Annual revenue need after grant term: \$167,874

# Site Criteria

- On or near public transportation
- Commercially zoned (except General Commercial)
- In the unincorporated area of the County (preferred based on grant parameters)
- At least one acre in size
- Flat or relatively so
- A minimum of 5,000 square feet in an existing building, or the ability to add on to a smaller building
- Americans With Disabilities Act compatibility
- Existing sewer connection or septic capacity
- Available for lease, or lease-to-buy within existing grant budget
- Below 3,000 foot elevation

# Site Consideration

PROPERTY	LOCATION
Coke Distribution Plant	Manor Drive, Placerville
Hangtown Motel	1676 Broadway, Placerville
Gates Recovery	1864 Broadway, Placerville
Mother Lode Orchard	Camino
Residential Property	Old Depot Road, Placerville
Pony Bob Drive	Pollock Pines
Former Lumber Yard (currently Lutheran Church)	4570 Pony Express Trail, Cedar Grove

# Site Consideration

PROPERTY	LOCATION
Westside Church	669 Bee Street, Placerville
Property on Wedge Hill Road	Placerville
County Owned	6940 Perks Court, Placerville
County Owned	Chili Bar Property
Land of Awes	3901 Missouri Flat Road, Placerville
Vacant Land	El Dorado Road
Former Home Builders Outlet/Albertsen's Furniture	El Dorado Road, Placerville



# Site Consideration

PROPERTY	LOCATION
Homeless Camp	Location TBD
Gold Country Inn	1332 Broadway, Placerville
Rescue Prayer and Retreat Center	3540 Mercy Way, Rescue

# Site Selection

## Pony Express Trail

- Cedar Grove
- Commercial for Lease/Purchase



# Site Selection— Cedar Grove



# Next Steps

- Decide whether or not to accept the CDBG General Allocation
- Authorize Director of Human Services to execute the Standard Agreement with the State
- Proceed with the development of the preferred location
  - Initiate environmental analysis
  - Execute contract with United Outreach
  - Return contracts and environmental analysis back to the Board of Supervisors as needed