



**AGENDA SUMMARY  
EUREKA CITY COUNCIL**

**TITLE: PROPOSED ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR MULTIPLE ASSISTANCE CENTER**

**DEPARTMENT: DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/HOUSING DIVISION**

**PREPARED BY: MELINDA PETERSEN, HOUSING PROJECTS MANAGER**

**PRESENTED FOR:**  Action  Information only  Discussion

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive Report

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No Fiscal Impact  Included in Budget  Additional Appropriation

**COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION:** As per Section 1.5 Public Participation of the City of Eureka 2014-2019 Housing Element, the comments provided in the stakeholder meetings regarding housing included, "Homelessness is a major issue for the city that needs to be addressed which may require the provision of additional mental health and drug addiction services". Under Section 1.6 Organization of the Element, the second of five general goals to guide the development, redevelopment, and preservation of a balanced inventory of housing to meet the needs of present and future residents of the City is "Provision of housing services for special needs groups".

**GOAL 2:** Provide adequate housing facilities and services for senior citizens, the homeless, and other special needs groups. Policy 2-1: Promote the development of housing for special needs groups including: the homeless, the mentally ill, single parent households, large families, seniors and disabled persons.

This additional service will also serve to meet the goals of the Focus Strategies Implementation Plan in assisting "Housing First" tenants to retain housing.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Multiple Assistance Center (MAC) has been operating for two years as a Homeless Intake and Transitional Housing Facility and has successfully housed many participants. During that process it was learned that the persistent problem of Substance Use Disorders affected the ability to house participants and keep them housed. Close to 90% of participants have mental illness and Substance Use Disorders. Some are unable to complete the process to housing because of their substance use disorder(s).

**DISCUSSION:** (Continued)

This recommended service is in addition to the existing services at the MAC to address that need. The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has disclosed that additional funding sources are necessary with this additional use. Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA), DHHS, and Alcohol Drug Care Services (ADCS) have met to work together to propose transitioning this new service as well as explore funding sources. There may be rehabilitation required for the additional service which will be explored as well.

The proposed Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Program will provide clinical treatment and treatment planning, along with a possible Sobering Station. The facility is proposed to contain approximately 10 individuals in detox and up to 40 individuals in the treatment program who could transition into the existing transitional housing component for up to a maximum of two years. All individuals are to be low income individuals (80% of Humboldt County Area Median Income or less).

RCAA has indicated a willingness to continue to manage the transitional housing and supportive services component of this program while John McManus, the Executive Director of Alcohol Drug Care Services, has proposed operating the SUD Treatment Program, medical detox, and sobering station (medical detox) component. As both RCAA and ADCS have knowledge and experience in the areas of Transitional Housing with Supportive Services and SUD Treatment Programs, respectively, it would seem to be the next graduated step to assisting individuals with substance use disorders.

Currently, RCAA has an agreement with the City of Eureka for operating the MAC and this agreement may be modified, canceled, and/or re-issued. The cancellation of the current lease agreement requires a 180 day notice to RCAA. The State of California Housing and Community Development HOME Department retains a covenant on the property to remain affordable until September 31, 2025, and has provided a cursory approval of this additional use.

This report is for early informational purposes only. Many details remain to be resolved and staff may not be able to answer all questions. Additional reports may be brought to Council in the coming months.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:**

- City Attorney
- City Clerk/Information Services
- Development Services
- Finance
- Fire
- Parks and Recreation
- Personnel
- Police
- Public Works

**ATTACHMENTS:** None