COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA

B For the Agenda of: June 15, 2009

| To: | Board of Supervisors |
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| From: | Department of Human Assistance |
| Subject: | Report Back On The Number Of Homeless Individuals/Families Served by Federal Stimulus Funding |
| District: | All |
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BACKGROUND

At the June 11, 2009 Budget Hearing, the Department of Human Assistance (DHA) presented information about reductions to homeless programs. During the hearing, Supervisor Dickinson requested information about how many homeless individuals/families are projected to be served with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP) stimulus funds.

DISCUSSION

DHA and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) collaborated on the submittal of the Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan describing Sacramento's utilization of HPRP funding. The plan, submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on May 15, 2009, projected approximately 1,000 units of assistance to individuals and families over a three-year period. Since the start up for this new program is October 1, 2009 the number of units of assistance for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 is estimated to be between 250-300. While a portion of these resources can and will be used for the homeless who no longer have access to shelter services, the resources will also be used to prevent individuals/families from becoming homeless and/or rapid rehouse those that have recently become homeless, thereby diverting the recent homeless away from shelters.

In addition DHA plans to fund family shelter beds with Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Funds (ECF). The new shelter beds that will be available through this funding are 74, (62 at the Bannon Street site from October to June and the continuation of 12 additional year-round beds at St. John's). In addition, the Sacramento Area Emergency Housing Center (SAEHC) indicated on June 11, 2009 the possibility of adding additional capacity at their shelter for an additional six families.

Respectfully submitted,

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