

Item D.3 Consistency with the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan

Describe how the proposed housing development is consistent with the sponsoring county mental health department's approved Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan. Provide specific information regarding how the development meets the priorities and goals identified in the Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan.

Response:

The Cabrillo Gateway project will provide 16 MHSA-eligible households, including individuals and small families, with the supportive services necessary to promote independence, personal achievement, health and wellness, and reintegration into society.

The need for supportive housing in the 4th Supervisorial District and SPA 8 is tremendous. According to the 2011 Long Beach Homeless Count, there are 4,290 homeless individuals in the City. This staggering figure represents an almost 10% increase from 2009. Of these homeless individuals, approximately 51% or 2,203 individuals live within non-permanent facilities, including 171 children. The remaining 2,087 individuals are living in shelters, including 415 children. Of the 3,607 homeless households identified, nearly 10% include couples and families with children. Anecdotal evidence from discussions with shelter and transitional housing providers demonstrate the severe dearth of placement opportunities for individuals and small families as they cycle out of temporary shelter/housing. Lack of supportive housing placement opportunities undermines the existing continuum and serves to perpetuate the conditions that lead to homelessness. Cabrillo Gateway squarely addresses this need.

Cabrillo Gateway demonstrates consistency with DMH's Community Services and Supports (CSS) Plan by addressing the following needs:

- **Adult Housing Services (A-04):** Cabrillo Gateway will provide 16 MHSA-eligible households with a dignified, rent subsidized, and service-enriched home.
- **Adult Services (A-06):** Through partnership with Los Angeles County – Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) and its network of mental health providers, MHSA households will receive high quality, evidence-based mental health care.
- **Child Services (C-01, C-02, and C-05):** Through partnership with LACDMH and its network of local mental health clinic that provides an array of mental health services designed to address the needs of children, MHSA-eligible children will receive high quality, evidence-based mental health care.

Resident services will be delivered on-site by two full time Resident Service Coordinators and a part time resident services manager under the management of CVC's Director of Community Development. These services include life enrichment classes, intensive case management, employment services, access to benefits, and referrals to specialized services such as mental health and physical healthcare. These services will promote the objectives of independence, personal achievement, health and wellness, and societal reintegration.

Item D.4 Description of Target Population to be Served

Describe the MHSA Rental Housing Program target population to be served in the development. Include a description of the following:

1. Age group, i.e., adults, older adults, children, transition-aged youth;
2. The anticipated income level of the MHSA tenants; and,
3. A description of the anticipated special needs of the target population to be served, e.g., physical disabilities, chronic illness, substance abuse, prior housing status, etc.

Response:

CVC has committed to setting aside 20% of the units (16 total) in Cabrillo Gateway for MHSA-eligible populations. For the 16 MHSA units, Cabrillo Gateway will serve the following populations:

- Chronically homeless individuals with serious mental illness. These individuals might also be veterans with other than honorable discharge.
- Homeless families with a family member, including children, that has a serious mental illness or severe emotional disturbance (SED). These families might also be households victimized by domestic violence.

CVC expects the target population to be extremely low income, earning less than 30% of the area median income (AMI) in Los Angeles County. MHSA households will benefit from project-based voucher assistance to keep rents affordable and promote housing stability.

CVC anticipates that these populations shall exhibit the following specialized needs:

- Serious mental illness
- Severe emotional disturbance
- History of substance abuse
- Chronic health issues such as diabetes
- History of homelessness
- Life skills impairment
- Physical disabilities
- Post-traumatic stress disorder

Item D.5 Tenant Eligibility Certification

The county mental health department is responsible for certifying the eligibility of individuals, applying for tenancy in an MHSA unit, for compliance with the target population criteria. Submit a narrative description of the following:

1. How an individual applies to the county to become certified as eligible for an MHSA unit;
2. How certification of eligibility will be documented, provided to the individual applicant, and maintained by the county; and,
3. How certification of eligibility will be provided to the property manager/development.

Response:

Any individual who is interested in being assessed for MHSA-eligibility for an MHSA Housing unit will be referred to the LACDMH for assessment and certification.

LACDMH shall review the applicant's eligibility based on the following MHSA Housing program criteria:

- Individuals with a serious mental illness as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 56600 3(b)(1)
- "Homeless" as defined in the MHSA Housing Program Application or the most restrictive definition of homelessness as stated in other regulatory agreements associated with this project.

The referring agency will assist the individual applicant complete the MHSA Tenant Certification Application and submit for review and approval to the Housing Policy & Development (HP&D) Unit of LACDMH. The HP&D Unit will review the submitted tenant certification applications to verify that the individual applicant has a serious mental illness as defined by the Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 56600.3 (b)(1) and is homeless. Once approved, HP&D staff will notify the referring agency of the individual applicant's eligibility status (who will inform the individual applicant). The individual applicant's eligibility status along with the MHSA Housing Program projects that they have been referred is maintained in HP&D Unit's certification database.

If the Applicant is found to be ineligible, the applicant may request a reconsideration if the conditions that resulted in the denial have changed. The LACDMH will retain both the MHSA housing tenant certification and documentation of the referral in their files for a period at least one year after the closing of the case.

The HP&D Unit will forward a copy of the approved MHSA Tenant Certification Application to the project's designated property management agency. Note that a site-specific waiting list will be maintained by City of Long Beach Housing Authority (HACLB) for units at the Cabrillo Gateways including MHSA Housing Program units for a specified period.

