

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council****July 12, 2011**

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SUBJECT: EXPENDITURE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$175,000.00 FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE PRESBYTERIAN NIGHT SHELTER REHABILITATION PROJECT

The purpose of this Informal Report is to provide City Council with information regarding the proposed funding of the Presbyterian Night Shelter Rehabilitation Project (Project) in the amount of up to \$175,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

The Presbyterian Night Shelter (PNS) is located in east Fort Worth and serves the needs of approximately 350 homeless individuals daily. PNS is the largest provider of services for the homeless and is the only free area emergency shelter without length-of-stay restrictions. PNS has requested CDBG funds for the rehabilitation of the facility's bathrooms that will include, but is not limited to, removal and replacement of toilets, lavatory faucets, showers, energy recovery exhaust system, flooring, walls, and painting. Staff has reviewed the request and has found that the expenditure is an eligible use of CDBG funds.

To comply with the federal regulations regarding the use of CDBG funds, a public comment period concerning the change in use of funds in the amount of \$175,000.00 was held from June 14, 2011 to July 14, 2011. Any comments are maintained by the Housing and Economic Development Department in accordance with federal regulations.

The Presbyterian Night Shelter Rehabilitation Project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 8.

Staff recommends spending CDBG funds that were originally earmarked for the 2008-2009 Housing Trust Fund for this rehab project. Staff recommends approval of the M&C set to be on the July 26, 2011, City Council agenda for consideration by City Council.

If you should have any questions regarding this proposed Project, please contact Jay Chapa, Director, Housing and Economic Development Department at 817/392-5804.



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