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***Homeless Shelters for Women and Families:
Funding Shortfall and Program Impact***

WHAT WE DO

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- 35-bed emergency shelters serving homeless women and families
- Typical length of stay: six months
- Annual number served: ~80 (~25 women and ~15 families)
- Stabilize and transition people to permanent housing with improved income, self-sufficiency, and well-being

WRAP-AROUND SUPPORTS

- Basic needs: meals, hygiene supplies, laundry facilities, clothing, and computer / internet access
- Housing-focused supports: case management, housing navigation, and rapid rehousing financial assistance
- Stability supports: connections to physical and behavioral health care, mainstream benefits, employment services, and financial planning



HOUSING OUTCOMES

Statewide Benchmark

- 23% to permanent housing (*Cal ICH, FY 2023-24, crisis response exits*)

Casa de Noche Buena (*operated by GFW + CHS*)

- 50% to permanent housing (3-year avg.)
- 24% to temporary housing

Shuman HeartHouse (*operated by CHS*)

- 57% to permanent housing (2-year avg.)
- 17% to temporary housing



HOW THE SHELTERS CAME TO BE

CASA DE NOCHE BUENA

- Applied/received ~\$1.3m of HEAP funding
- Raised additional ~\$400k from community
- Renovated the County-owned modular building

SHUMAN HEARTHOUSE

- Developed with private philanthropy funding



SUSTAINING SHELTER BEDS

- CDBN and SHH Annual Operating Costs: approx. \$1.2m per year each
- CHS and GFW established a Special Purpose Fund through the Community Foundation, for community fundraising
- Government grants including but not limited to: HHAP, ESG, CDBG, community support



CURRENT & NEAR-TERM FUNDING GAP

Annual Operating Costs:

- Approximately \$1.2M each

Projected Annual Funding Shortfall *(Non-cumulative; assuming no new funding)*

| Fiscal Year | CDNB | SHH |
|-------------|---------|----------|
| 2026–27 | ~\$267K | ~\$655K |
| 2027–28 | ~\$649K | ~\$905K |
| 2028–29 | ~\$702K | ~\$958K |
| 2029–30 | ~\$757K | ~\$1.01M |

Key drivers of the gap:

- FY 2025–26: HHAP-5, and City of Monterey PLHA funds are fully depleted.
- FY 2026–27: CDNB Special Purpose Fund (\$345,179), HHAP-3 and HHAP-4, and \$764,353 deferred revenue are fully depleted.

Without new funding stream(s) this marks the beginning of a structural deficit.



IMPACT TO PROGRAMS

Objectives:

- Avoid service reductions or shelter closure
- Phase in reductions or closure while pursuing funding

Without additional funding or system-level support:

- Reduction in services or capacity
- Elimination of case management
- Conversion to overnight emergency shelter or seasonal shelter
- Partial or full program closure

Any reduction significantly weakens outcomes and increases long-term system costs.



CONCLUSION

WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR

- Partnership in maintaining CDN and SHH shelters
- Stabilization or bridge funding for FY26–27
- Exploration of replacement funding or coordinated system solutions
- Commitment to preserving services that foster housing and economic security

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These programs work.

With support, they remain a pathway to stability.

***Without it, homeless families and women remain stuck
in crisis and system costs rise.***

Thank you for your partnership and consideration.