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Subject: Letter of Support for Community Human Services (CHS) Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program Round 4 (HHAP4) Funding Application

To whom it may concern:

The County of Monterey is pleased to offer our enthusiastic support for Community Human Services (CHS) and their application for the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program Round 4 funds (HHAP4). With over 54 years of dedicated service, CHS has been a cornerstone in providing exemplary mental health, substance use disorder, and homeless services across Monterey County. Moreover, CHS's homeless services play a pivotal role in guiding individuals and families toward permanent housing, fostering increased self-sufficiency, and promoting overall stability.

The County of Monterey shares a commitment to address homelessness in our community and we fully endorse CHS's application, recognizing the profound impact they have had on individuals and the broader community. As CHS continues to advance its mission to improving lives, we encourage their opportunity to contribute to this project.

If secured, this funding will provide vital support for several initiatives. These include sustaining the ongoing operations of Casa de Noche Buena, an emergency shelter for homeless women and families with children, as well as the Safe Place Youth Shelter, an emergency overnight shelter for homeless youth ages 18-24. Furthermore, the funds will contribute to Rapid Rehousing (RRH) activities across all CHS homeless services programs, including its three shelters and two street outreach programs. This involves providing financial assistance to homeless individuals to facilitate the transition to stable housing activities such as rental assistance, application fees, and security deposits – as well as supporting salaries for housing navigators to perform these rapid rehousing activities.

We strongly encourage you to consider providing the maximum funding possible to support CHS in their continued delivery of essential services to homeless individuals and families in Monterey County.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Glenn Church, Chair
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