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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR MARK D BOUGHTON VIA THE COMMON COUNCIL
FROM: DENA DIORIO, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND PERSONNEL
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION-VA GRANT FOR HOMELESS SHELTER
DATE: 3/27/2007

Attached for your review is a resolution that will allow the City of Danbury Health, Housing and Welfare Department to apply for and accept funding from the Veterans Affairs Administration for use in the City's Homeless Shelter. This is a competitive grant that does not require a local match. The per diem award would be used to reserve 5 beds in the Homeless Shelter for veterans.

The Common Council is requested to consider this resolution at its net meeting.

Attach.

cc: Scott Leroy

Aimee Budnik

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RESOLUTION



CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration (VA) has made available VA Homelessness Provider Grant / Per Diem Program (GPD) Per Diem only funds as part of the effort to end chronic homelessness among our nation's veterans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Danbury wishes to end chronic homelessness in our veteran population and to make application to the VA for their portion of available funds to be used for said purposes; and

WHEREAS, if said application is approved, the City of Danbury wishes to accept said funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor Mark D. Boughton is hereby authorized to apply for the aforesaid grant and if said application is approved, to accept said funds and execute any agreements or other documents necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.



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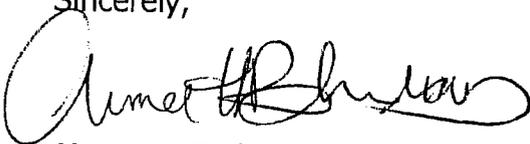
To: The Honorable Mayor Mark Boughton and the Common Council
Through: Scott LeRoy, Director of Health, Housing & Welfare 
Re: U.S. Department of Veterans Administration Per Diem Program

I am writing to request approval to apply for funds through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Administration for the City's Homeless Shelter. The VA Grant Program is a competitive grant and does not require local match. This Per Diem Grant Program currently provides a per diem rate of \$30 a day per bed at emergency shelters, but the final amount of funding will be announced if the City is awarded the grant and if a contract is executed with the City of Danbury. This money would enable the homeless shelter to reserve 5 beds for veterans and permanently expand the City's Shelter bed capacity to 20 beds for the length of the grant.

This opportunity is consistent with the goals and objectives identified in the City of Danbury's plan to end homelessness. In addition, this grant opportunity will increase agency-specific services for veterans in the City of Danbury and further solidify the partnership with the local Veterans Administration.

If you have any additional comments or questions, please contact me at 796-1504. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Aimee H. Budnik, MS, RD
Welfare Director, City of Danbury's Health, Housing and Welfare

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) PER DIEM PROGRAM APPLICATION NARRATIVE

Existing Organization Background

The City of Danbury's Homeless Shelter has been operating for 14 years. The purpose of shelter is to provide case management services and 15 permanent beds during the evening throughout the year. The shelter also operates as a day center providing services and facilities needed for people that are homeless (e.g kitchen, telephone, laundry, etc...) while administering case management services. The City's Homeless Shelter works collaboratively with the Dorothy Day Center and Soup Kitchen, ARC, MCCA and AIDS Project. MCCA and AIDS project provide case management services to the clients of the shelter during the week and provide programs on the weekend. The City Shelter's Case Manager participates in coordinated case management meetings in the community and works with the other organizations to refer clients for additional services; such as medical treatment options, housing applications, supportive services, employment opportunities, etc...

Proposed Grant Program Description:

The VA's Per Diem Only grant program is offered annually by the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Programs to fund community agencies providing services to homeless veterans. The purpose is to promote the development and provision of supportive housing and/or supportive services with the goal of helping homeless veterans achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and/or income, and obtain greater self-determination. The VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program is a key component of VA's partnership with state, local and tribal organizations to shatter the cycle of chronic homelessness among military veterans who need a helping hand (see attached VA Connecticut program description).

Purpose of the request

To secure funding and offer dedicated supportive / transitional housing services for up to 5 area Veterans. Our veterans would have immediate housing opportunities close to the existing health services at Danbury's VA Outpatient Clinic at 7 Germantown Road, Danbury, CT 06810.

This funding would expand our existing Shelter Service from 15 permanent beds to 20 permanent beds with these 5 additional beds being dedicated for our Veterans. Only programs such as those provided by the City of Danbury that supply supportive housing or service centers (offering services such as case management, education, crisis intervention, counseling, etc.) are eligible for these funds. Another expected result is an increase in the number of support services provided to veterans in the community and those returning from active duty.

VA's major homeless programs constitute the largest integrated network of homeless assistance programs in the country, offering a wide array of services and initiatives to help veterans recover from homelessness and live as self-sufficiently and independently as possible.

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