

However, Grace Community Church has applied for capital funding from the County Office of Supportive Housing to make those repairs. If they are successful in receiving this funding, I would propose that we use these funds instead to support the operation for the program. Previously, PRNS staff would run the shower program 2 days a week and Grace Community Baptist Church would run the shower program 2 days a week. The cost estimate provided by PRNS staff shows that in order for the City to administer the same program at 4 days a week would cost \$117,316. The attached proposal from Grace Baptist Church would cost \$68,000, a difference of nearly \$50,000 annually.

This proposal includes:

- Staff (2 for the showers and laundry room, 1 to supervise, 1 to provide security): \$50,000
- Toiletries: \$2,600
- Towels: \$500
- Laundry Soap: \$2,600
- Equipment: \$2,600
- Administration: \$9,700

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million): \$67,000 or \$68,000

Other (Program/Project/Fund):

Department or Organization: **Grace Baptist Church**

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Grace Baptist Church Houseless Drop-In Center

DATE: May 20, 2016

SUBJECT: Operation of Drop-In Center for the Houseless

CONCERNING: Need of financial support to operate the Drop-In at Grace Baptist Church

EXPLANATION:

In January of 2016, Grace Community Center discontinued their share of the Shower Program at Grace Baptist Church. **The Church has taken on the full operation of the program but is in dire need of financial support.**

Since 2012, a Shower and Laundry Room Program for the Homeless has functioned at the Church facilities. Both the Church and the Community Center shared the responsibility for the Program equally. On Mondays and Fridays, the Church ran a *women-only Shower operation*; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Community Center ran the Shower Program for both men and women. Each day, the showers and laundry room were open for four hours. Running the Program implies providing staff to supervise, towels, soap, shampoo, conditioner, and laundry soap. This also includes, cleaning the shower area and laundering and folding the towels to be used again. **The Shower/Laundry Program is able to serve an average of 160 people weekly.**

Since the Community Center decided to discontinue their share of the Shower Program, Grace Baptist Church has taken on its full operation because the Homeless in Downtown need to have showers and laundry facilities available to them. **Currently, we want to expand our services to function as a full Drop-In Center for the houseless.** This includes a gathering area where they can charge their electronics, read, watch TV, and use computers. The services would also provide for the use of showers and laundry room. **We expect the number of people served by this full Program to increase to 175 weekly.**

However, we need financial help to be able to continue the showers and also expand. We would provide the personnel and necessary elements for the Center. We are now managing and supervising the smaller program but need support to continue long term.

We are requesting the City of San Jose \$70,000 to cover our budget as follows:

Staff.....	\$50,000	(2 staff people for the showers and laundry room, plus one to supervise and one to provide security)
Toiletries.....	\$ 2,600	(soap, shampoo, conditioner)
Utilities.....	\$ 2,000	(electricity and water)
Towels.....	\$ 500	
Laundry soap.....	\$ 2,600	
Equipment	\$ 2,600	(e.g.replacement of chairs, TV set as need)
Administration.....	<u>\$ 9,700</u>	
TOTAL.....	\$70,000	

Several service providers have closed their shower programs, including city programs, since the city's closure of the Story Road encampment in December of 2014. Many people were concerned that the hundreds of people living in the large creekside community would filter into San Jose neighborhoods and that services like showers and laundry would be magnets for the houseless, and that is why most decided to discontinue these programs.

In fact, this fear has been realized. Our city parks, churches, business areas and other creeks have seen a huge increase of houseless people sleeping outdoors and congregating during the day. **There is simply nowhere else to go.**

For further information about these matters, please contact the Rev. Dr. Liliana Da Valle, Senior Pastor of Grace Baptist Church.

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