

Placer County expands help for homeless

Placer County is paying two nonprofit organizations to provide housing coordination services to residents who are at risk of becoming homeless or who have already become homeless.

They will provide case management, budgeting and moving help, furnishings, deposits, credit checks, rental preparation classes and more.

“As we make broad efforts to expand affordable housing for Placer County residents, these positions will provide focused, strategic support to people most in need,” said Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery.

Advocates for Mentally Ill Housing Inc. and Volunteers of America Northern California and Northern Nevada Inc. will provide housing coordinator services through at least June 2018 at a total cost of \$140,000, of which \$91,000 will come from the county General Fund and the rest from federal or state funds. The agreements can be renewed for an additional year.

Both agencies started providing housing coordinator services in October 2016 on a trial basis. In the first six months, two housing coordinators worked with 299 clients, 49 of whom secured permanent housing. Eight moved into transitional housing and 83 received case management services. The coordinators also conducted outreach to landlords, securing new support from seven landlords and supporting existing partnerships with another 20.

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