RESOLUTION NO. 121-2001

Adopted June 26, 2001

AUTHORIZING A HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA) PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $50,000 WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTE FOR EVALUATION OF THE HOPWA SPECIAL PROJECTS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE FUNDED SECOND START PROGRAM FROM JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004.

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. The Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco ("Agency") administers the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) program for San Francisco.

2. On September 22, 1998, Agency staff, at the direction of the Agency Commission, implemented the HOPWA Partial Rent Subsidy Program funded through the HOPWA allocation awarded annually by HUD to the City and County of San Francisco. Through the Agency's Request for Qualifications Process that began on September 22, 1998, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Francisco ("CCASF") was awarded the HOPWA Partial Rent Subsidy Program contract.

3. The HOPWA Partial Rent Subsidy Program, which began on February 1, 1999, provides a monthly rental subsidy of $190-$405 and employment services to participants as long as they are taking steps to enter or re-enter the workforce. The program is currently serving 125 people with very low and extremely low incomes.

4. On May 23, 2000, in response to the HUD Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for HOPWA Special Projects of National Significance ("SPNS") grant funds, the Agency submitted a proposal to extend and expand the Agency's current HOPWA Partial Rent Subsidy Program with an additional $1,370,000 over three years. The program targets extremely low and very low-income persons with disabling HIV/AIDS. This proposal added a component designed specifically to serve homeless persons with HIV/AIDS. The Agency was awarded this funding by HUD and the grant agreement between the Agency and HUD was signed on January 11, 2001.

5. The new program, funded by HOPWA formula allocation and HOPWA SPNS, combines the existing HOPWA Partial Rent Subsidy Program with the added component serving homeless people and will be called the Second Start Program ("SSP").

6. The SSP responds to the recommendations of the City and County of San Francisco ("City") 2000 Consolidated Plan, the Five Year HIV/AIDS Housing Plan, the Mayor's HIV Health Services Planning Council, and the City's major rental subsidy providers.
7. The HOPWA SPNS funding allows for applicants to request an additional $50,000 to evaluate program outcomes. The Agency requested and was awarded these funds as part of the SPNS award.

8. The Public Health Institute ("PHI"), an independent, non-profit organization, has requested $50,000 to gather and evaluate data from the SSP and assist Agency staff with determining reasonable measurable outcomes for people who are disabled by HIV/AIDS and attempting to return to work.

9. PHI is currently evaluating Project Independence, Alameda County’s partial rent subsidy program. PHI will incorporate the evaluation of the City’s program with the on-going evaluation of Project Independence to help determine cost-effectiveness of housing and homeless services for people living with HIV/AIDS.

10. The expenses requested by PHI are eligible expenses under the federal regulations governing the HOPWA program at 24 CFR 574, et seq., and the Agency desires to provide the funds through a HOPWA Personal Services Agreement.

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY IT IS RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco that the Executive Director is authorized to execute a Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Personal Services Agreement in an amount not to exceed $50,000 with the Public Health Institute for evaluation of the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Special Projects of National Significance funded Second Start Program from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2004, substantially in the form lodged with the Agency’s General Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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