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\$17.9 Million Awarded to San Diego Region to Address Homelessness
Federal Grant Awards Announced, Favor Housing First Approach

SAN DIEGO, CA (May 2, 2016) – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) today released the 2015 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition Tier 2 awards, bringing the total award for the San Diego region to \$17,859,969. Today's funding commitment from HUD marks an increase of \$1.69 million over last year's award for the county.

Since June 2014, Councilmember Todd Gloria has served as the Governance Chair of the Regional Continuum of Care Council (RCCC), a planning body required by HUD that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals in San Diego County. The RCCC develops the grant proposals for the region and have focused on submitting projects and programs that support the housing first model, in line with nationwide best practices for ending homelessness.

"San Diego's nearly \$18 million award affirms the work we are doing regionally to shift our system to a housing first approach with a focus on coordination and data-driven decision-making," said Councilmember Gloria. **"These solutions are working to end homelessness around the country. As Chair of the Regional Continuum of Care Council, I am committed to making sure San Diego receives our fair share of federal funding to accomplish our regional goals by advocating for a revision to HUD's current formula."**

The awards announced today include four new projects totaling nearly \$2.9 million for the RCCC. These projects include a regional Collaborative Assessment and Housing Placement project and three new bonus projects, including Alpha Square, Alpha Rapid Rehousing, and the St. Vincent de Paul 2015 Bonus Project. Tier 1 awards were announced in early April with San Diego earning an allocation of \$14.9 million from that tranche.

San Diego ranks fourth nationwide in overall homelessness population but was 23rd in level of federal funding last year. Councilmember Gloria has long echoed Congressman Scott Peters' call for the antiquated formula for federal dollars for homeless issues to be reevaluated. HUD Secretary Julian Castro expressed his interest in opening up the comment period on the formula during a visit to San Diego last fall.

The RCCC will be conducting further analysis and evaluating the net impact of the final awards on the CoC in the coming weeks.

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