

Federal money allotted to Santa Cruz's homeless community

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Santa Cruz County will receive about \$2.6 million for distribution to programs and services, as part of a nationwide effort to combat homelessness.

"These federal dollars are awarded to local programs that have proven successful at helping the homeless find permanent housing, steady employment, medical care and child care," said Rep. Sam Farr (D-Carmel).

The funds were distributed to these Santa Cruz County groups:

- **Mercy Charities Housing:** \$1,854,000. These funds will provide Section 8 subsidies for permanent housing in the Pelican Hotel Single Occupancy program. The subsidies will help recipients in 25 units over a 10-year period. Support services will also be provided.

- **Santa Cruz County Community Counseling Center:** \$249,999. The center will use these funds for Lincoln Street Housing, a permanent independent-living program that houses 10 adults with severe psychiatric disabilities. The center will also provide case management, and help recipients that care of their homes, obtain employment and schooling, manage their personal finances, use public transportation,

obtain health services, find food pantries and combat substance abuse.

- **Families in transition:** \$180,664. These funds will help single mothers who are recovering from substance abuse. At least 14 families will have a safe and supportive environment in which to rebuild their lives, with the Shared Clean and Sober Transitional Housing program.

- **Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz:** \$168,000. The Brommer Street Transitional Housing for Families project will use these funds to provide transitional housing and support services for nine families.

- **Santa Cruz Citizen's Committee for the Homeless:** \$142,591. These funds will be used by the Page Smith Community House to provide housing for 40 single men and women. Case workers will also help the recipients find employment.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has allotted \$1 billion for about 200,000 homeless men, women and children across the United States.

"This is no easy task, but I'm happy to say that our local programs have a good record in the fight against homelessness," said Farr.