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## **Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) Grant Housing Implementation Plan As Requested by the Budget and Legislative Analyst**

The San Francisco Sheriff's Department will utilize funding through the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) Grant to expand housing opportunities for adult offenders with mental illness who are participating in the new Misdemeanor Behavioral Health Court. Over the three-year grant period, MIOCR housing funding will support an average of six months of temporary and transitional housing for a combined total of at least 114 adult offenders with mental illness involved in the San Francisco criminal justice system. These housing resources will be strategically distributed among three key housing providers so that housing options can be tailored to the specific needs of program participants. The SFSD has successfully partnered with the following agencies for close to a decade to provide transitional housing to our NOVA (No Violence Alliance) clients as they reenter the community from the San Francisco county jail. Housing allocations in the project budget are divided among the three modalities below; however, actual housing allocations may change in each budget year based on individual client needs.

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### **Bayview Hunters Point Multipurpose Senior Services, Inc.**

An estimated total of six beds dedicated to older adult offenders with mental illness will be provided in shared supportive housing settings provided by the Bayview Hunters Point Multipurpose Senior Services, Inc., Senior Ex Offender Program (SEOP). SEOP currently operates three facilities in the Bayview district with a capacity of twenty-five beds. In addition to NoVA clients, SEOP also works with the Veteran's Administration, Health Care Homeless Veterans (HCHV) to provide transitional housing for their clients. SEOP's current transitional houses are certified by the California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources as sober living housing. BHPMSS is actively seeking another housing location in the Bayview and is currently in negotiations regarding a site.

### **Westside Community Services**

MIOCR funding will also support another seven shared supportive housing beds operated by Westside Community Services. Westside currently operates three facilities in the Bayview and Western Addition districts for NoVA clients with a capacity of thirty-three beds. Westside is currently in negotiations with landlords at three separate sites (two located in the Bayview and one in the Western Addition) to expand capacity.

## **Recovery Survival Network**

Single Resident Occupant (SRO) housing will be provided by Recovery Survival Network (RSN), a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting persons re-entering society from residential drug treatment programs and the criminal justice system. SRO offers a vital housing option for individuals with mental illness who may not be prepared to live in group housing arrangements, or who need emergency residential services on a shorter term basis. In addition to the SFSD NoVA program, RSN provides housing for the Collaborative Courts and the Adult Probation Department. Currently, Recovery Survival Network operates master leases at six SRO hotels with a capacity of 59 beds. MIOCR funding will support an additional 6 SRO rooms. RSN has the ability to increase the number of rooms within their master leases at three of their partner hotels as demand increases.

The new court has started accepting referrals, but during the Pilot Phase, is limiting the calendar to twenty participants through March of 2016. The Sheriff's department anticipates having capacity within our current NoVA designated beds to accommodate these twenty pilot participants as the Court slowly ramps up and has confidence in our CBO partner agencies' ability to increase capacity in the upcoming months.