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Summer Day Shelter Providers Selected Shelter Services Start Today

Following a review of applications submitted by local non-profits responding to the 2005 Summer Day Shelter invitation, an evaluation team designated by the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition's (SNRPC) Committee on Homelessness has selected Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada to provide summer day shelter to homeless citizens from July 1 to Sept. 30. Emergency Aid of Boulder City, Inc. was selected as a demonstration project for its services that include temporary housing and meals.

Designed to offer the homeless relief from the intense heat during the summer months, the day shelter program and budget were included in the 2005-2006 Inclement Weather Shelter Program that was approved by the Committee on Homelessness on March 21.

Local non-profit applicants were invited to submit their operational requirements and a proposed budget. The selected providers will be presented to the Committee on Homelessness at its July 21 meeting.

Regional Homeless Services Coordinator Paula Haynes-Green said shelter capacity was expanded this year to 100 spaces, which Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada met. "Catholic Charities' day shelter program provides homeless citizens a clean, safe and air-conditioned shelter where they can obtain water, restroom and shower facilities, a meal and respite from the heat," she said.

Specific day shelter services at Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada will include 100 air-conditioned day shelter spaces; access to toilets, showers and clean clothing; a mid-morning meal; and access to any other services available through that agency.

Emergency Aid of Boulder City, Inc.'s proposal includes lodging at a local motel and one meal per day for two households of one to two people for the 90-day period. They will also provide 170 meals in an air-conditioned facility with restrooms.

Required day shelter hours of operation are no later than 11 a.m. to no earlier than 7 p.m. Staff at both non-profits will also advise homeless clients of other available services and assistance to help them get off the streets permanently.

The new Summer Day Shelter selections come on the heels of the June 16 combined meeting of the SNRPC board and its Technical Committee and Committee on Homelessness, where officials reexamined this fiscal year's allocation of \$25 million in the fight against homelessness to ensure expenditures are directed to getting more people off the streets.

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