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**HUD Awards SHELTER, Inc. $4.575M for Permanent Supportive Housing**

***Oversight of Thrive Contra Costa, Chronic Homeless Cases with Severe Disabilities***

CONCORD, CA May 16, 2023— SHELTER, Inc. (SI) is pleased to announce they were awarded a $4.575M grant over three years from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide permanent supportive housing and services for approximately 26 homeless households in Contra Costa County, whose head of household or dependents experience one or more severe disabilities and cannot be self-sufficient without financial assistance.

The award is a result of a combined application submitted to HUD by Contra Costa County’s Health, Housing, and Homeless Service, and included two additional programs, for a total funding amount of $5.368 million. SHELTER, Inc. will model the project on its existing Project Thrive, a successful permanent supportive housing project that began in 2018, and cares for those former homeless with severe impairments which can include mental illness, physical or developmental disabilities, and drug or alcohol impacts. A portion of the funding will be provided as a 25% match from Contra Costa County H3 and local partners.

“We are extremely gratified to receive this funding which is desperately needed for this population,” said SHELTER, Inc. Sr. Program Director, Prevention, **Andrea Foti**. “Our role will be to arrange master lease units, so our participants can maintain permanent housing by providing subsidized rent and wraparound services such as case management and employment support. Our case managers will also help them to connect with medical support and critical life-skills training, such as household budgeting, and parenting classes.”

One of the largest homeless services providers in the Bay Area, SHELTER, Inc. operates Solano County’s largest homeless shelter, a family shelter in Martinez, CA. and an Adult Shelter in Sacramento.

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About SHELTER, Inc:

Since 1986, SHELTER, Inc. has provided critical housing assistance, case management, and wrap-around services to help families and individuals facing eviction, living on the streets or struggling to obtain affordable rental housing. SHELTER, Inc., works to prevent homelessness, end homelessness and provide affordable housing. On average, 2,500 children, women and men annually participate in SHELTER, Inc. programs in Contra Costa, Solano, and Sacramento counties.