

EXHIBIT 18-A



September 8, 2022

Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
5 Harris Court, Building G
Monterey, CA 93940

RE: Request for water credits from District Reserve Allocation and deferred payment of Capacity Fees for Shuman HeartHouse, 600 E. Franklin Street, Monterey, CA

Dear Members of the Board:

Community Human Services is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) and Joint Powers Authority providing mental health, substance abuse and homeless services to benefit very low, low and middle income individuals and families in Monterey County since 1969. CHS is working to address the homeless crisis in Monterey County by developing an emergency shelter at 600 E. Franklin Street, Monterey. Shuman HeartHouse will provide single women and families with children a safe place to live and supportive services for up to six months. Our case managers work with them to provide housing navigation, employment assistance, access to medical services, assessment and referrals to mental health and substance abuse services, and other supports depending on their individual needs. The overarching goal of Shuman HeartHouse is to provide its guests with a bridge to permanent housing and economic stability.

CHS acquired 600 E. Franklin Street through a generous donation of \$3.1M from the Shuman family of Carmel. The property was recently remodeled and is in excellent condition; however, it will require renovations to make it suitable for use as a shelter. CHS is currently conducting a capital campaign to raise \$3.1M for construction plus another \$1.6M for two years of operations, bringing the campaign total to \$4.7M. Approximately \$3M has been raised to date. We are scheduled to begin construction in October 2022 and hope to open our doors to the public in the summer of 2023.

Shuman HeartHouse is short of the required water credits. As such, CHS is requesting 0.215 AF water from the District Reserve Allocation, as well as deferred payment of Capacity Fees in the amount of \$7,225.72 (0.215 x \$33,608.00) under Rule 24-H. Deferred payment will alleviate CHS's fundraising burden on this project and will support a much needed new community service in Monterey County.

If you have any questions or need anything further, please feel free to contact me at rmccrae@chservices.org or (831) 658-3811, ext. 300.

Sincerely,



Robin McCrae
Chief Executive Officer



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RE: Request for water credits from District Reserve Allocation and deferred payment of Capacity Fees for Casa de Noche Buena, 1292 Olympia Avenue, Seaside, CA 93955

Dear Members of the Board:

Community Human Services is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) and Joint Powers Authority providing mental health, substance abuse and homeless services to benefit very low, low and middle income individuals and families in Monterey County since 1969. CHS and its partner Gathering for Women opened the Peninsula's first emergency shelter for homeless women and families in January 2021.

Casa de Noche Buena provides homeless women and families a safe place to live and supportive services for up to six months. Our case managers work with them to provide housing navigation, employment assistance, access to medical services, assessment and referrals to mental health and substance abuse services, and other supports depending on their individual needs. The overarching goal of Casa de Noche Buena is to provide its guests with a bridge to permanent housing and economic stability. Last fiscal year, we served 76 individuals. 6,022 bed-nights were provided. 17,253 meals were served. 63% of guests exited to permanent or long-term transitional housing.

Original plans for shelter operations called for daily breakfast and dinner service, prepared at the Gathering on El Dorado Street and delivered to the shelter. During COVID, operations changed to allow guests stay at the shelter during the day which required additional lunch service. Gathering is now delivering prepared dinners Monday through Friday and whole foods for onsite preparation of breakfast and lunch every day plus dinner on Saturday and Sunday.

CHS would like to have the capacity to prepare three meals a day onsite if/when needed. As such, we are requesting 0.178 AF water from the District Reserve Allocation, as well as deferred payment of Capacity Fees in the amount of \$5,982.22. While this project receives funding support from the County of Monterey and Peninsula cities, we are responsible for raising over \$600,000 per year in operating income. Deferred payment will alleviate our fundraising burden on this project and support a valued community asset.

If you have any questions or need anything further, please feel free to contact me at rmccrae@chservices.org or (831) 658-3811, ext. 300.

Sincerely,

Robin McCrae
Chief Executive Officer