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Honorable Scott Matas
City of Desert Hot Springs
65950 Pierson Boulevard
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RE: Contribution to Support Regional Homelessness Efforts

Dear Mayor Matas:

As the City of Desert Hot Springs develops its budget for 2017-18 the CVAG Homelessness Committee requests your consideration of a financial contribution to support regional homelessness efforts.

Back in 2008, at the recommendation of the Homelessness Committee, CVAG's Executive Committee took action to administer a multi-service center for the homeless, now known as Roy's Desert Resource Center (Roy's). This action was taken to enhance and balance homeless services in the Coachella Valley. Each year CVAG jurisdictions were asked to make an annual contribution of \$103,000 to support the operating costs for Roy's. Attached is a contribution chart that illustrates contributions.

From 2009 to today, over 6,000 men, women, and children have turned to Roy's for crisis sheltering. The average length of stay has been 18 days. However, federal and state homelessness funding policies are moving toward a Housing First model to focus on homelessness prevention and diversion, along with crisis housing for those that fall into homelessness.

At the direction of the late Supervisor John J. Benoit, Roy's will be transitioning into a long term board and care facility on June 30, 2017 that will be operated by the Riverside University Health System—Behavioral Health. Currently, there are limited long term care beds located in the Coachella Valley. This program will fulfill the desperately needed services to ensure all consumers discharged from acute Psychiatric Hospitals and are in need of residentially based treatment receive the most appropriate care to promote hope and recovery.

CVAG is issuing a Request for Interest to select a homeless services nonprofit, consultant or other entity to efficiently and effectively administer the new prevention, diversion, and crisis housing program. These services are expected begin sometime after July 1, 2017. CVAG staff can make arrangements to present this new service model to your City. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact my staff, Cheryl Dahlin, at (760) 346-1127.

At this time, we only ask your Council to budget a place holder to help support our regional efforts to end homelessness and funding will only be requested after the CVAG Homelessness Committee and Executive Committee have approved a budget and program.

Sincerely,


Tom Kirk
Executive Director



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GRADUATED TRANSITION SCHEDULE

CVAG Contract for emergency shelter services with Jewish Family Services of San Diego will be ending June 2017. The Graduated Transition Schedule has been collaborated with Riverside County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), the Riverside University Health System—Behavioral Health Services (RUHS-BH).

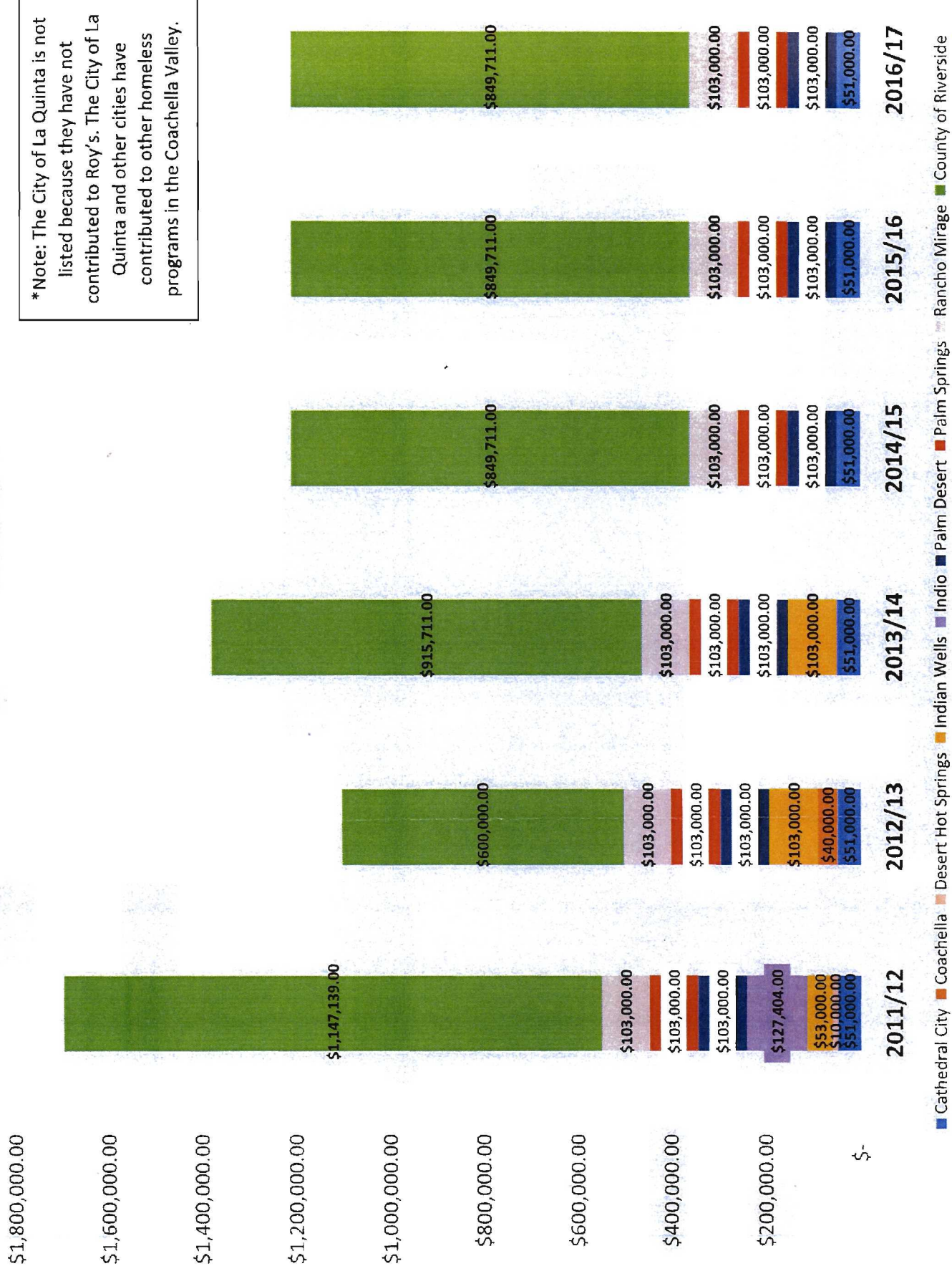
- **February 28, 2017:** Last day clients will be accepted for a full **90-day** stay.
- **March 1, 2017-March 31, 2017:** Clients will be admitted and provided a **60-day** stay.
- **April 1, 2017-May 1, 2017:** Clients will be admitted and provided a **30-day** stay with possible extensions, as needed, will be issued.
- **June 1, 2017- June 15, 2017:** Clients that are issued with extensions are able to stay at Roy's.

Coachella Valley leaders are working on a multi-faceted approach to assist individuals in a housing crisis to transition services. Roy's Desert Resource Center (RDRC) services are offered to families and single adults who are homeless in the Coachella Valley. The RDRC staff, DPSS staff, along with staff from RUHS-BH will be coordinating resources and services throughout this time to help place all clients enrolled at RDRC. The last day of emergency services for clients at the shelter will be June 15th. DPSS will be working closely with Roy's staff and clients to offer the resources for all clients looking for work and housing.

Clients may access services and shelter daily based upon available space by being present at the following locations at the designated times daily:

Drop-Off Locations	Time
Farrell and Vista Chino	6:00 AM
Dinah Shore and Cathedral Canyon	6:45 AM
Racquet Club and Palm Canyon	7:45 AM
Farrell and Vista Chino	8:30 AM
Pick-Up Locations	
Farrell and Vista Chino	5:15 PM
Farrell and Vista Chino	6:00 PM
Dinah Shore and Cathedral Canyon	6:15 PM
Farrell and Vista Chino	7:00 PM
Racquet Club and Palm Canyon	7:15 PM

By City/County Contribution to Roy's Desert Resource Center*



*Note: The City of La Quinta is not listed because they have not contributed to Roy's. The City of La Quinta and other cities have contributed to other homeless programs in the Coachella Valley.