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TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: General Fund Contingency request of \$265,000 for the Department of County Human Services to fund Metamorphosis Project for Homeless Youth (Budget Modification Nond-01)

Commissioner Shiprack is requesting \$265,000 of General Fund contingency be appropriated to the Homeless Youth System's Metamorphosis Project.

This funding will maintain current service levels for addictions treatment and mental health services for homeless youth. Services include: screening, assessment, counseling, peer mentoring, support groups, and psychiatric care to over 250 youth annually through the Metamorphosis Project. The Project model uses Positive Youth Development practices, and employs formerly homeless youth who have achieved sobriety to act as peer mentors.

General Fund Contingency Policy Compliance

The Budget Office is required to inform the Board if contingency requests submitted for approval satisfy the general guidelines and policies for using the General Fund Contingency.

Because this request was earmarked by the Board in contingency during the FY 2013 budget process and identified in the Budget Notes, funding this request meets the criteria for acceptable use of contingency under our Financial Policies.

In particular,

- Criteria 1 states contingency requests should be for one-time-only purposes. If this is not judged to be one-time-only transition funding, the request essentially funds ongoing programs with one-time-only emergency contingency funds.

The program is not one-time-only. Ongoing funding has not been identified for FY 2014 and beyond.

- Criteria 2 Addresses emergencies and unanticipated situations.

This request is not an emergency and was anticipated during the Budget process.

- Criteria 3 addresses items identified in Board Budget Notes.

This item was identified in the FY 2013 Adopted Budget Notes.