



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
DAWAN UTECHT
DIRECTOR

March 1, 2020

Mr. Preston Prince
Secretary/Director
Silvercrest, Inc.
1331 Fulton Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Re: Service Provision for Barstow Commons
130 W. Barstow Avenue, Fresno CA 93704

Dear Mr. Prince:

Please accept this communication as a commitment for the Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health (Department) to provide supportive services in conjunction with the Barstow Commons project.

The Department has been providing mental health services in Fresno County for over 20 years. In working with the Housing Authority of the City of Fresno, CA (HACF) and Silvercrest, Inc., to provide housing and supportive services to our client population of homeless, chronically homeless and at risk of homelessness, we have been able to add and service over 100 + units of Special Needs Housing in the Fresno Community.

Please accept this letter as formal certification that the Department has both the experience and capacity to provide the necessary supportive services to our tenant population, and that the selected supportive services to be made available are appropriate for the residents of the Barstow Commons project. Supportive services will be made available onsite, free of charge, and made available to tenants voluntarily. The Department is hereby providing this letter of intent to provide supportive services for the Barstow Commons development, in conjunction with HACF and Silvercrest, Inc. The Department has significant experience in providing such supportive services, including linkages to primary care, social and human services, and money management.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Susan Holt at 559-600-9058 or via email at sholt@fresnocountyca.gov

Sincerely

Susan Holt,
Deputy Director
Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health



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March 3, 2020

Preston Prince
Secretary/Director
Silvercrest, Inc.
1331 Fulton Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Re: Barstow Commons Development
Supportive Services Commitment

Dear Mr. Prince:

Please accept this letter as a commitment from the Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health (Department) to make available supportive services to all residents in the proposed Barstow Commons development, which will consist of twenty-one (21) housing units for special needs individuals. The Department is committed to be the supportive services provider at Barstow Commons for a minimum of twenty years. Per the terms outlined in the Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) approved by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors January 29th, 2019, Barstow Commons has been mutually agreed upon as a site for a new permanent supportive housing project. Fresno County has agreed to ensure the commitment of supportive services for permanent supportive housing projects developed under the MOU. The Department has made available supportive services and programs for a similar tenant population through the Mental Health Services Act Housing Program.

The Department is committed to providing behavioral health services as an appropriately licensed organization. The Department will also be committing \$474,138 from the Department's budget to support the supportive services component of Barstow Commons. See Exhibit A for the Barstow Commons supportive services budget. Services will be offered onsite and include, but are not limited to:

- Case management and coordination/provision of supportive services;
- On-going assessment of needs and response to services;
- Mental health services and treatment, substance abuse services and treatment;
- Education to tenants regarding their individual behavioral health condition(s);
- Behavioral health management efforts directed to assist tenants to manage their wellness, create plans of action, and to identify personal patterns in order to maximize results of their recovery services and supports;
- Coordination of services, including linkages to primary health care, mental health care, substance abuse services, and peer support;
- Coordination and securing appropriate permanent housing;
- Engagement of family and other supportive individuals;
- Team support building to include tenant council, recreational activities, social activities, and positive relationship building;

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- Psychological supports to help tenants accomplish personal goals and to develop strategies to deal with challenges;
- Benefits counseling and advocacy to assist tenants in accessing and securing any benefits of which they made be eligible, including Medi-Cal enrollment and Social Security benefits (SSI/SSP);
- Life-skills development services and support to include: personal care and hygiene, housekeeping, nutritional meal preparation, grocery shopping, money-management, and how to access and use public transportation;
- Clinical support services including assistance with accessing, understanding, and utilizing all aspects of an individualized treatment plan, including but not limited to medication services, case management, therapy, psychiatric rehabilitation, and peer support.

These services will be provided free of charge to the residents.

Should you have any questions regarding this commitment, please contact me at (559) 600-9058.

Sincerely,



Susan Holt, Deputy Director
Department of Behavioral Health
County of Fresno