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Dear New Orleans Womanspace supporter:

We're in trouble, and we need your urgent help.

For 10 years, New Orleans Womanspace (NOW) has helped women who are chronically homeless with mental illness or drug abuse issues find their way off the streets and back into society. These are intensely difficult cases referred to us by social service agencies that recognize our program as uniquely capable of addressing the severity of the conditions of these women.

But **today Womanspace is in danger of closing its doors** — and sending women in need back to the streets. **We need you to help us raise \$75,000 by August to secure a \$550,000 grant** from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for our important work.

That's why we need you. **NOW is the only program of its kind in New Orleans.** The women we serve have nowhere else to turn for any real hope of recovery. NOW may be the last chance for many of them. As a “safe haven” serving as a bridge from hopelessness to hope, NOW provides a safe and nurturing place for women to stabilize before moving into treatment or transitional housing, or, sometimes, back into the workforce and community.

In New Orleans, the homeless population has more than doubled since Hurricane Katrina in 2005. NOW takes in homeless women most other programs won't. A homeless vet suffering from PTSD or depression? Too dangerous, many say. A person on the streets with a history of institutionalization? Too much to handle, some say. **New Orleans needs NOW as much as the women we serve do.**

Your support is critical. Don't allow HUD's \$550,000 to disappear. Don't let women who aren't ready to return to the streets of New Orleans. Above all, don't just stand by. Stand with us. **Help us NOW!**

Sincerely,

Donna Mitchell
Program Director
New Orleans Womanspace

PS: **Visitors are always welcome** at our facility. Call us at (504) 895-6600 to see how your dollars give hope to those accustomed to having none.

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