

STAFF REPORT

City of Lancaster

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Date: August 23, 2011

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Elizabeth Brubaker, Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Director

Subject: **Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) 2011 Federal Emergency Shelter Grant (FESG) Application**

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No. 11-65**, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to make the application to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the Federal Emergency Shelter Grant (FESG) funds and to execute a standard agreement, any amendments, and/or related documents to receive such funds and to take other actions necessary to facilitate the proposed HCD FESG, in its entirety.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Background:

The City has an opportunity to secure from HCD under the FESG in an amount not exceed one-hundred thirty thousand dollars for operational expenses including staff, security maintenance and repair for the Lancaster Community Shelter.

Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act authorizes the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to allocate Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) program funds nationwide to units of local governments and states utilizing an allocation formula.

The State FESG Program is governed by Title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, and Part 576. HCD has authority under State law (Health and Safety Code Section 50406), to accept these funds and distribute them in accordance with program requirements. The State FESG Program is also governed by State regulations located in Title 25, subchapter 20, Sections 8400 – 8421 of the California Code of Regulations.

The FESG was established to assist agencies with costs associated with emergency shelter services for homeless persons. The FESG annual grant cycle will run from November 2011 to October 2012.

On August 1, 2011, the Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”) for the FESG was published, announcing the request for applications under HCD. HCD must receive the 2011 FESG Applications no later than September 1, 2011. Staff is currently working on the City’s application, subject to Council approval, for the FESG. If efforts are successful in acquiring the award of HCD funds, the Lancaster Community Shelter will use the funds for eligible operational expenses.

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Resolution No. 11-65