

STAFF REPORT

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Date: September 11, 2012

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Elizabeth Brubaker, Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Director

Subject: **Appropriate \$76,479.00 for the Year Round Shelter Program**

Recommendation:

Appropriate grant funds awarded by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) for the Year-Round Shelter Program (YRP) in the amount of \$76,479.00 to Account No. 261-4542-771 to fund eligible Lancaster Homeless Shelter activities.

Fiscal Impact:

Funds received will be used to offset eligible program expenditures and are currently budgeted in account 261-3307-100.

Background:

The LAHSA is a joint powers authority created by the City and County of Los Angeles for the purpose of planning, coordinating and managing resources for homeless programs. Funding of the YRP and WSP is through LAHSA, who is the lead agency in the HUD-funded Los Angeles "Continuum of Care", and coordinates and manages over \$70 million dollars annually in federal, state, county and city funds for programs providing shelter, housing and services to homeless persons. The purpose of these programs is to provide homeless individuals and families with emergency shelter and entry into the system of services and housing known as the "Continuum of Care".

On August 23, 2011, the City entered into an agreement with LAHSA to receive YRP funding for the 2011-2012 program year. The agreement allowed LAHSA and the City to extend the agreement upon mutual consent for one additional year, 2012-2013, in order to provide funding for eligible activities associated with the YRP. On August 2, 2012, LAHSA authorized the release of YRP funds by issuing an amendment to the existing contract.

The YRP is a program established to address the basic shelter and service needs of homeless persons and will operate between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013. The funds will be for operating and supportive service costs associated with providing shelter, housing and services to clients of the Lancaster Community Shelter.

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