

STAFF REPORT
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Date: March 25, 2014

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Elizabeth Brubaker, Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Director

Subject: **Appropriation of Additional \$16,050.00 in Grant Revenue for the Winter Shelter Program (WSP) Grant from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to 261-3306-200**

Recommendation:

Approve the appropriation of \$16,050 in awarded grant funds from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Winter Shelter Program (WSP) 2013-2014 to Revenue Account No. 261-3306-200 and corresponding Expense Account no. 261-4542-772.

Fiscal Impact:

The City will receive an additional \$8,000.00 in additional grant funding into 261-3306-200 LAHSA for the WSP. Funds received will be used to offset eligible program expenditures with the extension of the WSP to be located at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds.

Background:

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 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 this program 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”.

The Winter Shelter Program addresses the basic shelter and service needs of homeless persons during the period in which Los Angeles County usually experiences its most inclement weather. The WSP will operate from November 1, 2013, to approximately April 15, 2014. The funds will be for operating and supportive service costs associated with providing shelter, housing and services to clients of the Lancaster Community Shelter while housed at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds.