

STAFF REPORT

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Date: December 9, 2014

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Elizabeth Brubaker, Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Director

Subject: **Authorize City Manager or His Designee to Facilitate the 2014-2015 Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Winter Shelter Program (WSP) at the Lancaster Community Shelter. Appropriate \$73,255.00 for the WSP to 261-4542-770.**

Recommendation:

Authorize the City Manager or his designee to facilitate the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Winter Shelter Program (WSP) at the Lancaster Community Shelter. Appropriate \$73,255 for the WSP to 261-4542-770 to fund these programs.

Fiscal Impact:

The sum of \$73,255 for the WSP is expected in revenues and will be used for eligible program expenditures.

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 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".

The Winter Shelter Program was established to address 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, 2014, to approximately March 15, 2015. These funds will be utilized for operating and supportive service costs associated with providing shelter, housing and services to clients of the Lancaster Community Shelter.