

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

Date: April 14, 2015
To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members
From: Elizabeth Brubaker, Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Director
Subject: **Appropriation of Additional \$10,150 in Grant Revenue for the Winter Shelter Program (WSP) Grant from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to 261-3306-200**

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Recommendation:

Approve the appropriation of \$10,150.00 in awarded grant funds from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Winter Shelter Program (WSP) 2014-2015 to Revenue Account No. 261-3306-200 and corresponding Expense Account No. 261-4542-772.

Fiscal Impact:

The City will receive \$10,150.00 in additional grant funding into 261-3306-200 LAHSA for the WSP. Funds received will be used to offset eligible program expenditures associated with the extension of the hours of operation of the WSP.

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, 2014, to approximately April 15, 2015. The funds will be for operating and supportive service costs associated with providing shelter, housing and services to clients of the Lancaster Community Shelter.