

**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Lancaster**

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Date: October 13, 2015

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Elizabeth Brubaker, Director of Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization

Subject: **2015-2016 Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Winter Shelter Program**

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**Recommendations:**

- a. 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 located at 44611 Yucca Avenue, Lancaster, CA.
- b. Approve the appropriation of \$81,627.00 in awarded grant funds from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (“LAHSA”) Winter Shelter Program (“WSP”) 2015-2016 to Revenue Account No. 261-3306-100 and corresponding Expense Account No. 261-4542-770.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The City will receive \$81,627 in grant funding that will be used to offset eligible WSP program expenditures. Said funds will be deposited into Account No. 261-3306-100.

**Background:**

The LAHSA is a Joint Powers Authority created by the City and the 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, 2015, to approximately March 30, 2016. 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.