

# STAFF REPORT

## City of Lancaster

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Date: February 23, 2016

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Elizabeth Brubaker, Director of Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization

Subject: **Authorize City Manager or His Designee to Facilitate the 2015-2016 Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Winter Shelter Program and appropriate \$256,891.00 to 261-4542-770 for the Lancaster Community Shelter**

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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 both 44611 Yucca Avenue and 45145 N. 60<sup>th</sup> Street West, Lancaster, CA.
- b. Approve the appropriation of \$256,891.00 in awarded grant funds from the LAHSA WSP, to Revenue Account No. 261-3306-100 and corresponding Expense Account no. 261-4542-770. LAHSA issued Amendment No. 1 to WSP Contract No. 2015WSP10, revising the total grant amount to \$256,891.00. This replaces the previous WSP appropriation of \$81,627.00 as approved by council action on 10/13/2015.

### Fiscal Impact:

The City will receive \$256,891.00 in grant funding that will be used to offset eligible WSP program expenditures. Said funds will be deposited into account number 261-3306-100.

### 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 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 WSP 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 under the original Agreement was to operate from October 1, 2015, to approximately

March 31, 2016, with a total grant amount of \$81,627.00. Due to an anticipated extended period of severe rainy weather in the County of Los Angeles attributable to El Nino weather predictions, the Parties agreed to increase the number of beds available; add a second location located at 45145 60<sup>th</sup> Street West; and add up to 21 days of 24-hour operation for this program. LAHSA then issued Addendum No. 1 to revise the total grant amount to \$256,891.00 and the operation dates for the additional location to January 15, 2016 to March 15, 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.