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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

The Housing Authority requests approval for a refund payment to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) totaling \$9,512. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

From November 24, 2008 to December 2, 2008, the Housing Authority received three wire transfers from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) totaling \$9,512. After contacting HUD several times regarding the purpose of the wire transfers, HUD determined that they were sent in error. These funds should have been sent to the Housing Authority in Long Beach, Mississippi (intended for the Hurricane IKE disaster), instead of the Housing Authority in Long Beach, California. On January 13, 2009, email notification and instructions were received from HUD requesting the remittance of the subject monies. The Housing Authority agrees that the wire transfers were received in error and is requesting approval to refund the amount of \$9,512 to HUD.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on January 22, 2009 and Budget Division Officer Victoria Bell on January 23, 2009.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on February 10, 2009 to allow the Housing Authority to expedite the refund check to HUD.

FISCAL IMPACT

These funds were accounted for, as surpluses which are not part of City resources, hence, were not utilized in operations. Subject monies are being held in the Housing Authority (SR 151) in the Department of Community Development (CD) to reimburse HUD.

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTON:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED:

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