

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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December 9, 2014

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents for the City of Long Beach to accept funding from the Los Angeles Emergency Food and Shelter Program, in the amount of \$15,000, for the period March 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, including any subsequent amendments that change the terms or increase grant amounts. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program was created in 1983 to supplement the work of local social service organizations within the United States, both private and governmental, to help people in need of emergency assistance. This collaborative effort between the private and public sectors has disbursed over \$4.0 billion in federal funds during its 32-year history. The Emergency Food and Shelter Program has community Boards that allocate federal funds to supplement the work of local agencies providing food, shelter, rental assistance, and utility assistance.

The Los Angeles Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Local Board has provided grant funding to the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services since 2004. Award notification to the City of Long Beach for the Phase 32 emergency motel vouchers was on October 30, 2014 in the amount of \$15,000. These motel vouchers will augment resources for homeless persons served at the Long Beach Multi-Service Center and assist in housing families until emergency, transitional or permanent shelter beds are available.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Vu on November 10, 2014 and Budget Operations Officer Grace Yoon on November 13, 2014.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on December 9, 2014 to begin accepting reimbursements for program activities.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Funding will supplement programs currently offered at the Multi-Service Center in the amount of \$15,000 for the period March 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Funding will be made available through the EFSP and is budgeted in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Health and Human Services Department (HE). No match or in-kind service mandate is required, and there is no local job impact associated with this action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

KELLY COLOPY

DIRECTOR

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

APPROVED:

PATRICK H. WEST CITY MANAGER