



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 21, 2009
TO: Board of Directors
The Long Beach Housing Development Company
FROM: Ellie Tolentino, Vice President
PREPARED BY: LaVerne Duncan, Housing Communications Officer
SUBJECT: Transfer of Grant Funds to the Andy Street
Community Association

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the transfer of grants funds received on behalf of Andy Street to the Andy Street Community Association.

BACKGROUND

In early 2008, the McDonald's Corporation expressed an interest in supporting youth programming in the Andy Street community through its Community Grants Board. To apply for a grant, the applicant must be a nonprofit corporation. The Andy Street Multifamily Improvement District (AMID) is not a nonprofit organization and requested that the LBHDC apply for the grant on its behalf. In June 2008, the LBHDC submitted a grant proposal to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern California (RMHCSC) requesting funding to provide educational opportunities to approximately 100 youth from Andy Street. A grant of \$20,000 was awarded in February 2009. With the RMHCSC grant and the assistance of their community partners, the AMID established Phase I of the Youth Technology Training & Development Program, which focuses on acquiring basic knowledge and proficiency in computer technology.

In April 2009, the Andy Street Community Association (ASCA), was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The primary goal of ASCA is to improve the quality of life for the residents of Andy Street by developing educational programs for youth and adult tenants, creating positive youth activities, and improving the cohesiveness of the community through support of special events.

ASCA's Board of Directors is comprised of Andy Street property and business owners. None of the members of the Board of Directors and its duly elected officers receive any form of compensation from ASCA. The association has engaged the firm of Windes & McClaughry as its business advisor to handle their tax and accounting needs. The Board meets monthly.

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This fall, utilizing the grant and a facility donated by Community Grace Brethren Church, and technical training provided by several community educational institutions including California State University Long Beach (CSULB) and Micro-Enterprise Charter Academy (MECA), a California State Charter School, the Youth Technology Training & Development Program will begin conducting expanded computer and computer graphics classes for Andy Street youth and young adults. Some participants will also be involved in an Art Expression program sponsored in part by CSULB art students and supervised by internationally known Art Professor Carlos Silveira. ASCA also receives support from the Boys & Girls Club, American Red Cross, Long Beach Chapter, Community Grace Brethren Church, McDonalds Corporation, Micro-Enterprise Charter Academy, and many more organizations.

Now that Andy Street has an established nonprofit organization, staff requests Board approval to transfer the remaining unspent grant funds of \$7,451 to ASCA for activities benefiting the youth and young adults of Andy Street. ASCA will assume any and all responsibilities that the LBHDC has under the terms of the grant.

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