



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements and any subsequent amendments that change the terms or increase grant amounts with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority for the Single Allocation Program in the amount of \$412,800 for a period of one year; and increase appropriations in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) by \$412,800. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Prior City Council action authorized an agreement with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to administer the Single Allocation Program in the city. The Single Allocation Program provides housing vouchers for eligible families for up to 90 days of housing. Eligibility is subject to enrollment in the Los Angeles County-operated Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) Program. The DHHS operates the Single Allocation Program to families who are case managed through the DHHS's Multi-Service Center (MSC).

Through this program, TANF families are eligible to receive housing vouchers when: 1) an adult on the TANF case is receiving or has exhausted the time limit for TANF cash assistance, and 2) that adult is either employed or enrolled in the TANF Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program.

This project has been operating at the City's Multi-Services Center (MSC) since 2005, and serves eligible families from Long Beach seeking assistance at the MSC. To date, the Single Allocation Program has provided housing to 56 families, with an 80 percent success rate (success being measured by the number of families which enter transitional or permanent housing following Single Allocation Program participation).

LAHSA has awarded a renewal grant of \$412,800 to the DHHS for a period of one year through June 30, 2007. These funds are critical to stabilize the housing crisis for TANF eligible homeless families in Long Beach. The MSC will continue to issue these funds to eligible families to assist in temporary housing placement until permanent housing may be located.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on August 11, 2006 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on August 15, 2006.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 22, 2006 to allow reimbursement for activities funded by this project which commenced on July 1, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding is equal to \$412,800 for a period of one year. These funds do not require a match of City resources and would supplement programs currently operated through the MSC. Funding will be made available through LAHSA and will be expended through the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE). Current appropriations do not exist to expend these grant funds, therefore, an appropriations increase of \$412,800 is included in the recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER