August 23, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the City Manager to approve and adopt the recommendations of the Board of Health and Human Services for allocation of the Social Services Grant and Emergency Shelter Grant Programs, as outlined in Attachments A and B.

2. Execute all necessary documents with community agencies for provision of social services and emergency shelter and services for the period from October 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006 for the Social Services Grant Program and October 1, 2005 to August 1, 2007 for the Emergency Shelter Grant Program with an option to renew the Social Services Grant Program from October 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007 and the Emergency Shelter Grant Program from October 1, 2006 to August 31, 2008. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Social Service Grant Program (SSG) was established in 1986 by the Long Beach City Council to encourage the development of innovative programs to address unmet and emerging social service needs of low-income Long Beach residents. The purpose of the Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESGP) is to improve the quality and number of emergency homeless shelters by funding emergency shelter and homeless prevention projects.

On February 16, 2005 and June 15, 2005 the Board of Health and Human Services (BOH), in conjunction with the Homeless Services Advisory Committee, Community Development Advisory Commission and the Housing Development Corporation, held a public hearing to determine the social service needs within the City of Long Beach. Additionally, the Multi-Service Center for the Homeless issued a client survey to 1,200 clients to determine the needs of homeless individuals and families in Long Beach. Through this process, priority-funding categories for the SSGP and the ESGP were established and announced in a Request for Proposals (RFP) process seeking service providers.

The RFP was released on March 29, 2005 at a workshop for all interested applicants. Thirty-eight applications were received by the April 22, 2005 deadline announced in the RFP (32 SSGP and 6 ESGP). Total funds requested were $771,981 for SSGP and $594,832 for ESGP.

Thirteen BOH members and two Homeless Services Advisory Committee members participated in the review process. On June 20, 2005, this Ad Hoc SSGP Committee met

for the purpose of reviewing applications received in response to the RFP for the SSGP and ESGP. On August 12, 2005, the BOH held a special meeting and approved the recommendations.

There were no Appeals received for either the SSGP or ESGP.

Attached is a listing of 29 agencies recommended for SSGP funding in the total amount of $450,000 (Attachment A). Also attached is a listing of four agencies recommended for ESGP for a total of $384,839 (Attachment B). The funding is allocated for two years, with the second year of funding pending approval by the BOH and City Council based on the agency performance and availability of funds.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on August 15, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on August 12, 2005

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on August 23, 2005, to enable the Department of Health and Human Services to begin contract negotiations and processing for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2005.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds totaling $834,839 are budgeted in the Future Capital Projects Subfund (CP 201.003) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE), and are supported by the General Fund ($200,000), the Community Development Block Grant ($250,000), and Emergency Shelter Grant ($384,839) monies.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

   Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Kashiwabara
Chair
Board of Health and Human Services

By:

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Attachments