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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority for Emergency Shelter Services and Hotel/Motel Vouchers under the Single Allocation Program for funding, in an amount not to exceed \$91,219 for a period of one year, and increase appropriations in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) and the Health Fund (SR 130) by \$91,219. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has partnered with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to provide emergency shelter services and hotel/motel vouchers under the Single Allocation Program. The DPSS has \$750,000 for eligible homeless families in Los Angeles County who are receiving Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) benefits. The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for this project and approves funding allocations, which LAHSA is responsible to implement.

This project is a collaboration between LAHSA and DPSS to ensure that available resources are reaching the populations most in need. Through this program, CalWORKs families are eligible to receive emergency shelter services and hotel/motel vouchers if an adult on CalWORKs is receiving or has exhausted the time limit for CalWORKs cash assistance, and is either employed or enrolled in the CalWORKs Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program.

These funds are critical to stabilizing the housing crisis for homeless families in Long Beach. The Multi-Service Center (MSC) will issue these funds to homeless families accessing services to assist in temporary housing placement until permanent housing is found. The MSC provides services to an average of 15 homeless families per day and will utilize this resource to enhance progress with goals towards self-sufficiency.

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This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin on June 23, 2005 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on July 6, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on July 19, 2005 to ensure activities funded by this project, commencing on July 1, 2005, will be fully funded.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding from the County of Los Angeles is \$91,219 for a period of one year. These funds do not require a match of City resources and will supplement currently operating programs located at the Multi-Service Center. An appropriation increase is included in the recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:

for 
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CITY MANAGER