



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary agreements, all sub-grant agreements and any subsequent amendments thereto that change the terms or extend the time period for the 2009 - 2011 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program allocation of \$363,221 to fund five projects (4 agencies) for the period of October 1, 2009 to August 31, 2011, with an option to renew the ESG program for an additional grant period ending on August 31, 2012. (Citywide)

The purpose of the ESG program is to improve the quality and number of emergency homeless shelters for homeless individuals and families, to operate these facilities, to provide essential social services, and to help prevent homelessness. As the first step in a continuum of assistance, ESG is designed to enable the homeless population to move steadily toward independent living. ESG funding priorities include: 1) Emergency Shelters that service the general homeless population and do not require participants to fit into special sub-populations such as: domestic violence, mental illness, substance/drug abuse, veterans, persons with HIV/AIDS and 2) Funding for Homeless Prevention in the form of financial and/or legal assistance for eviction prevention.

As the lead entity for the local homeless Continuum of Care, the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) released a Request for Qualifications on June 1, 2009 for the 2009 - 2011 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program. Eight ESG proposals were received for a total of \$652,626 in requests; however, only \$363,221 is available in the ESG grant for allocation to agencies.

The proposal review process was conducted by the Ad Hoc Proposal Review Committee that comprised three Homeless Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) members.

The total funding for the four agencies recommended for ESG program monies is \$363,221. The funding is allocated for two years, October 1, 2009 - August 31, 2011, with an option to renew for a second grant period, ending on August 31, 2012. Renewal is based upon the agency's performance and the availability of funds. A total of \$19,116 (or 5 percent of the allocation) is administrative support funds that will be used by Health Department staff to support the ESG program for a total allocation of \$382,337. (Attached is a listing)

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on August 31, 2009 and by Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on August 25, 2009.

City Council action is requested on September 22, 2009 to begin contracting for ESG 2009-2011 which begins on October 1, 2009.

The total allocation of \$382,337 is included in the FY 10 Proposed Budget in the Health Fund (SR 130) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HE) and is supported by the Emergency Shelter Grant monies. These funds do not require any City resources and would supplement programs currently operated within the City's Continuum of Care System. There is no impact to the

General Fund.

Approve recommendation.

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