



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 2011 - 2013 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program allocation of \$379,364 to fund five projects (4 agencies) for the period of October 1, 2011 to August 31, 2013, with an option to renew the ESG program for an additional grant period ending on August 31, 2014. (Citywide)

The Emergency Shelter Grant is a formula allocation from the Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the City Consolidated Plan, which is managed by the Development Services Department, Neighborhood Services Bureau. The Homeless Services Division manages this component of the Consolidated Plan, in addition to the Homeless Prevention Rapid Rehousing Stimulus Funds and HOME move-in deposit assistance program as leveraged resources to the Continuum of Care system.

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 move the homeless population steadily toward independent living. ESG funding priorities include: 1) Emergency Shelters that service the general homeless population and do not require participants to qualify for 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 May 26, 2011 for the 2011 - 2013 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program. Seven ESG proposals were received for a total of \$705,939 in requests; however, only \$360,396 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 two Homeless Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) and two Board of Health (BOH) members.

The total funding for the four agencies recommended for ESG program monies is \$360,396. The funding is allocated for two years, October 1, 2011 - August 31, 2013, with an option to renew for a second grant period, ending on August 31, 2014. Renewal is based upon the agency's performance and the availability of funds. A total of \$18,968 (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 \$379,364. (Attachment)

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on July 28, 2011 and by Budget and

Performance Management Bureau Manager Victoria Bell on August 4, 2011.

City Council action is requested on September 6, 2011 to begin contracting for ESG 2011-2013, which begins on October 1, 2011.

The funding is included in the FY 12 Proposed Budget in the General Fund (GP) 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 City match and no net impact to jobs associated with the recommended action.

Approve recommendation.

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APPROVED:

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