

HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to identifying stable and permanent funding sources for the City's Domestic Violence Shelter Operations (DVSO) Program.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA) report to the Housing Committee dated December 28, 2015 relative to identifying stable and permanent funding sources for the City's DVSO Program.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Housing Committee dated December 28, 2015, the HCIDLA discusses finding a more stable or permanent funding source for domestic violence shelters. The Department administers DVSO. Funded by Community Development Block Grants and the General Fund, the program provides 473 shelter beds and supportive services for up to 1,500 victims of domestic violence.

According to HCIDLA, the current funding level represents about 11% of the total cost of the emergency and transitional beds and services provided, so the program is already highly leveraged with other government and private sources of funds. The program already taps into a large variety of other funds, with few other options available that can be counted on year after year.

HCIDLA suggests that DVSO be considered an integral part of the City's homeless strategy. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development considers persons fleeing domestic violence and in shelter to be homeless. In the 2015 Homeless Count conducted by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), 8,801 people identified themselves as having a domestic violence experience, up from 3,159 in the 2013 Homeless Count, establishing a clear connection between domestic violence and homelessness. DVSO program service providers work with LAHSA's Homeless Families Solutions program and other entities to identify housing options.

At its special meeting held February 3, 2016, the Housing Committee recommended that Council note and file the HCIDLA report.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING COMMITTEE

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
CEDILLO:	YES
FUENTES:	YES
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
PRICE:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
JAW	

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