

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your **HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Committee

reports as follows:

HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authorization to execute documents for the granting and acceptance of \$1,764,975 of additional Emergency Solutions Grant funds allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and related actions.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

- 1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), or designee, to:
 - a. Execute the Application for Federal Assistance SF 424, required Certifications, and any amendments thereto, the grant agreement, and any other required documents between the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the City of Los Angeles for the receipt and disbursement of an Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) in the amount of \$1,764,975 upon notification of grant award from HUD.
 - b. Amend Program Year 2012-2013 ESG Contract (No. C-120935) with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) in substantial conformance with Attachment A of the LAHD's August 21, 2012 transmittal (contained in Council File [C.F.] 12-1385) by adding \$1,454,159 for Homeless Prevention/Rapid Re-housing services for a new total amount of \$2,992,034 in accordance with the provisions of HUD, subject to review the of the City Attorney as to form, compliance with the City's contracting requirements, and funding availability.
 - c. Amend Program Year 2012-2013 ESG contract (No. C-120936) with LAHSA in substantial conformance with Attachment B of LAHD's August 21, 2012 transmittal (C.F. 12-1385) by adding \$226,490 for administrative services and the Homeless Management Information System for a new total amount of \$778,728 in accordance with the provisions of HUD, subject to the review of the City Attorney as to form, compliance with the City's contracting requirements, and funding availability.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Appropriate additional funds within the ESG Fund No. 517, Department 43 as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
43J300	LAHSA	\$1,680,649
43J143	Housing	\$58,842
43J299	Related Costs	<u>\$25,484</u>
		Total: \$1,764,975

- b. Decrease appropriation from the ESG Fund No. 517, Department 43, to reflect the actual amount of the first ESG allocation as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
43H300	LAHSA	-\$24,970

- c. Expend funds not to exceed \$1,764,975 from the above fund and accounts upon proper written demand of the General Manager, LAHD, or designee.
 - d. Increase appropriations in General Fund 100/43 Budget in Fiscal Year 2012-2013, Account 1010 entitled Salaries-Genera! in the amount of \$58,842 and expend funds in Account 1010 upon proper written demand of the General Manager, LAHD, or designee.
3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LAHD or designee to prepare Controller instructions and any necessary technical adjustments consistent with the Mayor and City Council actions, subject to approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.
 4. INSTRUCT the CAO to address the LAHD request to reauthorize two exempt grant-funded resolution positions before this report is considered by Council.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that there is no impact to the General Fund. The recommendations in this report authorize the Los Angeles Housing Department to accept and disburse the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) in the amount of \$1,764,975 issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The ESG will help reduce lengths of stay in emergency shelter and transitional housing and increase housing retention through rapid re-housing. These recommendations are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies because the continuation of services is contingent on continued grant funding.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on October 17, 2012, the Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee considered an LAHD report dated August 21, 2012 and a CAO report dated October 17, 2012 relative to: authorization to execute documents necessary for the granting and acceptance of \$1,764,975 of additional ESG funds allocated by HUD, pursuant to the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009; authorization of two grant funded position; and related actions.

A representative of the CAO addressed the Committee and provided an overview of this matter and responded to related questions. The CAO's representative reported that the LAHD is requesting authority to appropriate \$1,764,975 of ESG funding from HUD and amend contracts with LAHSA. Additionally, the LAHD is requesting authority to reauthorize two exempt positions which were previously funded by an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant. The additional ESG grant funds will be used to help individuals to regain stability in permanent housing through outreach and emergency shelter operations.

The CAO recommends Council approve the acceptance of the \$1,764,975 in additional ESG funds and advised the Committee that the CAO intends to address the staffing request in a

separate report to the Council in order to clearly explain the how the positions will be used and how they will be funded. The CAO's representative stated that the CAO addendum report relative to the staffing request will be released in time to be heard in Council along with its current report dated October 17, 2012, when this matter is considered by the Council. The Committee requested that the CAO's addendum report detail how much of the funding will go toward staffing and how much to the operation and management of the program.

In response to a questions from the Committee Chair regarding how many of the six ESG programs in Los Angeles County are located within the boundaries of the City of Los Angeles, representatives of the LAHD and LAHSA reported that LAHSA conducted a Request for Proposals to solicit providers for the six program areas and three of the six programs will be physically located within the City of Los Angeles, however, they are county-wide programs that will serve residents of the City and the County. Additionally, the LAHD noted that the funding will be used jointly by the City and LAHSA and that it has been working with Los Angeles County and LAHSA to develop programs to ensure the funds are best used.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended approval of the recommendations in the CAO report. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
CÁRDENAS:	YES
REYES:	YES
WESSON:	ABSENT
ALARCÓN:	ABSENT
PERRY:	YES

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