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Honorable Board of Commissioners
Community Development Commission of the
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Commissioners:

APPROVE AMENDMENT NO.1 TO GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE SALVATION ARMY FOR ITS CHESTER STREET PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT (District 5) (3 Vote)

SUBJECT

This letter requests that your Board approve an amendment to the Grant Agreement with The Salvation Army to allow the funds allocated to the Chester Street Permanent Supportive Housing Project (Project) to be used for acquisition costs for the Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that Amendment No. 1 to the Grant Agreement with the Salvation Army is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the proposed activity is not defined as a project under CEQA and will not have the potential for causing a significant impact on the environment.

2. Authorize the Acting Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Grant Agreement with The Salvation Army for its Chester Street Permanent Supportive Housing Project to allow the allocated funds to be used for acquisition costs.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

The purpose of the recommended actions is to amend the Grant Agreement with The Salvation Army to allow funds allocated for the Chester Street Permanent Supportive Housing Project, located at 615 Chester Street in the City of Glendale, to be used for acquisition costs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no impact on the County general fund.

On September 16, 2008, your Board approved a grant of funds from the Commission to The Salvation Army in a total amount of up to $250,000, consisting of $227,000 in Fifth District Emergency Shelter Funds and $23,000 in Fifth District Homeless Service Center Funds from Fiscal Year 2006-2007, for construction costs associated with the Project. The proposed action would expand the allowable use of the allocated funds to also include acquisition costs. No additional funds are being requested.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

Expanding the use of the funds to include costs related to acquisition of the Project site will allow The Salvation Army to be reimbursed for those costs and better leverage other state funding.

A complete description of the Chester Street Permanent Supportive Housing Project is provided as Attachment A.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

This action is not subject to the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(3) and 15378 because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

As a responsible agency, the Commission reviewed the CEQA determination letter prepared by the City of Glendale and determined that the Chester Street Project will not have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15303(b). The Commission's consideration and approval of the determination on September 16, 2008 satisfies CEQA requirements.

IMPACT ON CURRENT PROJECTS:

Approval of these actions will allow for an increase in permanent supportive housing for homeless families in the County.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM K. HUANG
Acting Executive Director

Attachments: 1

ATTACHMENT A
THE SALVATION ARMY
CHESTER STREET PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT

The Salvation Army is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit agency with its local corporate office located Los Angeles. The Salvation Army has provided shelter and services to homeless individuals and families in Los Angeles County for many decades.

The Chester Street Project for homeless families will be located at 615 Chester Street in the City of Glendale and will provide four two-bedroom, two-bath units (for a total of 12 beds) with comprehensive services designed to stabilize families and prevent relapse into homelessness. Once construction is complete, the Chester Street Project will consist of a one-story building containing two apartments with parking underneath, and another two-story building with one apartment on each floor. The Chester Street Project will provide each resident family with a private, independent dwelling with a master bedroom for the parent(s) and separate bedroom for children, two bathrooms, kitchen, living room, and dining room, all in the context of a small supportive community. The site will be safe and secure, with a fence surrounding three sides of the property. The Chester Street Project will also include a fenced play area, coin-operated laundry facilities, and sufficient garage parking for those families that are able to purchase automobiles. The Chester Street Project will be located adjacent to an existing Salvation Army transitional housing facility for homeless families. The goal of the project is to reduce the number of homeless families living on the streets of Glendale.