

Community Development Commission

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To: Each Supervisor

From: Sean Rogan, Executive Director



SUBJECT: SHELTER PLUS CARE AWARD FROM HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

We are pleased to inform you that the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) \$2,815,200 in new Shelter Plus Care funds to administer a permanent housing assistance project that will assist 40 homeless individuals and families with disabilities. Under the 2010 Continuum of Care (CoC) competition, HACoLA partnered with Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC) to administer a Shelter Plus Care permanent housing assistance project for 40 Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) certificates for chronically homeless individuals and families who are disabled. OPCC is a community-supported organization that has provided a network of shelters and services to homeless youth, families and battered women for over forty (40) years. Based on a "no wrong door to service" approach, OPCC will refer eligible homeless individuals and families from its outreach programs and emergency shelters to this project.

Each year, HUD issues a Notice of Funding Award (NOFA) through its CoC Homeless Assistance Program. This competitive program which was authorized under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act provides funding for transitional and permanent housing and supportive services. This program helps to address the needs of the homeless population and to reduce and end homelessness in local communities. For over sixteen (16) years, HACoLA has continued to annually receive new and renewal Shelter Plus Care funding under the CoC Homeless Assistance program.

With the addition of this new project, HACoLA has received over \$12 million dollars in new and renewal funding under the 2010 CoC competition. If you have any questions concerning this new award, please call Lois Starr, Director of the Housing Development and Preservation Division, at (323) 890-7230.

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