



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION/
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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Community Development Commission
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Dear Supervisors/Commissioners:

**APPROVE ACCEPTANCE AND ALLOCATION OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY
SOLUTIONS GRANT FUNDS
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTE)**

SUBJECT

This letter requests that your Board adopt a resolution to receive an amount not to exceed \$3,362,514 in State of California Emergency Solutions Grant (State ESG funds) from the Department of Housing and Community Development (State of California). These funds will be accepted by the Community Development Commission (Commission) as the agent of the County, and then allocated to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the Commission to serve as the agent of Los Angeles County (County) to enter into an agreement with the State of California to receive an amount not to exceed \$3,362,514 in State ESG funds for programs that assist persons who are homeless; and authorize the Commission to incorporate these funds into the Commission's Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 budget and to include the final distribution of State ESG funds to LAHSA.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD, ACTING AS THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

26 July 17, 2018

CELIA ZAVALA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

1. Authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, to enter into an agreement with the State of California to receive an amount not to exceed \$3,362,514 in State ESG funds for programs that assist persons who are homeless; and authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, to incorporate these funds into the Commission's FY 2018-2019 budget, and to include the final distribution of State ESG funds to LAHSA.
2. Adopt and instruct the Chair to sign the attached Authorizing Resolution (Resolution) to accept an amount not to exceed \$3,362,514 in State ESG funds, which will be used to provide services to persons who are homeless of the County.
3. Find that this authorization to receive and administer State ESG is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to approve the acceptance and incorporation of funds not to exceed \$3,362,514 from the State of California, and to allocate these funds to LAHSA, which provides to persons who are homeless services such as street outreach, emergency shelter, and rapid re-housing, through contracts with non-profit and government agencies that have been selected through a Request for Proposal process. A portion of the funds also support program administration.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The State of California will execute an agreement for up to \$3,362,514 with the Commission, which will then transfer the funds to LAHSA.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The County receives annual ESG allocations from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (24 CFR 576.1 (b)), as amended by The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009. These funds are then allocated to LAHSA.

On June 8, 2018, the State of California released its 2018 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), which included initial estimates of available State ESG funding of \$1,120,838 to the County. These funds will also be passed through to LAHSA. As part of the NOFA instructions, the State of California recommended that the County include in the Resolution a not-to-exceed amount of at least twice the initial estimate. A new Resolution would be required if the final amount exceeded the approved amount. The amount in the proposed Resolution is three times the initial estimate, or \$3,362,514.

As part of the application, the County is required to submit the attached Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Commission. The Resolution certifies that the Commission will use the State ESG funds consistent with all applicable state, federal, and other rules and laws; authorizes the Commission to receive the State ESG funds; to use State ESG funds for eligible activities and program requirements; and authorizes the Executive Director, or her designee, to sign the State of California's standard agreement as well as any other related documents.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The acceptance of State ESG funds is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58, Section 58.34(a)(3), because it is an administrative action and does not involve activities that will alter existing environmental conditions. 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.

Each State ESG program will be reviewed for environmental impact on a project-by-project basis before funding is released.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The requested actions provide additional funds for street outreach, emergency shelter, and rapid re-housing programs for persons who are homeless.

Respectfully submitted,



MONIQUE KING-VIEHLAND

Executive Director

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Enclosures



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AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles

A necessary quorum and majority of the Board of Commissioners of the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (the “Applicant”) hereby consent to, adopt and ratify the following resolutions:

- A. WHEREAS the State of California (the “State”), Department of Housing and Community Development (“Department”) issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Continuum of Care Allocation dated June 8, 2018, under the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program (“Program”); and
- B. WHEREAS the Applicant is an approved ESG Administrative Entity; and
- C. WHEREAS the Department may approve funding allocations for the ESG Program, subject to the terms and conditions of the NOFA, Program guidelines and requirements, and the Standard Agreement and other contracts between Department and ESG grant recipients;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. If the Applicant receives a grant of funds from Department, it represents and certifies that it will use all such funds in a manner consistent and in compliance with all applicable state, federal, and other statutes, rules, regulations, guidelines and laws (“rules and laws”), including without limitation all rules and laws regarding the ESG Program, as well as any and all contracts the Applicant may have with the Department.
- 2. The Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to receive an ESG grant, in an amount not to exceed \$3,362,514 in accordance with all rules and laws.
- 3. The Applicant hereby agrees to use the ESG funds for eligible activities as approved by the Department and in accordance with all Program requirements, and other rules and laws, as well as in a manner consistent and in compliance with the Standard Agreement and other contracts between the Applicant and Department.

4. The Executive Director, or designees in the event that sufficient evidence is provided to the Department, are authorized to execute the Standard Agreement and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto, as well as any other documents which are related to the Program or the ESG grant awarded to the Applicant, as the Department may deem appropriate.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles this ____ day of _____, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: _____ ABSTENTIONS: _____

NOES: _____ ABSENT: _____

By: _____
Chair of the Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

CELIA ZAVALA,
Acting Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Commissioners

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY C. WICKHAM,
County Counsel

By: _____
Deputy