



July 16, 2019

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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Los Angeles County Development  
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Dear Supervisors/Commissioners:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

22 July 16, 2019

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CELIA ZAVALA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**APPROVE ACCEPTANCE AND ALLOCATION OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT FUNDS FOR 2019 AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTE)**

**SUBJECT**

This letter requests that your Board adopt a resolution to receive an amount not to exceed \$3,362,589 in State of California Emergency Solutions Grant (State ESG funds) from the Department of Housing and Community Development (State of California) for Fiscal Year 2019-20. Of the total amount, \$3,324,793 will be allocated to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) for data collection and evaluation and \$37,796 will be retained by the LACDA for administration.

This letter also requests that your Board adopt Resolutions that were adopted previously for State ESG funds for Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19 from the State of California for administrative purposes to reflect the rebranding of the Los Angeles Community Development Commission (Commission) to the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA).

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Authorize the LACDA to serve as the agent of the County of Los Angeles (County) to enter into an

agreement with the State of California (State) to receive an amount not to exceed \$3,362,589 in 2019 State ESG funds for programs that assist persons who are homeless; and authorize the LACDA to incorporate these funds into the LACDA's Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 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 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. Find that this authorization to receive and administer State ESG funds 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.
2. Accept delegation of the LACDA to act on behalf of the County for the State ESG funds.
3. Adopt and instruct the Chair to sign the attached Authorizing Resolution to accept an amount not to exceed \$3,362,589 in State ESG funds for FY 2019-20, which will be used to provide services to persons who are homeless in the County.
4. Delegate authority to the Executive Director, or her designee, to enter into an agreement with the State of California to receive an amount not to exceed \$3,362,589 in State ESG funds for FY 2019-20 for programs that assist persons who are homeless; and authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, and to incorporate these funds into the LACDA's FY 2019-2020 budget.
5. Authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, to enter into an agreement with LAHSA in an amount not to exceed \$3,362,589 in State ESG funds for FY 2019-20, following approval by County Counsel, through June 30, 2021.
6. Authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, to enter into an agreement with LAHSA in an amount not to exceed \$3,362,514 in previously approved State ESG funds for FY 2018-19, following approval by County Counsel, through June 30, 2020.
7. Adopt and instruct the Chair to sign the attached State ESG Authorizing Resolutions for Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19 for administrative purposes to reflect the rebranding of the LACDA.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On May 3, 2019, the State of California released its amended 2019 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), which included initial estimates of available State ESG funding of \$1,120,863 to the County. As part of the NOFA instructions, the State of California recommended that the County include in the Resolution a not-to-exceed amount that exceeds the initial estimate. The State recommends this approach because the final amount may vary from the estimate due to last minute reallocation of State ESG funds that may occur when other jurisdictions decline to participate. If the amount in the Resolution is less than the final amount, a new resolution would be required. The amount in the proposed Authorizing Resolution is three times the initial estimate, or \$3,362,589.

As part of the application, the County is required to submit the attached Resolution (Attachment A) adopted by the Board. The Resolution certifies that the LACDA will use the State ESG funds for FY 2019-20 is consistent with all applicable state, federal, and other rules and laws, authorizes the LACDA to receive the State ESG funds, to use State ESG funds for eligible activities and program requirements, and authorizes the Executive Director to sign the State of California's standard

agreement as well as any other related documents.

The proposed action will also authorize the Executive Director to sign agreements with LAHSA allocating the 2018 and 2019 State ESG funds for FY 2018-19 and 2019-20. LAHSA will distribute these funds and provide services to persons who are homeless. Services will include 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 will also support program administration.

The State has also requested the LACDA to readopt the Authorizing Resolutions for FY 2017-18 (Attachment B) and 2018-19 (Attachment C) to reflect the LACDA rebranding, in order to continue receiving \$2,295,174 in FY 2017-19 State ESG Funds and \$1,120,838 in FY 2018-19 State ESG Funds.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The State will execute an agreement for up to \$3,362,589 for FY 2019-20 with the LACDA. LACDA will then reimburse up to \$3,324,793 to LAHSA and retain \$37,796 for project administration. The State has awarded \$1,120,838 in FY 2018-19 State ESG funds to the LACDA, but has not yet executed a grant agreement. Of this amount, \$1,108,249 will be allocated to LAHSA and \$12,589 is to be retained by the LACDA for administration.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Effective May 16, 2019, the Commission's name changed to the LACDA. On June 4, 2019, the State informed the LACDA that it will not be able to process funding requests under the executed FY 2017-18 agreement, and will not be able to execute the FY 2018-19 agreement, unless the State receives new adopted Authorizing Resolutions for each year under the new agency name. Therefore, the action taken today by the Board is for State administrative purposes to reflect the LACDA's rebranding, and will not change any actions in the original adopted resolutions.

### **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.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monique King-Viehland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Monique" being the most prominent.

MONIQUE KING-VIEHLAND

Executive Director

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Enclosures