

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL

August 9, 2022

Approve Acceptance and Allocation of State of California Emergency Solutions Grant Funds

The State of California (State) receives annual Emergency Solutions Grant (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 Act of 2009. These funds are then allocated to counties through their State Administrative Entities (SAE). The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) is the SAE for Los Angeles County (County).

On June 13, 2022, the State released its 2022 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), which included initial estimates of available State ESG funding of \$ 1,192,566 to LACDA. These funds will also be passed through to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. As part of the NOFA instructions, the State recommended that LACDA 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 \$3,577,698.

As part of the application, LACDA, as the County SAE, is required to submit the

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

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. Adopt and instruct the Chair to sign an Authorizing Resolution to accept an amount not to exceed \$3,577,698 in State of California (State) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds, which will be used to provide services to persons who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, in the County of Los Angeles.
2. Authorize the Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the State to receive an amount not to exceed \$3,577,698 in State ESG funds for programs that assist persons who are homeless; and authorize the Executive Director of LACDA, or his designee, to incorporate these funds into LACDA's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget, as needed, and to include the final distribution of State ESG funds to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).
3. Authorize the Executive Director of LACDA, or his designee, to enter into an agreement, and execute any necessary amendments, with LAHSA to fund programs with State ESG funds that assist persons who are homeless.
4. Find that this authorization to receive and administer State ESG funds is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is excluded from the definition of a project by section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE 2022-2023 FUNDING YEAR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM, CONTINUUM OF CARE ALLOCATION NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY.

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

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 13, 2022, under the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program (Program); and

B. WHEREAS Applicant is an approved state ESG Administrative Entity.

SECTION 1:

Applicant is an approved Applicant by their Continuum of Care under the Continuum of Care Allocation and is hereby authorized and directed to receive an ESG grant, in an amount not to exceed \$3,577,698 in accordance with all applicable rules and laws.

SECTION 2:

The Department may approve funding allocations for the ESG Program, subject to the

terms and conditions of the NOFA, Program regulations, and the Standard Agreement. The Applicant acknowledges compliance with all state and federal public participation requirements in the development of its applications.

SECTION 3:

If applicant receives a grant of ESG funds from the Department pursuant to the above referenced ESG NOFA, it represents and certifies that it will use all such funds in a manner consistent and in compliance with all applicable state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, and laws, including without limitation all rules and laws regarding the ESG Program, as well as any and all other contracts Applicant may have with the Department.

SECTION 4:

The Applicant hereby authorizes and directs the Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), or designee, to execute and deliver all applications and act on the Applicant's behalf in all matters pertaining to all such applications.

SECTION 5:

If an application is approved, the Executive Director of LACDA, or designee, are authorized to enter into, execute and deliver the grant agreement (*i.e.*, Standard Agreement) and any and all subsequent amendments thereto with the State of California for the purposes of the grant.

SECTION 6:

If an application is approved, the Executive Director of LACDA, or designee, is authorized to sign and submit Funds Requests and all required reporting forms and other documentation as may be required by the State from time to time in connection with the grant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Los Angeles County Development Authority this 9th day of August, 2022, by the following vote:

Supervisors Solis, Kuehl, Barger and Mitchell

AYES: [4]

NOES: [0]

Supervisor Hahn

ABSENT: [1]

ABSTAIN: [0]



Holly J. Mitchell

HOLLY J. MITCHELL
Chair of the Board of Commissioners

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
County of Los Angeles

I, Celia Zavala, County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Governing Body on this 9th day of August, 2022.

Celia Zavala, County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, State of California

By: Celia Zavala Executive Officer
Name Title

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DAWYN R. HARRISON
Acting County Counsel

ATTEST: CELIA ZAVALA
Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

By: *Behnaz Tashakorlian*
Deputy

By: *LaChelle Smithman*, Deputy