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Honorable Board of Commissioners
Community Development Commission
of the County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Commissioners:

APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR SERVICE AND OPERATION COSTS FOR 1736 FAMILY CRISIS CENTER "LONG BEACH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER" IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH (4)
(3 Vote)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the approval of funding for services and operations for 1736 Family Crisis Center is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because the proposed activities will not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

2. Authorize the Executive Director of the Community Development Commission (Commission) to transfer to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) up to $301,990 in County General Funds (CGF) funds allocated to the Fourth Supervisorial District, following receipt of said funds from the Chief Executive Office (CEO), which will then be granted to 1736 Family Crisis Center for service and operation costs for the Long Beach Domestic Violence Center, to be administered pursuant to an Interagency Agreement between the Commission and LAHSA.

3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute all required documents necessary to incorporate up to $301,990 in CGF allocated to the Fourth Supervisorial District into the Commission's budget, upon transfer of said funds from the CEO.

4. Authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to the Grant Agreement with LAHSA, to add a total amount of up to $301,990 in CGF allocated to the Fourth Supervisorial District, to be effective following receipt of said funds from the CEO, approval as to form by County Counsel, and execution by all parties.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

The purpose of the recommended actions is to transfer to LAHSA $301,990 in CGF allocated to the Fourth Supervisorial District, which will then be granted to 1736 Family Crisis Center to provide emergency and transitional services for homeless clients and their children at the Long Beach Domestic Violence Center, located in the City of Long Beach (confidential address).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The actions described herein will be funded with a portion of the $20,000,000 in CGF approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 20, 2005 to fund the construction and/or renovation of year-round emergency shelters and enhancements to the homeless support system.

On November 22, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved allocating $3,600,000 in CGF to each Supervisorial District, with a ten percent administrative fee in the total amount of $2,000,000 reserved for the Commission.

The proposed transfer of funds from the Commission to LAHSA will allocate $301,990 for homeless service and operation costs to provide emergency and transitional services for homeless clients and their children at the Long Beach Domestic Violence Center, located in the City of Long Beach (confidential address).

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

On June 20, 2005, in order to address the large numbers of homeless individuals and families and the corresponding critical shortage of beds in Los Angeles County, the Board of Supervisors approved an allocation of $20,000,000 for the construction and/or renovation of year-round emergency shelters and enhancements to the homeless support system.

On November 22, 2005, the Board of Supervisors directed the Commission to administer the funding and oversee all of the projects. The Board also instituted a method by which each Board Office selects recipients of CGF based on agency experience and the need for homeless services in the community, among other considerations.

The proposed transfer of funds from the Commission to LAHSA totals $301,990 in CGF allocated to the Fourth Supervisorial District. LAHSA will administer and execute a contract with 1736 Family Crisis Center, which will provide operations support and case management services, independent living skills, social and recreational activities, mental health services, and economic empowerment through employment and education. Emergency and transitional services will be conducted from Long Beach Domestic Violence Center. The provision of CGF funds will expand the Center's capacity to serve homeless women and children and provide 10 additional shelter beds within the existing facility.

A complete description of the 1736 Family Crisis Center Long Beach Domestic Violence Center is provided as Attachment A.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

The proposed activities are exempt from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58, Section 58.34 (a)(3), because they involve administrative activities that will not have a physical impact or result in any physical changes to the environment. The activities are also not subject to the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(3) and 15378, because they are not defined as a project under CEQA and do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT PROJECTS:

Approval of these actions will allow for an increase in beds and services available for clients and their children in fleeing domestic violence.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbette A. Glover
for CARLOS JACKSON
Executive Director

Attachments: 1

ATTACHMENT A
1736 FAMILY CRISIS CENTER
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER

1736 Family Crisis Center is a non-profit corporation formed in 1972. The agency has extensive experience in providing services to distressed children, teens, and adults through a continuum of assistance offered at five shelters and four community service centers throughout Los Angeles.

Through the Long Beach Domestic Violence Center, 1736 Family Crisis Center has worked to protect and empower distressed individuals and families, battered women and their children. The Long Beach Domestic Violence Center provides an array of services including comprehensive case management, job development, housing establishment assistance, legal help, life skills training, parenting education, and referrals.

The Long Beach Domestic Violence Shelter program offers a very innovative service model that provides both emergency and transitional services. This model has been extremely helpful for program participants by providing stability and consistency. It has allowed them to remain in the same facility with their children once their emergency stage services are complete. Emergency stage services are up to 90 days, and transitional services are up to two years.

The requested funds will support the provision of services and operations to expand the shelter's capacity. Currently operating at 51 beds, the program has the capacity (with this funding) to operate 61 beds.

The grant of CGF will enable 1736 Family Crisis Center to provide enhanced supportive services for battered women and their children and support operations costs at its Long Beach Domestic Violence program.

Services and Operations Funds	$301,990
Total request	**$301,990**