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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 OPERATING COSTS AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AT JWCH INSTITUTE, INC. IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES (2)
(3 Vote)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the approval of funding for operating costs and supportive services at JWCH Institute, Inc. 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 $622,000 in County General Funds (CGF) funds allocated to the Second Supervisorial District, following receipt of said funds from the Chief Executive Office (CEO), which will then be granted to JWCH Institute, Inc. (JWCH) for operating costs and supportive services to expand their Mobile Medical Unit to continue to serve three homeless shelters in the Second District for a period of two years.

3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute all required documents necessary to incorporate up to $622,000 in CGF allocated to the Second 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 Interagency Agreement with LAHSA to add a total amount of up to $622,000 in CGF allocated to the Second 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 Second District CGF, which will then be granted to JWCH for operating costs and supportive services to enhance the homeless support system in the County.

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 10% administrative fee, in the total amount of $2,000,000, reserved for the Commission.

The proposed transfer of funds from the Commission to LAHSA includes a total of $622,000 in Second District CGF for operating costs and supportive services associated with expanding operations and supportive services for homeless individuals.

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.

In January 2007, your Board authorized funding for JWCH's Medical Mobile Unit to expand operations to provide medical services to three additional homeless shelters in the Second District. JWCH's Medical Mobile Unit is located in the City of Los Angeles.

This request seeks to continue the funding for an additional two years. The Interagency Agreement between the Commission and LAHSA will be amended to allocate up to $622,000 in Second District CGF for operating costs and medical services, for which LAHSA will enter into a grant agreement with JWCH. This allocation will allow the existing Mobile Medical Unit to continue to provide medical services to three homeless shelters in the Second District.

A complete description of JWCH's Mobile Medical Unit is provided as Attachment A.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

The proposed activities are 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 increase available services for homeless individuals and families in the County.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbette A. Glover

for CARLOS JACKSON
Executive Director

Attachments: 1

ATTACHMENT A
JWCH INSTITUTE, INC.
MEDICAL MOBILE UNIT

JWCH Institute, Inc. (JWCH) is a private, nonprofit agency founded 45 years ago by concerned Los Angeles County Department of Health Services staff physicians. JWCH operates a Medical Outreach Team that brings medical services to people living in alleys, parks, freeway underpasses, shelters, and missions. The health services provided include assessments and testing for tuberculosis (TB), HIV, and sexually transmitted diseases, hepatitis screening and vaccination, treatment of minor illnesses, and directed referrals to primary care providers, medical specialty providers and dental clinics. The Medical Outreach Team refers persons found to have positive TB and/or HIV tests to JWCH Medical clinics.

The Medical Outreach Team is supported by its Medical Mobile Unit, a 40-foot vehicle with two exam/counseling rooms, which visits designated shelter locations in the Second Supervisorial District in the evenings Monday through Friday. The mobile unit currently provides services at the Midnight Mission and various SRO Housing Corporation and Skid Row Housing Trust transitional housing programs.

Most of the patients seen at shelters are chronically homeless. Many are dually diagnosed with a mental illness and substance abuse disorder. These patients are assessed through a standard intake process that screens for medical history, medication use, vital signs, family history of illnesses, and social history (alcohol and drug use). Patients with commonly encountered complaints such as rashes, cough, cold, sore throat, sinus, skin infections, and muscle aches/pains are treated through the Medical Mobile Unit when on-site at the shelter. Patients with chronic health issues such as diabetes, asthma, hypertension, cancer, etc. are triaged for follow-up care to the JWCH Weingart Medical Clinic.

The grant of CGF funds will allow the Medical Outreach Team to continue to expand the Medical Mobile Unit's services by scheduling additional stops at New Image Shelter, MJB Recovery, and People Helping People. Services will be provided twice weekly at each of the designated shelters for two years. This will enable the medical mobile unit to provide medical services for 730 additional clients at shelters for homeless persons.

Operations and Services Funds	$622,000
Total request	**$622,000**