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**COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES  
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March 3, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS UNDER PHASE 27 OF THE  
STEWART B. MCKINNEY ACT  
EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM (EFSP)  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The Community and Senior Services (CSS) Department has been awarded Stewart B. McKinney Act funding in the amount of \$27,272 for the Emergency Food Program (Foodnet) pantries operated throughout the County. The federal grant funds are passed through the United Way to CSS and will augment local food commodity donations to the network of eleven CSS operated community and senior centers. The grant covers the period of November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Accept the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Phase 27 of the Stewart B. McKinney Act funds in the amount of \$27,272.
2. Authorize the Director of CSS or designee, to use the EFSP funds to purchase food from the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank and the Food Bank of Southern California in an amount not to exceed the grant funds.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

In August 2008, the Local Board of the Los Angeles EFSP issued a Request for Applications for Phase 27 of the EFSP. CSS submitted an application to the Local Board to supplement the Department's existing Emergency Food Distribution Program. On January 26, 09, the Department was awarded \$27,272 (Attachment A). The recommended action will allow CSS to continue the Emergency Food Distribution Program in all Supervisorial Districts. The funding allocation is based upon federal poverty guidelines and the various predetermined Service Planning Areas (SPAs). The EFSP grant funds are projected to serve approximately 109,088 meals to area residents.

Funding allocations based upon Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidelines are projected to result in the distribution of meals as follows:

**Number of Clients Served by Supervisorial District**

District 1:	45,452
District 2:	36,364
District 3:	9,092
District 4:	9,092
District 5:	9,088

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions support the County's Strategic Goal of Service Excellence.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

This program is fully financed by federal funds. Adequate funding has been included in the Department's FY 2008-09 Adopted Budget and the FY 2009-10 Proposed Budget.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Stewart B. McKinney Act provides grant funding to local food and shelter programs to help those most in need. These funds are administered by FEMA and are governed by the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program. CSS was awarded \$27,272 to purchase food from the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank and the Food Bank of Southern California. Food is obtained at 23-25 cents per pound, although the retail value is approximately sixteen times greater. Distribution and use of the food to be purchased with the EFSP grant funds will be based on identified needs of the various SPAs and federal poverty guidelines. The chart below details the distribution.

Agency Area	Supervisorial Projected Amounts					Total Amounts
	1	2	3	4	5	
<b>SPA 1:</b> <i>Antelope Valley</i>						
<b>SPA 2:</b> <i>San Fernando Valley</i>			\$2,273		\$2,272	\$4,545
<b>SPA 3:</b> <i>San Gabriel Valley</i>	\$4,545					\$4,545
<b>SPA 4:</b> <i>Metro Los Angeles</i>	\$4,545					\$4,545
<b>SPA 5:</b> <i>West</i>						
<b>SPA 6:</b> <i>South Central LA</i>		\$4,545				\$4,545
<b>SPA 7:</b> <i>East Los Angeles</i>	\$2,273	\$2,273				\$4,546
<b>SPA 8:</b> <i>South Bay / Harbor</i>		\$2,273		\$2,273		\$4,546
Total	\$11,363	\$9,091	\$2,273	\$2,273	\$2,272	\$27,272

These funds are restricted federal grant funds. As such, the funds are to be used for acquiring food only.

Foodnet operates food pantries through its network of Community and Senior Centers (Attachment B). The EFSP meals augment other USDA commodities that CSS receives and distributes to the unemployed, low income, homeless, and senior citizens residing within the County.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended actions for the EFSP will enhance current services and ensure continuation of the Department's Emergency Food Distribution Program.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments (2)

c: Raymond G. Fortner, Jr., County Counsel  
 Wendy L. Watanabe, Auditor Controller

Los Angeles

ATTACHMENT A

# Emergency Food and Shelter Program Local Board

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January 26, 2009

\*\*\*Revised\*\*\*

Geraldo Rodriguez  
Los Angeles County Community & Senior Services Center / Foodnet  
3175 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90020

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Dear Geraldo:

I am writing in regards to your application for funding under the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Phase 27 of the Stewart B. McKinney Act. The Local Board received over \$11 million in requests for funding, while the amount of funding available to Los Angeles County was \$7.8 million. The Local Board continues to ensure that the resources are distributed throughout the County to as many service providers as possible.

Your agency has been selected for a Phase 27 award of **\$27,272** in the following categories:

Food <sup>1</sup>	Shelter <sup>1</sup>	Vouchers
\$27,272	\$0	\$0

<sup>1</sup> Out of the EFSP 27 Food/Shelter award amount, you may spend up to \$2,727 on eligible equipment, mileage and supply expenses. All equipment purchases MUST be requested via letter for pre-approval. Please refer to the National Board Phase 27 Manual for a list of eligible program expenses in the Equipment, Mileage and Supply categories.

Your agency should receive your award letter from the National Board and the first half of your Phase 27 funds, either by electronic funds transfer (EFT) or by live check within the next two weeks. If you are a new agency, please complete the EFT form, which was mailed by the National Board along with your check. All second payments will be distributed by electronic funds transfer. If you need another EFT form, please contact our office at (213) 808-6610 to receive an EFT form.

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program is a restricted federal grant and only expenditures authorized by the Program are eligible. There will be **two mandatory trainings**, which dates and locations will be sent to all agencies by email shortly. Please be on the lookout for this important notification. If your agency does not attend this orientation, you are required to submit documentation along with your Second Payment Request Form, which will be sent to you by the National Board along with your award letter and Phase 27 Manual. It is important that you read the National Board Phase 27 Manual to review eligible costs and documentation requirements.

If there are any other questions, please contact the EFSP offices at 213 - 808 - 6610.

Sincerely,

  
Elizabeth Heger  
EFSP Director



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January 26, 2009

TO: Mr. Geraldo Rodriguez, Los Angeles County Community & Sr. Citizens Services/Foodnet

FR: Elizabeth C. Heger, EFSP Director

RE: Regional Breakdown for EFSP 27 Allocation

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Your agency has been selected for a Phase 27 award of \$27,272. The following is the regional breakdown for Los Angeles County Community & Sr. Citizens Services/Foodnet:

	SPA 1	SPA 2	SPA 3	SPA 4	SPA 5	SPA 6	SPA 7	SPA 8
Served Meals	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Food	\$0	\$4,975	\$3,824	\$4,765	\$0	\$5,005	\$4,975	\$3,824
Shelter	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Voucher	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

If during Phase 27 you need to transfer funds from one category to another in the same region, please submit a written request to our office for pre-approval before making any adjustments. Transfers between regions are no longer allowed. Keep in mind the Local Board will utilize transfer histories in determining future funding cuts and allocations.

If you have further questions, please contact our offices at (213) 808-6610.



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**Community & Senior Services  
2008/09 Foodnet Emergency Food Distribution Sites**

<b>Service Center</b>	<b>Supervisorial District</b>	<b>SPA Served</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Distribution Day</b>	<b>Link to DPSS*</b>
Centro Maravilla 4716 Cesar E. Chavez Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90022	1 <sup>st</sup>	3, 4, & 7	(323) 260-2804	Daily Monday - Friday	Yes
East Los Angeles 133 No. Sunol Drive Los Angeles, CA 90063	1 <sup>st</sup>	3, 4, & 7	(323) 260-2806	Monday Tuesday Wednesday & Friday	Yes
San Gabriel Valley 1441 Santa Anita Avenue S. El Monte, CA 91733	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 & 7	(626) 575-5431	Tuesday 9am - 12 pm 1 - 3 pm	Yes
Los Nietos 11640 W. Slauson Avenue Whittier, CA 90606	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 & 7	(562) 699-2040	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month	Yes
Asian Service Center 14112 S. Kingsley Drive Gardena, CA 90249	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6 & 7	(310) 217-7300	Monday afternoon	Yes
East Rancho Dominguez 4513 E. Compton Boulevard Compton, CA 90221	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6 & 8	(310) 603-7401	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday 9:00 am	Yes
Florence/Firestone 7807 S. Compton Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90001	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6	(323) 586-6502	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month 10:00 am	Yes
Willowbrook Senior Center 12915 Jarvis Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90061	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6	(310) 603-3358	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10:00 am	Yes
San Fernando Valley 7555 Van Nuys Boulevard Van Nuys, CA 91405	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2	(818) 901-3501	Friday 9 am - 12 pm	Yes
San Pedro Service Center 769 W. Third Street San Pedro, CA 90731	4 <sup>th</sup>	8	(310) 510-6091	Monday Tuesday Thursday & Friday	Yes
Santa Clarita Valley 24271 San Fernando Road Newhall, CA 91321	5 <sup>th</sup>	2	(661) 254-0040	Monday-Friday 1 - 4 pm	Yes

\*Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) has been participating at the above service centers offering clients applications for eligibility of food stamps.