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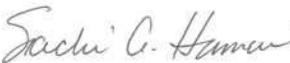
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Community Development Commission

October 09, 2012

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

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SACHI A. HAMAI  
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Dear Commissioners:

**APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR ACQUISITION COSTS FOR RAINBOW SERVICES' OUTREACH SERVICES PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES (DISTRICT 4) (3 VOTE)**

**SUBJECT**

This letter requests approval of an agreement with Rainbow Services, Ltd. Outreach Services (Rainbow Services) to partially fund an acquisition loan related to Rainbow Services' purchase of a new building at 562 W. 8th Street in the San Pedro area of the City of Los Angeles. The new building will allow Rainbow Services to expand provision of supportive services for victims of domestic violence and their children who are at risk of homelessness.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to execute all required documents to accept and incorporate into the Commission's approved Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget up to \$275,000 in Homeless Service Center Funds (HSCF) allocated to the Fourth Supervisorial District.
2. Authorize the Executive Director or his designee to execute, amend, and if necessary, terminate a Grant Agreement with Rainbow Services, Ltd. for a total amount of up to \$250,000 in HSCF.
3. Authorize the Commission to retain up to \$25,000 (10%) for costs associated with administering this project.
4. Find that the approval of funding is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as described herein, because the activities are not defined as a project under CEQA.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Commission to enter into a Grant Agreement with Rainbow Services for the use of up to \$250,000 in County General Funds (CGF) known as HSCF allocated to the Fourth Supervisorial District, to pay off a portion of the acquisition loan related to the expansion of Rainbow Services' Outreach Services program; in order to provide more services such as case management, counseling, support groups, legal advocacy, and children's services.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The proposed actions described herein will be funded with a portion of CGF known as HSCF. Approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 4, 2006 as part of the Homeless Prevention Initiative, these funds are used for programs and costs associated with services, operations, and capital projects for individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Each Supervisorial District is allocated \$1,425,000 annually to fund such programs.

The Fourth District has allocated up to \$275,000 towards this effort: \$250,000 will be allotted to Rainbow Services and a \$25,000 fee will be retained for Commission administrative costs. These funds will be incorporated into the Commission's approved Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget as needed.

The remainder of the program costs will be funded by Rainbow Services' fundraising efforts which will also cover the costs of the renovations to the building.

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

Rainbow Services is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in the San Pedro area of the City of Los Angeles, whose mission is to end the cycle of family violence. Rainbow Services operates an emergency shelter and a transitional shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children, and also provides case management, counseling, parenting classes, life skills classes, legal services, and children's programs.

Rainbow Services has identified the area in greatest need of expansion as their Outreach Services program. The need for these services has exceeded the capacity of the current Outreach Services facility. Currently, staff members must share offices, which limit the number of clients that can be served due to confidentiality requirements. Additionally, the Children's Development Program is constrained by the lack of space and could be greatly improved and expanded to better meet the needs of the children.

In response to these limitations, Rainbow Services purchased a new building at 562 W. 8th Street, San Pedro, on June 21, 2012. The building is currently being renovated, but once completed, it will allow Rainbow Services to greatly increase its capacity to provide counseling and legal assistance to clients, to hold support groups, and to divide the Children's Development Program into age-appropriate groups and provide children with targeted activities to learn non-violent ways of living. Finally, the addition of space may allow Rainbow Services to provide home-schooling and/or independent study to children living in the Emergency Shelter to prevent excessive school changes during this transitional time. Rainbow Services will be engaging in fundraising efforts to cover the cost of the renovations to the building.

Approval of this funding will allow Rainbow Services to increase the availability of supportive services for victims of domestic violence and their children who are at risk of homelessness in accordance to the County of Los Angeles' Homeless Prevention Initiative.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The action to partially fund an existing loan 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.

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

Approval of these actions will increase the availability of supportive services for victims of domestic violence who are at risk of homelessness.

Respectfully submitted,

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SEAN ROGAN  
Executive Director

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