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December 1, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Violet Varona-Lukens
VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUTHORIZATION FOR RECEIPT OF
McKINNEY PROJECTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN TRANSITION
FROM HOMELESSNESS FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the anticipated receipt of McKinney Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Federal Block Grant (FBG) funds in the amount of \$1,961,001 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-2006, approved in the State Budget Act of 2005 and in accordance with the California Department of Mental Health's (CDMH) Initial Allocation Worksheet (Attachment I). Requiring a County match of \$653,666 provided by in-kind services, PATH FBG funds are allocated through CDMH for the provision of services to individuals who have a severe mental illness, or who have co-occurring severe mental illness and substance abuse disorders, and who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. The funding is included in the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) FY 2005-2006 Adopted Budget and will be allocated effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health or his designee to accept future PATH FBG funding awards in subsequent fiscal years for the provision of outreach and services to homeless mentally ill adults and families, as it is anticipated that the County of Los Angeles will continue to be annually awarded PATH FBG funds based on the annual appropriation approved in the State Budget Act. Appropriate notification of acceptance of such funding

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awards will be provided to your Board and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Board approval is required to authorize the anticipated receipt of the allocation of FY 2005-2006 PATH FBG funds approved in the State Budget Act of 2005. Board approval will continue funding for the homeless programs operated by contract agencies and directly operated programs that provide outreach and services to homeless mentally ill adults and families.

The Director of Mental Health submitted the FY 2005-2006 PATH FBG planning estimate and the annual PATH renewal application to CDMH by the due date of March 16, 2005. Subsequently, on November 9, 2005, the Director of Mental Health received the FY 2005-2006 Initial Allocation Worksheet from CDMH.

PATH FBG funding is retroactive to July 1, 2005. Board notification of the PATH FBG funds was delayed due to the notification by CDMH on November 9, 2005 of the FY 2005-2006 PATH FBG initial allocation. The Board actions are consistent with your Board's policy on timely submission for Board approval, as noted in the Chief Administrative Officer's (CAO) memo dated September 7, 2000, to your Board, under paragraph heading, Overall Policies, Circumstance No. 2, "The County is receiving funds (normally from a higher level of government)."

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan Programmatic Goal No. 7, "Health and Mental Health." Mental health services will be accessible and integrated into a comprehensive service delivery system through the collaboration of government agencies, private agencies, and community-based organizations.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no increase in net County cost.

PATH FBG funds for mental health services are disbursed to the State of California pursuant to the appropriation approved in the State Budget Act. For FY 2005-2006, the PATH initial allocation for Los Angeles County is \$1,961,001, which is included in DMH's FY 2005-2006 Adopted Budget.

The PATH FBG requires a County match, one dollar (\$1) for each three dollars (\$3) of Federal funds. DMH's match requirement, provided by in-kind services, is \$653,666, for a total program cost of \$2,614,667.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The required Grant Management Statement is attached (Attachment II).

PATH FBG funds are authorized under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-645, Title V, Subtitle B). These funds are allocated to states and in California, are disbursed to counties using an application process. Counties use PATH FBG funds for the provision of services to individuals who are diagnosed with severe mental illness, co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse problems, and who are also homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

PATH-funded services, which are detailed in the PATH renewal application submitted to CDMH, include outreach, referral, case management, mental health counseling and treatment, staff training, housing-related assistance, and supervision for clients in temporary residential settings. All of these services have been identified as high priorities in previous and ongoing departmental planning processes. The DMH network of directly operated mental health clinics will provide a comprehensive range of mental health services as the required in-kind match.

Due to changes in CDMH's instructions specified in CDMH PATH Letter No. 2004-01, CDMH no longer requires documentation of the local Mental Health Board's review and the Board of Supervisors' approval as part of the PATH Grant approval process. Since it is anticipated that the County of Los Angeles will continue to be annually awarded PATH FBG funds based on the annual appropriation approved in the State Budget Act, Board approval is also requested for delegated authority to the Director of Mental Health or his designee to accept future PATH FBG funding awards in subsequent fiscal years.

The CAO and County Counsel have reviewed the proposed actions.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

PATH FBG funds are used to maintain and enhance existing mental health services to the homeless mentally ill.

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CONCLUSION

The Department of Mental Health will need one (1) copy of the adopted Board's action. It is requested that the Executive Officer of the Board notifies the Department of Mental Health's Contracts Development and Administration Division at (213) 738-4684 when this document is available.

Respectfully submitted,



Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
Director of Mental Health

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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Chairperson, Mental Health Commission

State of California
Department of Mental Health

Health and Human Services Agency

PATH ALLOCATION WORKSHEET
MH 1772B (2/03)

STATE FISCAL YEAR: 2005/2006

FEDERAL CATALOG NO. 93.150

COUNTY: LOS ANGELES

REVISION NO: 0

The State Department of Mental Health (DMH) provides the Federal Projects For Assistance in Transition From Homelessness (PATH) Formula Grant funds to counties for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2005/2006. Your Initial Allocation is identified below.

PATH Funds (Amount Reimbursable):	\$1,961,001
SFY 2004/2005 Rollover:	\$
Total PATH Expenditure:	\$1,961,001

PURPOSE: INITIAL ALLOCATION

Date: October 24, 2005

I, the undersigned Director of Mental Health for LOS ANGELES County, have accepted the Federal PATH funds for the county under the specific conditions included in the positive and negative assurances as part of the County Application Package (CAP), as well as those conditions established by other governing federal and state laws, policies, regulations, and guidelines. The CAP, as approved by DMH, will be followed in expending these funds.

Susan Kerr for
County Mental Health Director

11/17/05
Date

Marion J. Southard

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: Mental Health		
Grant Project Title and Description: McKinney Projects For Assistance In Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Federal Block Grant (FBG)		
PATH FBG funds are used to provide outreach and community based mental health services for homeless adults with serious mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbances.		
Funding Agency California Department of Mental Health	Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #) McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1990 (PL 101-645, Title V, Subtitle B)	Grant Acceptance Deadline Upon Board of Supervisors approval
Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$1,961,001		County Match: \$653,666
Grant Period: FY 2005-06	Begin Date: 07/01/05	End Date: 06/30/06
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:	Full Time: 7.8	Part Time:
Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires		
Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:		
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)		
The Department will explore all sources or new funding if there are no existing funds available	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Impact of additional personnel on existing space:		
Other requirements not mentioned above:		

Department Head Signature _____

Date: _____

