

Agenda Report

October 24, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Housing Department

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO 2008-2009 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO REALLOCATE HOMELESS PREVENTION & RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to:

- 1) Submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) a Substantial Amendment to the 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan to reallocate \$30,000 from Rapid Re-Housing to Homeless Prevention;
- 2) Increase appropriations in Account No. 235-684325-66-50983 (Homeless Prevention Program) in the amount of \$30,000 and decrease appropriations in Account No. 235-684325-66-50984 (Rapid Re-Housing Program) in the amount of \$30,000; and
- 3) Execute, and the City Clerk to attest, all related documents, agreements and amendments.

ADVISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

The Human Services Commission, at its regular meeting on October 13, 2011, unanimously endorsed the staff recommendation.

BACKGROUND:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), signed into law on February 17th, 2009, allocates federal funding through the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) to help families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless to pay rent, utility bills, and cover other housing expenses, and provides funds

to help these families receive appropriate services related to housing search and retention.

The City is the recipient of \$908,395 in HPRP funds. These funds are targeted to provide financial and other assistance to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. The homeless prevention funding is targeted to assist renters; assistance to homeowners is not permissible with this funding source. All funding allocated under HPRP must be expended by August, 2012.

On September 14, 2009, the City allocated \$452,975 of the HPRP funding to the Homeless Prevention Program, operated by the Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Churches (ECPAC) and \$400,000 to the Rapid Re-Housing Program targeting homeless households, operated by Union Station Homeless Services. (Of the remaining initial allocation of HPRP funding, \$10,000 was allocated for Homeless Management Information System compliance and \$45,420 for administration. No changes will be made to these allocations.) These sub-recipient agencies were selected through a Request for Proposals process. Both agencies are in compliance with the Scope of Work delineated in their Sub-recipient Agreements and are serving the designated number of clients. However, eligibility requirements for the Rapid Re-Housing component are much narrower than those for the Homeless Prevention Program, resulting in more eligible households for Homeless Prevention than Rapid Re-Housing. In order to meet the greater demand for the Homeless Prevention Program, it is recommended that \$30,000 should be shifted from Rapid Re-Housing to Homeless Prevention. This shift will allow the Homeless Prevention Program to serve an additional 45 households, or approximately 135 persons. To date, the Homeless Prevention Program has served 110 households at risk of homelessness (302 persons). The Rapid Re-Housing program originally proposed to serve 40 persons and has already exceeded this goal, serving 59 persons at last reporting.

The Annual Action Plan is a document required from jurisdictions which are recipients of HUD housing and community development funding, and which outlines a jurisdiction's plan for allocating and utilizing Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Shelter Grant, HOME, and other federal housing dollars. ARRA funding that is awarded through HUD, including HPRP, must be included in the Annual Action Plan. HPRP funds were included in the 2008-2009 Action Plan. Per HUD regulations, proposed changes in the allocation and use of such funds require local jurisdiction approval of a Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

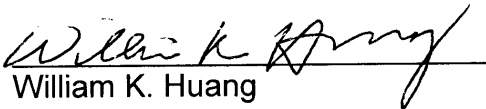
The City developed a 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness that was adopted by Council in July, 2005, and included the recommendation to launch the Pasadena Homeless Prevention Program and to support permanent housing for homeless households. The subject recommendation is in accordance with the approved Ten-Year

Strategy to End Homelessness, Pasadena Continuum of Care system, General Plan Housing Element, Five Year Consolidated Plan, and Five Year Public Housing Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

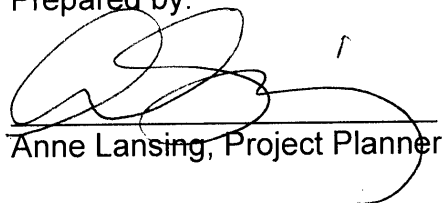
There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action. Approval of the subject recommendation will move \$30,000 in HPRP funding from the Rapid Re-Housing Program to the Homeless Prevention Program for the purposes of providing Homeless Prevention services to an additional 45 very low-income households. However, this action will not have any indirect or support cost requirements, and the anticipated impact to other operational programs as a result of this action will be minimal.

Respectfully submitted,



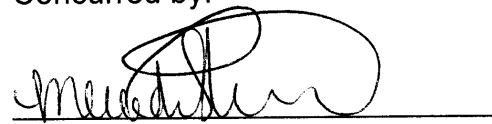
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