

Agenda Report

APRIL 4, 2011

TO: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: WILLIAM K. HUANG, HOUSING DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA VIA THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER LOCAL BOARD FOR 2011-12 EMERGENCY HOUSING AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OPERATING GRANT FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF THE BAD WEATHER SHELTER

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution:

- 1) Authorizing the filing of an application with the State of California via the Los Angeles County Emergency Food and Shelter Local Board for Winter Shelter operating funding in the amount of \$10,000 through the 2011-2012 Emergency Housing and Assistance Program (EHAP) in support of the Bad Weather Shelter; and
- 2) Authorizing the City Manager to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, the 2011 EHAP Operating Facility Application and all other related documents, agreements and amendments; and
- 3) Find that the action proposed herein is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as it will not have a potentially significant environmental effect and therefore falls under the "general rule" exemption.

ADVISORY BODY RECOMMENDATION:

This item was scheduled to be discussed at the March 24, 2011 Community Development Committee (CDC) meeting, but the CDC did not meet due to lack of quorum.

BACKGROUND:

On March 14, 2011, the Los Angeles County Emergency Food and Shelter Local Board (the "Local Board") released its Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for EHAP

Operating Facility Funding. EHAP Operating Facility Funding is allocated by the State of California to Local Boards, who prioritize eligible funding categories for their regions, submit applications for these funds to the State of California for approval, and distribute and administer the funds. The deadline for the City to submit an application in response to the NOFA is April 11, 2011. Countywide, approximately \$1.65 million is available in competitive grant funding under this NOFA. Of this total, Winter Shelter Program funding in the amount of \$207,760 is available. The City's application will request \$10,000 of operating funding to support leasing of the Bad Weather Shelter (BWS) sites.

Eligible Applicants and Activities

The Los Angeles County Local Board has allocated funding to three categories: Shelter Operations; Rental Assistance and Eviction Prevention Programs; and Winter Shelter Program. Eligible applicants for Winter Shelter Program funding are units of local government or Joint Powers Authorities. Winter Shelter Program funding can only be used to cover the cost of rent at a cold/wet weather shelter program. The maximum for which the City can apply from this funding source is \$10,000.

Bad Weather Shelter

The Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Congregations (ECPAC) is the project sponsor for the BWS. The BWS operates annually from late November through March 15th. It is weather-activated (open when the nighttime temperature dips below 40 degrees or there is a 40% or greater chance of rain) from the weekend after Thanksgiving through December 31st, and from March 1st-15th. It is open nightly in January and February.

It costs \$100,000 annually to pay for leasing, operations, and professional staff to operate the BWS. The City has historically funded \$60,000 annually and ECPAC provides the additional \$40,000 through fundraising. Additionally, community volunteers provide 4000 hours of service and \$14,000 in donated food. The City has funded the BWS since its inception in 1986 utilizing various City funds. In FY09 and FY10, Inclusionary Housing funds were budgeted to fund BWS. Revenue from this funding source has been severely curtailed and it is no longer a viable funding option for the BWS. In FY11 and FY12, one-time revenue from the sale of City-owned property (Casa Maria) has been used to fund the BWS. Award of this grant will offset City funds budgeted in FY12.

HOUSING IMPACT:

Approval of the subject recommendation has the potential to provide cold/wet weather shelter and hypothermia prevention for over 700 unduplicated homeless individuals and 35 families.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This proposed action supports the City Council Strategic Planning Three-Year Goals in the areas of improving and supporting the quality of life and the local economy and

maintaining fiscal responsibility and stability. The proposed project is in accordance with the approved Ten-Year Strategy to End Homelessness, Pasadena Continuum of Care system, and General Plan Housing Element.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The action proposed herein consists of the request for funding for an ongoing programs to provide cold/wet weather shelter to certain low income populations in the City, and will not result in any changes that may have any environmental effect. The action proposed herein is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as it will not have a potentially significant environmental effect and therefore falls under the "general rule" exemption; and

FISCAL IMPACT:

Submittal of the 2011-12 EHAP Operating Facility Funding Application and subsequent approval by the Local Board will contribute \$10,000 to support leasing of the Bad Weather Shelter sites and ensure the continued delivery of cold/wet weather shelter and hypothermia prevention for approximately 735 homeless individuals and families residing within the City of Pasadena. If awarded, these funds will be reflected as revenues in the Housing Department's FY 2012 budget.

Respectfully submitted,


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MICHAEL J. BECK
Chief Executive Officer

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PASADENA APPROVING AN APPLICATION SUBMISSION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA VIA THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER LOCAL BOARD FOR 2011-12 EMERGENCY HOUSING AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OPERATING GRANT FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF THE BAD WEATHER SHELTER

WHEREAS:

- A. The State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Community Affairs, issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program (EHAP) (Round # EHAP16); and
- B. The City of Pasadena is a municipal corporation which exercises governmental functions and powers, and is a chartered city organized and existing under the State of California, and as such is a local government agency that is eligible and wishes to apply for and receive an EHAP grant;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Council of the City of Pasadena hereby authorizes the City Manager to apply for an EHAP grant in an amount not more than the maximum amount permitted by the NOFA, and in accordance with the program statute, Regulations, and Local Emergency Shelter Strategy, where applicable.
2. If the grant application authorized by this Resolution is approved, the City of Pasadena hereby agrees to use the EHAP funds for eligible activities in the manner presented in the application as approved by the Department and in accordance with the program statute (Health and Safety Code Section 50800 - 50806.5) and Regulations (Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 7, Subchapter 12, Sections 7950 through 7976 of the California Code of Regulations); (Budget Act of 2007), and the Standard Agreement.
3. If the grant application authorized by this Resolution is approved, the City Manager is authorized to sign the Standard Agreement and any subsequent amendments with the Department for the purposes of this grant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pasadena this ___ day of _____, 2011 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

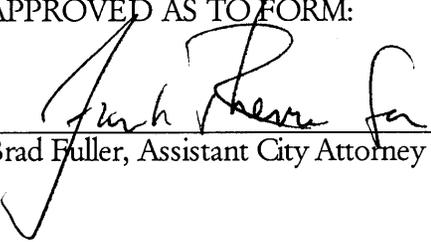
ABSTAIN:

Signature of Approving Officer

Michael J. Beck, City Manager

ATTEST: _____
Mark Jomsky, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Brad Fuller, Assistant City Attorney