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State of California Emergency Solutions Grant Funds

The County of Los Angeles (County) receives annual Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) allocations from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (24 CFR 576.1 (b)), as amended by The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009. These HUD ESG funds are then allocated to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), which provides homeless services such as street outreach, emergency shelter, rapid re-housing and program administration.

On February 13, 2017, the State of California’s Department of Housing and Community Development (State of California) released initial estimates indicating the availability of funding of \$2,091,547 to the County for ESG services (State ESG funds). The State ESG funds will be allocated to LAHSA, which contracts with non-profit and government agencies to provide housing and services for homeless individuals and families through a Request for Proposals process that solicits proposals for new and continuing projects. On June 13, 2017, the State of California released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) confirming this amount.

In anticipation of receiving these funds, on May 23, 2017, the County’s Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the 2017-2018 One-Year Action Plan (Action Plan) (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018), to receive Community Development Block Grant and other funds from HUD and the State of California. The Board authorized the Community

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Development Commission (Commission) to serve as the agent of the County; to enter into an agreement with the State of California to receive up to \$2,091,547 in State ESG funds; and to incorporate these funds into the Commission's Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget. Subsequently, on July 26, 2017, the State of California released an amended NOFA increasing the amount of State ESG funds available to the County to \$2,295,174.

As part of the application, the County is required to submit the attached resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners. The resolution certifies that the Commission will use the State ESG funds consistent with all applicable state, federal, and other rules and laws; authorizes the Commission to receive the State ESG funds and to use State ESG funds for eligible activities and program requirements; and authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to sign the State of California's standard agreement as well as any other related documents.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD, ACTING AS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES:

- 1) Adopt the attached resolution to accept \$2,295,174 in State of California Department of Housing and Community Development Emergency Solutions Grant funds (State ESG funds), which will be used to provide services to homeless residents of the County.
- 2) Find that this authorization to receive and administer State ESG funds is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

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