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Housing and Urban Development Awards Los Angeles Nearly \$75 Million for Homeless Programs

Los Angeles, CA, December 22, 2011 – The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority today announced that the Los Angeles Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) was awarded \$74.5 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to renew and sustain funding for its 225 homeless programs. These programs comprise permanent supportive housing and services.

Last year, almost 4,000 homeless individuals were served through permanent supportive programs and just over 3,500 of them, or almost 90 percent, became stably housed.

"With this award, we can continue providing the vitally needed housing assistance and accompanying supportive services to those experiencing homelessness in the City and County of Los Angeles," said LAHSA's Executive Director, Michael Arnold. "Programs targeting our special needs populations such as the chronically homeless, veterans and families are our top priority; we are committed to moving these vulnerable groups into more stable housing and living conditions as quickly as possible."

HUD's Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program is an annual national competition for funding that supports homeless housing and service programs under the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Program. It focuses on decreasing and bringing an end to homelessness across regional and local jurisdictions. LAHSA is the lead agency for the Los Angeles CoC. It is responsible for preparing and submitting the application for the yearly competition known as the Super Notice of Funding Availability (SuperNOFA), which includes funding requests for program renewals and new projects. This year, LAHSA requested nearly \$14 million for new projects and HUD is expected to announce those awards in the spring of 2012.

"These funds will provide housing assistance and supportive programs that are critical for helping our City's poorest residents gain housing stability," said Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. "The renewal of supportive housing programs will make our community stronger and get more people back on their feet."

"We're truly grateful for HUD's renewal of this vitally important funding, which will allow us not just to maintain, but to build out some of the innovative pilot programs we've initiated to reach out to better serve the vulnerable chronically homeless, including families, veterans, the severely disabled and mentally ill, and emancipated foster youth," said County Board of Supervisors Chairman Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.

About the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is a joint powers authority of the City and County of Los Angeles, created in 1993 to address the problems of homelessness in Los Angeles County. LAHSA is the lead agency in the HUD-funded Los Angeles Continuum of Care, and coordinates and manages over \$70 million annually in federal, state, county and city funds for programs providing shelter, housing and services to homeless persons. For more information, please visit: www.lahsa.org.

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