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Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Announces Release of Request for Proposals for more than 8 Million in Available Funding

LOS ANGELES, March 26, 2010 -- The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) announced today the availability of more than \$8 million in funding for homeless services programs in the City of Los Angeles. This Request for Proposals is a re-procurement process LAHSA undertakes every three years for this funding. These City of Los Angeles funds are available to fund projects serving homeless individuals and families with temporary emergency shelter and entry into the system of services and housing known as the "Continuum of Care". Established as a program to address the basic shelter and service needs of homeless persons, the Year-Round Emergency Shelter Program is anticipated to operate between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Los Angeles have designated LAHSA as the administrator of the Year-Round Emergency Shelter Program for homeless persons. Under this RFP, approximately \$8,187,762 will be available for the program year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011. Of the total amount available under this RFP, approximately \$1,742,875 will be available for 24-Hour Emergency Shelters under Part A of the RFP, and \$6,444,887 will be available for 14-Hour Emergency Shelters under Part B of the RFP. LAHSA may adjust allocations between Part A and Part B if an insufficient number of fundable proposals are received for either program type and/or to promote broad geographic distribution of funding across the City.

All proposed program sites must be located within the City of Los Angeles to be eligible to receive funding under the RFP. LAHSA encourages applicants from throughout the City of Los Angeles to ensure broad geographic coverage under this program.

The Request for Proposals and application forms are currently available on LAHSA's website at <http://www.lahsa.org/fundingopportunities.asp>.

About the Los Angeles Homeless Service 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 plans, funds and administers programs that assist homeless individuals and families in their transition to permanent housing. LAHSA is the lead agency in the HUD-funded Los Angeles Continuum of Care, and coordinates and manages over \$70 million dollars annually in federal, state, county and

city funds for programs providing shelter, housing and services to homeless persons. Additionally, LAHSA partners with the city and the county to integrate services and housing opportunities to ensure wide distribution of service and housing options. LAHSA funds agencies that address many underserved homeless populations including battered women and their children, persons struggling with chronic homelessness, veterans, youth transitioning from foster care, and individuals with mental health needs. For more information, please see <http://www.lahsa.org>.

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