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## **LAHSA ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR \$3 MILLION IN FUNDING AVAILABLE TO HELP L.A.'s HOMELESS**

### **Programs focus on needs of families, individuals**

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) announced today the availability of over \$3 million in funding for homeless services programs in Los Angeles County and City. Over \$2,605,200.00 in county funds is available to fund projects serving homeless families, under the renewal of the Emergency Shelter and Services (ESS) Program, and \$691,848.00 in L.A. City general funds is available to fund new programs to provide shelter and services to homeless individuals, through the Los Angeles City Streets or Service (SOS) Expansion Program.

Under the ESS Program, which has been operating since 2006, qualified agencies provide case management services and temporary shelter to eligible California Work Opportunities and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program homeless families to facilitate transition to stable, long-term housing. Services provided under the ESS program include a comprehensive assessment and housing plan, housing placement, and case management.

The SOS program represents new funding for programs to move clients to transitional or permanent housing and assist them to be stable in this housing for at least six months. Participants enter the program as part of the City diversion program after being arrested for misdemeanor quality-of-life offenses, as an alternative to incarceration. Services provided under the SOS program will include transportation, comprehensive assessment, case management, housing placement, referrals, program coordination, and housing accommodations.

Request for Proposals for both programs are currently available on LAHSA's website at:  
<http://www.lahsa.org/fundingopportunities.asp>

LAHSA currently funds over 250 homeless services programs with approximately 100 service providers in Los Angeles City and County. For more information about the ESS or SOS programs, or about LAHSA's other programs, please contact Syd Peterson, LAHSA Communications Manager, at 213.689.4094 or [speterson@lahsa.org](mailto:speterson@lahsa.org).

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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