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Los Angeles County Development Authority Receives Awards in Two Consecutive Weeks

Los Angeles County, October 23, 2019 – This month, the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) was recognized on two separate occasions for its service – the 33rd Productivity and Quality Awards and the Shelter Partnership luncheons. The LACDA continues to work diligently with County departments and external partners to create community betterment and a positive impact on residents.

Last week, the LACDA was recognized at the 33rd Productivity and Quality Awards luncheon in three categories - Top Ten Award, Commission Special Award, and the Special Merit Plaque Award. This year's theme of "Empowering Innovative Solutions" identified selective County departments for service delivery, process improvement, and innovative ideas. The LACDA, along with the Department of Children and Family Services, was among the Top Ten Award recipients for its Family Reunification Housing Subsidy Program. Since its implementation in January 2017, the Family Reunification Housing Subsidy has housed 369 children in 164 families, and saved \$2,371,479 in Fiscal Year 2018-19 (as of May 2019). The second award received by the LACDA was the Commission Special Award, which spoke to the County's outstanding teamwork in establishing its first Disaster Recovery Plan. In response to the Woolsey Fire, the LACDA and 20 County departments created two disaster assistance centers and interacted with more than 7,000 fire survivors. The collaboration of County departments demonstrated its capability and commitment to residents. Lastly, the LACDA received a Special Merit Plaque for its blueprint for the Homeless Incentive Program approach to housing. The approach successfully fulfilled departmental and County objectives.



Earlier this month, the LACDA was honored at Shelter Partnership's annual luncheon for its relentless commitment to combat homelessness. The LACDA has held a significant



role in providing services and resources to some of the most vulnerable individuals in the Los Angeles County. Through the S. Mark Taper Foundation Shelter Resource Bank, the LACDA has supported the distribution of inventory donations and is one of the many agencies that provides outreach, crisis, shelter, emergency shelters, or bridge housing services. With a collaboration of over 30 years with Shelter Partnership, the LACDA has assisted approximately 100,000 individuals experiencing homelessness each year.

Emilio Salas, LACDA Deputy Executive Director said, "Quality partnerships help make positive impacts. We are honored to collaborate with partners who are equally eager to serve the residents of Los Angeles County."

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