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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AWARDS OVER \$12 MILLION TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

16 New and Renewal Programs Funded in Award from 2010 Competition

LOS ANGELES, May 4, 2011 – Applying through the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) has been awarded over \$12 million in new and renewal program funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Program. HUD holds an annual national competition for its CoC Homeless Assistance Program that supports homeless housing and service programs under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. This program is specifically aimed at reducing and ending homelessness in local communities, and has been a vibrant resource for Los Angeles County for over 16 years.

The newest CoC/Shelter+Care project to be funded, with the Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC) as the project's sponsor, will utilize 40 tenant-based certificates to provide permanent, scattered-site rental housing to chronically homeless individuals and

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families who are disabled with severe mental illnesses and multiple disabilities. Based on the approach of, “no wrong door to service,” OPCC street outreach workers will contact individuals in the parks, on beaches, and in hospital emergency rooms. Program participants will be referred from outreach programs at OPCC’s Access Center, Daybreak, Safe Haven, Turning Point, or Samoshel. OPCC’s emergency shelters will also refer eligible shelter graduates to a Housing Coordinator for Shelter+Care assessment.

“HUD’s CoC/Shelter+Care Program gives us the resources we need to help one of the hardest-to-serve populations in Los Angeles County: the chronically homeless. Through our partnership with LAHSA, we have been able to provide many successful homelessness assistance programs under such awards, and we will continue to grow these services to meet the needs of Los Angeles County’s homeless population.” said Sean Rogan, Executive Director of HACoLA.

On January 9, 2011, HACoLA was notified by HUD that all 15 Shelter+Care renewal projects had been awarded, totaling \$9,376,968 in funding for homeless assistance. Then, on April 28, 2011, HACoLA was notified of an additional \$2,815,200 in new funding to provide permanent housing for 40 chronically homeless, disabled adults. In all, 16 programs and \$12,192,168 was awarded for County services in 2010.

For more information on the County’s CoC/Shelter+Care Program, its accomplishments and awards, please call Georganne Colvin at (562) 347-4821.

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