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COUNTY APPROVES FUNDING TO CREATE A SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK YOUTH

Federal Funding Helps Keep Young Adults in the Antelope Valley Housed

Alhambra, CA, February 11, 2020 – The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved \$200,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to help acquire a single-family home within the Antelope Valley, that will provide housing for at-risk and Transitional Age Youth (TAY) between the ages of 12-18, including on-going assistance through the Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP). This funding will allow the TAY to remain housed within their community supported by an integrated program of care, supervision, services, and treatment, such as mental health and crisis intervention.

The home will be owned and operated by Penny Lane Centers (PLC). Each month, PLC serves over 3,500 youth and families through therapeutic residential services, foster family home placements, transitional and affordable housing, family preservation, adoption, and mental health services. According to the approved agreement, PLC must maintain the use of the building for the approved services for a period of no less than five years. In calendar year 2019, the County approved funding for 87 TAY housing units. The partnership with PLC will further the County's efforts to not only house persons experiencing homelessness, but keep those on the verge of homeless in a stable living environment.

Emilio Salas, Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) Acting Executive Director said, "Through this partnership, we look forward to helping young adults set themselves up for the future, rather than worrying about where they are going to live tomorrow. The Board's support of these endeavors helps us inch closer to ending homelessness in Los Angeles County."

The CDBG Program, administered locally by the LACDA, provides communities with resources to address a wide range of needs. Each activity must meet one of the following national objectives for the program: benefit low- and moderate-income persons, prevent or eliminate slums or blight, or address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community.

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