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MEMORANDUM NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES - HHSC MEMO NO. NR11-051

DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2011

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

THRU: RICH DLUGAS, CITY MANAGER *rd*
JEFF CLARK, FIRE CHIEF *jc*

FROM: JENNIFER MORRISON, NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES DIRECTOR *jfm*

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 4564 AUTHORIZING THAT THE \$139,060 IN 2011-2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CAPITAL PROGRAM FUNDS PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED TO A NEW LEAF, LA MESITA SHELTER BE RETAINED BY THE CITY OF CHANDLER AND BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR REALLOCATION AS PART OF THE UPCOMING 2012-2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS PROCESS

BACKGROUND: A New Leaf is a nonprofit organization in Mesa, Arizona that has several social service programs that address the basic needs of individuals and families. The La Mesita Family Shelter located in Mesa provides emergency housing and supportive services for homeless families.

DISCUSSION: A New Leaf submitted an application requesting \$150,000 in 2011-2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to pay for costs associated with indoor plumbing rehabilitation for the La Mesita Family Shelter. The Housing and Human Services Commission (HHSC) recommended and City Council approved \$139,060 in 2011-2012 CDBG funds for the project. In the fall of 2011, A New Leaf staff approached the City requesting that the funds awarded for plumbing renovations be reallocated to assist in the funding of a new facility to replace the existing La Mesita Shelter. Upon the direction of City staff, A New Leaf completed a revised application which staff forwarded to the Housing and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for their review. Staff facilitated a review and ranking procedure with the HHSC, following the same protocol as applications reviewed and ranked during the annual funding process.

At their November 16, 2011 meeting, the HHSC identified additional questions for A New Leaf regarding their new application. During the December 14, 2011 HHSC meeting, members of the Commission discussed and scored La Mesita's revised application. Based on the discussion and

scoring, the HHSC agreed to recommend to City Council that the \$139,060 in 2011-2012 funds allocated to La Mesita be retained by the City and made available for reallocation in the upcoming 2012-2013 allocations process. The key reason for the HHSC denial of the request is the lack of secured funding from identified funding sources critical to the project including the City of Mesa and the State of Arizona Housing Tax Credit Program.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: All costs associated with A New Leaf's revised funding request will be paid by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and do not require repayment on the part of the City of Chandler.

HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend to City Council that the \$139,060 in 2011-2012 Community Development Block Grant capital funds previously allocated to A New Leaf, La Mesita Shelter be retained by the City of Chandler and made available for reallocation as part of the upcoming 2012-2013 Community Development Block Grant Program allocations process.

Approve: 7

Deny: 0

PROPOSED MOTION: Approve Resolution No. 4564 authorizing the \$139,060 in 2011-2012 Community Development Block Grant capital program funds previously allocated to A New Leaf, La Mesita Shelter be retained by the City of Chandler and be made available for reallocation as part of the upcoming 2012-2013 Community Development Block Grant Program allocations process.

RESOLUTION NO. 4564

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THAT THE \$139,060 IN 2011-2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CAPITAL PROGRAM FUNDS PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED TO A NEW LEAF, LA MESITA SHELTER BE RETAINED BY THE CITY OF CHANDLER AND BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR REALLOCATON AS PART OF THE UPCOMING 2012-2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS PROCESS

WHEREAS, A New Leaf, La Mesita Shelter is a nonprofit entity located in Mesa, Arizona that provides emergency housing and supportive services for homeless families in a shelter setting; and

WHEREAS, the La Mesita Shelter was allocated \$139,060 in fiscal year 2011-2012 Community Development Block Grant capital program funds for a plumbing renovation project at the shelter; and

WHEREAS, La Mesita Shelter submitted a revised application request to the City of Chandler to reallocate the funds from the plumbing renovation project to funding for costs associated with a new facility to replace the existing La Mesita Shelter; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2011 the City's Housing and Human Services Commission approved a recommendation to City Council that the \$139,060 in funds previously allocated to La Mesita Shelter be retained by the City of Chandler and be made available for reallocation as part of the upcoming 2012-2013 Community Development Block Grant Program allocations process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, that the \$139,060 in 2011-2012 Community Development Block Grant capital program funds allocated to La Mesita Shelter be retained by the City of Chandler and be made available for reallocation as part of the upcoming 2012-2013 Community Development Block Grant Program allocations process.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, this _____ day of _____, 2012.

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing Resolution No. 4564 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of Chandler, Arizona, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2012, and that a quorum was present thereat.

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY GAB