

CLIFFORD W. GRAVES, FAICP
GENERAL MANAGER

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA



JAMES K. HAHN
MAYOR

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT

215 W. 6TH STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90014

DATE: **JUL 12 2004**

TO: All One-Stop Career and Satellite Centers, Youth Opportunities System
Contractors

FROM: Manny Chavez, Director
Workforce Development Division

SUBJECT: **WIA INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 05-01**
LA's HOPE

This bulletin is to inform all Workforce Investment Act (WIA) contractors about the *LA's HOPE* project, a Housing and Urban Development/Department of Labor Cooperative Agreement geared toward ending Chronic Homelessness through Employment and Housing.

The purpose of this systems-change grant, which was awarded in October 2003, is to bring together the local workforce development system and the local permanent housing service organizations to develop and document the increased employment outcomes anticipated when these organizations combine their efforts to respond to the employment and housing needs of persons defined as chronically homeless.

The Community Development Department (CDD), who was awarded \$625,000 by the Department of Labor to implement the customized employment services, is one of ten local government and community-based agencies involved in this project. The other *LA's HOPE* collaborative partners include:

- City of Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board
- County of Los Angeles, Department of Mental Health
- Goodwill Industries of Southern California
- Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority
- South Central Health & Rehabilitation Program
- Shelter Partnership, Inc.
- Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles



- San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center, Inc.
- Portals House, Inc.

During the five- year grant, LA's HOPE will provide permanent housing and customized employment services to 76 participants. Metro North WorkSource Center, operated by Goodwill Industries of Southern California, will serve as the lead WorkSource Center in establishing this systems-change model. Once the model is established, it is expected that grant job seekers will access WIA employment services through the City of Los Angeles WorkSource system. Metro North staff assigned to this project will continue to follow these customers and provide technical assistance to WorkSource Center staff. Funds have also been set aside for additional supportive services, such as vocational evaluation, training, and work experience.

The City of Los Angeles was only one of five communities that received this award to further the initiative of creating innovative strategies to provide housing and economical self-sufficiency to this population.

The CDD looks forward to your support and involvement in this important program. We believe the participant of the other grant partners, particularly Department of Mental Health, will prove to be very beneficial. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Quigley at (213) 473-0371.

MC:SAQ

CC: Eileen Scally