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AMENDMENT
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## PROJECT 23 – HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM

The amendment adds the new Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), created by Federal legislation under Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program funds are proposed to be used to provide financial assistance and services to either prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless or help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. The City of Hawthorne is eligible to receive $703,261 to be spent over a maximum three year period.

HPRP is focused on housing for the homeless and at-risk households. It will provide temporary financial assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services to individuals and families who are homeless or would be homeless but for this assistance. The funds are intended to target two populations of persons facing housing instability: 1) individuals and families who are currently in housing but are at risk of becoming homeless and need temporary rent or utility assistance to prevent them from becoming homeless or assistance to move to another unit and 2) individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness and need temporary assistance in order to obtain housing and retain it.

The City of Hawthorne will administer the program under a cooperative agreement between the City's Planning Department, Housing Department, and South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB). Low and very low income applicants seeking employment services through the SBWIB have individualized assessment and needs plans completed which address barriers to obtaining and maintaining full employment. Temporary rental assistance, utility assistance, security and utility deposits, and similar forms of financial assistance will be provided to individuals and families whose assessment and needs plans identify their homelessness or risk of becoming homeless as a barrier.