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# Memorandum

**To:** CDC Executive Committee

**From:** Brenda L. O'Connell, Interim Community Development Administrator

**Re:** Homeless Assistance Application Review Committee  
2011-12 ESG Funding Recommendations

The Homeless Assistance Application Review Committee (ARC) met on **February 19, 2013** to review the applications for **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)** Homeless Assistance. The funding was additional dollars from the 2011 and 2012 program years.

For the 2011 Program Year, the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) divided the ESG program into two separate grants: 1) the Emergency *Shelter* Grant, which was allocated for the year 5/1/11 – 4/30/12; and 2) the Emergency *Solutions* Grant, for an upcoming period of time. Since the Emergency *Shelter* Grant is fully expended, this application does not apply to it. Instead, this application will apply to the Emergency *Solutions* Grant, often referred to as the 2011 ESG Second Allocation. For the 2012 Program Year, Lake County allocated an amount less than the amount actually received due to a higher than anticipated grant from the HUD. Therefore, this application seeks to allocate the balance of the funds from 2012.

| Available ESG Funds |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 2011                | \$25,496        |
| 2012                | \$58,927        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>\$84,423</b> |

Committee members included Mary Cunningham, Harriet Rosenthal and Burnell Russell. The ARC made the following recommendations:

| Organization       | Recommended Amount |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Catholic Charities | \$58,927           |
| Maristella         | \$25,496           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>\$84,423</b>    |

Maristella applied for \$20,000 in funding and was recommended by the RC for \$25,496 in funding. If Maristella opts out of the additional funding, it would go to Catholic Charities.

The HEARTH Act, once its rules are officially published, may have an impact on these allocations. Staff will continue to monitor the HEARTH Act, and if an amendment is necessary, convene a special call meeting of the ARC to make the necessary adjustments.

At the present time, staff does not anticipate any significant changes in the overall amount granted to Lake County. However, if more or less funding is granted, staff will add or deduct funding based on the final scores.

### **Desired Action**

Staff requests the Executive Committee review and approve the ESG funding recommendations and contingencies.