

# Attachment #2

## IMPERIAL COUNTY WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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**Subject: Imperial County HEAP Award - Request to Re-allocate \$392,100 from the Mobile Home Acquisition Project to the Imperial County Rapid Re-Housing Program for the Homeless and the Tenant Based Rental Assistance for the Homeless**

Ms. Rodriguez,

As you are aware, on July 19, 2019, your department, in collaboration with the Imperial Valley Continuum of Care Council, awarded Imperial County Workforce and Economic Development (ICWED) a Homeless Emergency Assistance Program (HEAP) funding for the Imperial County Rapid Re-Housing Program for the Homeless (ICRRH), the Tenant Based Rental Assistance for the Homeless (TBRA-H) and the Mobile Home Acquisition Project (MHAP). The total grant amount awarded is \$642,100; \$50,000 for ICRRH, \$200,000 for TBRA-H, and \$392,100 for MHAP. Our department is truly pleased and grateful for the above-mentioned awards and we look forward to working with HEAP program funds to assist the homeless population of Imperial County.

Recently, ICWED staff met with the Imperial Valley Housing Authority (IVHA) staff to discuss the MHAP project details. After an in depth look at project logistics, budget, and both entities long-term budget forecasts, it was regrettably determined that neither organization can sustain long-term maintenance fees that could be acquired in the next twenty (20) years.

Nonetheless, ICWED is committed to serving the homeless population through HEAP and is respectfully requesting to re-allocate funds from MHAP to the ICRRH and TBRA-H programs. We suggest \$50,000 be re-allocated to the ICRRH program and \$342,000 be re-allocated to the TBRA-H. The total award amount for the ICRRH program would increase to \$100,000 and it is estimated that an additional eight (8) households would be assisted, for an approximate total of sixteen (16) households. The total award amount for the TBRA-H program would be \$542,100 and it is estimated that fifteen (15) more households would be assisted, for a total of twenty (24) households.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (442) 265-4985, or by email at [priscillalopez@co.imperial.ca.us](mailto:priscillalopez@co.imperial.ca.us). You may also contact Tabita Velarde at (442) 265-1109, or by email at [tabitavelarde@co.imperial.ca.us](mailto:tabitavelarde@co.imperial.ca.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Priscilla Lopez", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

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