

**County of Riverside Continuum of Care
Board of Governance**

Special Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 15th, 2024

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**The City of Banning Council Chambers
99 East Ramsey Street, Banning, CA 92220**



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Dr. Matthew Chang, Chairperson

Leticia De Lara, Vice-chair

1.0 Call to Order: Welcome & Introductions

Dr. Matthew Chang, BoG Chair

1.1 Roll Call

Mariel Sarmiento, CoC Coordinator

2.0 Consent Items

Dr. Matthew Chang, BoG Chair

2.1 Minutes Approval for December 14th, 2023, Board of Governance Meeting

Recommended Motion: Approve the December 14th, 2023, Board of Governance Meeting minutes.

3.0 Public Comment

Dr. Matthew Chang, BoG Chair

Members of the public are encouraged to address the Board on any item not listed on the agenda. Each public comment request email will be read aloud.

4.0 New Business

4.1 2024 Point-in-Time Sheltered Count

Tanya Torno, Deputy Director

No Action Needed

Background: In accordance with the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department guidelines, Riverside County proceeded with the Sheltered Point-in-Time Count for 2024 and has changed the cadence of its unsheltered count to every other year; the next unsheltered count is scheduled for January 2025. This change is critical and allows the Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) to redirect funding previously used to plan and prepare for the count towards much-needed housing support. It also promotes the ongoing use of the Riverside CoC Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) which captures client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to individuals and families at risk of and experiencing homelessness. While the PIT Count provides a good snapshot of who is experiencing homelessness, HMIS data provides a more accurate representation of individuals who access our system of care. During FY 22/23, there were 4.6 more unique individual engagements in HMIS in comparison to the 2023 PIT Count. The data from the sheltered count is combined into a federal report known as the [Housing Inventory Count \(HIC\)](#) and will be due to HUD during April 2024 (HUD has not yet announced a due date). The results will be made available to the community shortly thereafter.

4.2 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Amy Primrose, Senior Program Specialist

Action Needed

Background: The Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) received an award of \$299,499 for the 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. Of the award, \$145,845 is designated towards street outreach, \$116,595 towards rapid rehousing, and \$37,059 towards HMIS and Grant Administration. Major investments made by Managed Care Plan's IEHP and Molina under the Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP), directly fund street outreach activities across all five supervisorial districts during the existing 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. As a result, staff is recommending the reprogramming of the 2023 ESG funds currently appropriated towards street outreach (\$145,845) towards rapid rehousing. Under this category, the funds will be used to provide financial assistance and case management services to residents who are experiencing homelessness and will be assisted with regaining housing. Funding towards rent/housing remains the largest need and is demonstrated by the over 1,000 unique individuals represented on the County's By-Name List who are awaiting a referral to housing provider.

Recommended Motion: Approve the reprogramming of \$145,845 in 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds currently allocated to street outreach activities towards rapid rehousing.

4.3 Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention - Capital Bid Application

Raushanah Walker, Supervising Program Specialist

Action Needed

Background: On April 24, 2023, the CoC released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for developers to apply for the \$1,000,000 for capital projects from HHAP Round 3, in addition to a remaining \$218,434.30 for capital projects from HHAP Round 2. At the September 6th and October 19th Board of Governance meetings, staff reported receiving one proposal requesting the full amount of \$1,218,434.30, and noted there were still questions regarding the "readiness" of the project. During the October 19th meeting, staff agreed to continue the discussion at the Board of Governance meeting in February which would provide the project with more time to regain control of the building site of the proposed project.

Staff is now ready to recommend for the Board of Governance to proceed with awarding the NPHS project. The project has successfully regained site control and the project which will create a total of 22 one-bedroom apartment units which are designated for chronically homeless individuals and/or individuals at risk of being homeless. The project will be located at 11049 Bogart Ave., Riverside, CA 92505 and will offer on-site services to residents.

Recommended Motion: Approve the allocation of HHAP Rounds 2 and 3 capital allocations totaling \$1,218,434.30 towards the NPHS Project, Sunrise at Bogart.

4.4 Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Updates to Round 5 & 6

Tanya Torno, Deputy Director

No Action Needed

Background:

HHAP Round 5: The Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) is eligible to apply for up to \$5,356,513.81 under the State’s Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 5 grant funding. HHAP funding is utilized by the Riverside County CoC to deploy homelessness programs and resources which align and directly support goals outlined in its [Homeless Action Plan](#) . The State priorities for HHAP Round 5 funding include data-driven plans which: sustain existing investments towards long-term sustainability of housing and supportive services and prioritize permanent housing solutions (Funds from HHAP Round 5 cannot be used on any new interim housing solutions unless provided permission in writing from CalICH). Final applications are due to HUD on March 27, 2024.

As part of the application process, the Riverside CoC in partnership with the County of Riverside, will host a HHAP Round 5 Workshop during the CoC General Meeting on Wednesday, February 21st to discuss and obtain feedback regarding required components in the plan which include: Identifying Roles and Responsibilities, System Performance Measures, Key Actions to Improve Performance and Reduce Exits to Homelessness from Institutional Settings, Utilization of Funding Programs to End Homelessness, and Connecting Individuals to Support Services. A breakdown of the HHAP Round 5 allocation to the Riverside CoC, County of Riverside, and City of Riverside are included below. A copy of the full NOFO can be found [here](#).

HHAP 5 Allocation		
Riverside CoC	County of Riverside	City of Riverside
\$5,356,513.81	\$5,139,100.50	\$10,858,024.16

HHAP Round 6: The Governor’s proposed 2024-2025 budget included cuts towards homelessness, affordable housing, behavioral health, and other social service programs. This includes the elimination of funding towards the Homeless, Housing Assistance Program (HHAP) Round 6 which has been a critical tool used by the Riverside County Continuum of Care, County of Riverside, and City of Riverside to strengthen local efforts towards addressing homelessness. The Governor’s administration announced it would commit to working with the Legislature on additional funding “assuming that local government deliver” on commitments made under previous HHAP rounds. Additionally, and as part of the spring budget process, the Governor will include a “May revise” which requires an updated budget proposal by May 14th and could include additional HHAP funding.

4.5 BoG Elections – Call for Nominations

Leticia DeLara, BoG Vice Chair

No Action Needed

Background: Chair and Vice Chair terms are set to April 2024. For the elections process, we plan to do a two-week nomination period starting today until Thursday, February 29th. From there, the month-long voting period will begin from March 1st until March 31st. Ballots will be sent out and must be received by the CoC@rivco.org email. Results for the election will be announced next meeting.

5.0 Announcements

Leticia DeLara, BoG Vice Chair

6.0 Call for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Leticia DeLara, BoG Vice Chair

7.0 Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled Board of Governance meeting will be on Thursday, April 18th, 2024, from 9am – 11am.

8.0 Adjournment

Leticia DeLara, BoG Vice Chair