

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

**Special Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**The City of Murrieta Council Chambers**

**1 Town Square Murrieta, CA 92562**



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**Leticia De Lara, Chairperson**

**Dr. Ben Jáuregui, Vice-Chair**

**1.0 Call to Order:** Welcome & Introductions

**Leticia De Lara, BoG Chair**

**1.1 Roll Call**

**Mariel Sarmiento, CoC Coordinator**

**2.0 Consent Items**

**Leticia De Lara, BoG Chair**

**2.1 Minutes Approval for June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Board of Governance Meeting**

***Recommended Motion:*** Approve the June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Board of Governance Meeting minutes.

**3.0 Public Comment**

**Leticia De Lara, 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 Updated Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Budget

Amy Primrose-Puente, Senior Program Specialist

###### *Action Needed*

**Background:** In September of 2023, Riverside County was awarded \$7,487,462 in Department of Housing Urban Development (HUD) - Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) funding to address youth homelessness in the County. At the last Board of Governance meeting on June 27th, the proposed budget recommendation was approved and incorporated into the YHDP application which was submitted for review on July 1st. Since then, HUD has worked with CoC staff to ensure the projects and budgets adhere to all guidelines; it was found that budget revisions needed to be made due to staffing ratios, the reorganization of admin costs, and the consideration of other projects. As a result, CoC staff have been holding regular meetings with the Joint Transitional Housing – Rapid ReHousing projects to troubleshoot revisions requested by HUD. The newly revised budget presented to the Board today includes these changes which resulted in an increase for many projects. Committed to the uplifting of youth voices, the revised budget has been presented to the Youth Action Board (YAB) and approved.

YHDP Updated Budget			
Projects	Project Type	Approved Budget 6/27	Updated Budget
Path of Life Ministries	Joint TH-RRH	\$1,493,860.32	\$1,493,870
Moreno Valley College	Joint TH-RRH	\$778,052.25	\$1,070,793
Walden Family Services	TH	\$1,270,579.91	\$1,270,580
Martha’s Village & Kitchen	TH	\$469,940.52	\$469,940
Sigma Beta XI	PSH	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,080
Transgender Health & Wellness Center	SSO	\$100,000	\$433,453
Silence Aloud, Inc.	SSO	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

**Recommended Motion:** Approve the updated Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) budget increasing by \$626,283 for a total amount of \$6,738,716.

##### 4.2 2024 HUD Continuum of Care Program Funding Recommendations

Tanya Torno, CoC Deputy Director

###### *Action Needed*

**Background:** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has made available \$14,737,635 in Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) funding to the Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) through its Fiscal Year 2024 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). This includes \$2,104,424 in CoC Bonus and \$2,630,530 in Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus funding to support new projects. The CoC released a local Request for Proposals on August 28, 2024, providing applicants through September 18, 2024, to submit all renewal and new applications. 27 applications were received: 19 to support renewal projects and 3 CoC and 2 DV New Bonus applications. The CoC’s Independent Review Panel (IRP) met on September 26th, 2024, to review final scores for new projects and the ranking and tiering of the CoC renewal and new bonus applications.

**Recommended Motion:** Approve the ranking and tiering recommendations for the CoC Renewal, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus project applications to be included in Riverside County’s HUD CoC Competition application.

## FY2024 Riverside County CoC Program Competition

Ranking #	Project Details					
	Agency	Project Name	Grant Amount	# of Units	# of Beds	Supervisory Districts
<b>Funding Available:</b> \$14,737,635 Annual Renewal Amount (incl. Tier 1: \$13,263,872 and Tier 2: \$1,473,763) \$2,104,424 CoC Bonus funds \$2,630,530 DV Bonus funds \$876,843 CoC Planning Grant funds \$20,349,432 Total Funds Available to Riverside County CoC			<b>Number of Applications included:</b> 19 Renewal Project Applications 3 CoC Bonus New Project Applications 2 DV Bonus New Project Applications 1 CoC Planning New Project Application 1 CoC Application 1 Priority Listing Application 27 Applications in Total			
N/A	County of Riverside HWS	2024 Riverside County Planning	\$876,843	N/A	N/A	All
<b>Tier 1: \$13,263,872</b>						
1	RUHS-Behavioral Health	CA1449 RUHS-BH CES SSO-CE	\$1,150,000	N/A	N/A	All
2	County of Riverside HWS	CA0672 HMIS	\$344,072	N/A	N/A	All
3	Lighthouse Social Service Centers	CA2049 LHSSC PSH	\$408,194	15	18	All
4	Mercy House	CA2050 Mercy House PSH-SS	\$64,099	24	29	1
5	Valley Restart Shelter	CA2051 VRS RRH	\$433,030	10	30	3,5
6	City of Riverside	CA2052 City of Riverside RRH	\$208,762	10	10	1
7	RUHS-Behavioral Health	CA2053 RUHS-BH PSH	\$830,423	43	43	All
8	RUHS-Behavioral Health	CA2054 RUHS-BH H&HC PSH	\$135,392	4	4	All
9	County of Riverside HWS Subcontractors: - Lighthouse Social Service Center - Transgender Health & Wellness Center	CA2055 Riverside County DV RRH	\$2,084,563	100	120	All
10	His Daughters House	CA2182 HDH H2H RRH	\$467,460	32	45	1,3,5
11	Jewish Family Services of San Diego	CA0670 JFSSD PSH	\$2,253,629	73	93	4
12	Lighthouse Social Service Centers	CA0665 LHSSC PSH DWWC	\$327,837	12	36	1,2,3,5
13	Lighthouse Social Service Centers	CA1708 LHSSC Riverside PSH	\$459,918	22	29	All
14	Path of Life Ministries	CA1364 POLM PSH	\$1,776,714	80	92	1,2,4,5
15	RUHS-Behavioral Health	CA0935 RUHS-BH PSH-SS	\$1,818,722	98	185	All
16	Jewish Family Services of San Diego	CA1900 JFSSD Desert Rose PSH (Total \$1,313,065 btw Tier 1 & Tier 2)	\$501,057	42	55	4
<b>Tier 2: \$1,473,763</b>						
16	Jewish Family Services of San Diego	CA1900 JFSSD Desert Rose PSH (Total \$1,313,065 btw Tier 1 & Tier 2)	\$812,008	42	55	4
17	Lighthouse Social Service Centers	CA1367 LHSSC SSC RRH	\$343,302	12	40	All
18	City of Riverside	CA1055 CoR PSH-SS CH	\$158,376	8	8	1
19	City of Riverside	CA0936 CoR PSH-SS for Disabled	\$160,077	9	12	All
<b>CoC Bonus: \$2,104,424</b>						
20	Illumination Foundation	2024 Illumination Foundation PSH	\$867,681	25	30	1,2,5
21	Path of Life Ministries	2024 CA1364 POLM PSH Expansion	\$569,275	10	27	1,2,4,5
22	RUHS-BH	CA2053 RUHS-BH PSH Expansion	\$619,287	25	28	All
<b>DV Bonus: \$2,630,530</b>						
23	His Daughters House	2024 HDH DV TH-RRH	\$979,701	22	58	All
24	His Daughters House	2024 HDH DV RRH	\$1,448,624	32	82	All
				<b># of Units</b>	<b># of Beds</b>	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>All Recommended Renewal Projects</b>		<b>\$14,737,635</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>849</b>	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>All Recommended New Projects - CoC Bonus</b>		<b>\$2,056,243</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>\$4,484,568</b>
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>All Recommended New Projects - DV Bonus</b>		<b>\$2,428,325</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>140</b>	
	<b>FY2024 CoC Planning</b>		<b>\$876,843</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>All Recommended Renewal and New Projects</b>		<b>\$20,099,046</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>1074</b>	

### 4.3 2025 Point-in-Time Count

Tanya Torno, CoC Deputy Director

#### ***No Action Needed***

**Background:** The Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS), in partnership with the Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) and cities, is coordinating the 2025 Homeless Point-In-Time Count on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. The annual Point-in-Time Count is a “snapshot” of the number of homeless people living in Riverside County on a specific day. Collecting data on homelessness and tracking progress helps to inform public opinion, increase public awareness, and attract resources that will lead to ending homelessness. In preparation for the Point-in-Time Count, virtual community planning meetings will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 3 PM to 4 PM to discuss outreach and engagement strategies, location mapping, mobile survey development and identification of deployment sites.

### 4.4 Continuum of Care Impact Report

Selam Walker, GIS Research Specialist II

#### ***No Action Needed***

**Background:** The Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Action Plan was adopted in 2023 and recently completed evaluating its performance against 6 key goals to measure the effectiveness of its homeless delivery system for Year 2. In the last fiscal year spanning from July 1, 2023, to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the CoC aided 18,339 unduplicated individuals, which reflects a 6% rise in the number of people assisted compared to the previous fiscal year. While this growth represents a continued need for more housing solutions, it is a dramatic decrease in comparison to the 26% increase from the previous year. This is important because it notes a significant decrease in inflow and recognizes the larger system investments across the region to develop affordable housing, increase the number of permanent supportive housing units, scale medicine and behavioral health interventions across multiple access points, coordinate preventative services and other initiatives to reduce new entries into homelessness and ensure individuals relocated into permanent housing remain housed.

Remarkably, a total of 5,711 new individuals were linked to permanent housing, contributing to a total of 7,307 individuals housed, exceeding the number of placements into housing from the previous year. Still, the need for additional resources to end homelessness cannot be underscored given that under current funding levels, this same system of care only has enough resources to help 1 in 2.5 individuals exit homelessness and relocate into housing. For this reason, the CoC and County work together, and in partnership with Cities across the region, to pursue every avenue to secure additional funding opportunities to expand housing and services and achieve our goal of reducing homelessness to a rare, brief, and non-reoccurring incidence.

### 5.0 Announcements

Dr. Ben Jáuregui, BoG Vice-Chair

#### 5.1 The Longest Night – December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### 6.0 Call for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Dr. Ben Jáuregui, BoG Vice-Chair

**7.0 Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled Board of Governance meeting will be on Thursday, December 12, 2024, from 9am – 11am at the City of Banning Council Chambers. Additionally, we will be reaching out to schedule a special meeting in November.

### 8.0 Adjournment

Dr. Ben Jáuregui, BoG Vice-Chair