# County of Riverside Continuum of Care Board of Governance

**Meeting Agenda** 

Thursday June 16, 2022 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Teams Meeting** 



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**Dr. Matthew Chang, Chairperson** 

Leticia De Lara, Vice-chair

1.0 Call to Order: Welcome & Introduction of New Chairs

Tammy Marine, Former BoG Chair

1.1 Roll Call

2.0 Consent Items

Josh Tomaszewski, CoC Planning Team

Dr. Matthew Chang, Chair

- 2.1 Adopt Resolution No. 2022-05 for Teleconferencing
- 2.2 Minutes Approval for April 21st, 2022 Board of Governance Meeting

**Recommended Motion** – Approve the following consent items: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-05 allowing the Board of Governance to utilize teleconferencing for meetings held within the next 30 days and approve the April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Board of Governance meeting minutes.

**3.0 Public Comment on Any Item Not Listed on Agenda:** 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 BoG Seat Elections

**Carrie Harmon, BoG Secretary** 

Informational Only

**Background:** Nominations are now open for (4) CoC Board of Governance seats for terms beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and (1) vacated seat for a term of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for the specific service areas noted below:

- 1. Public Sector Seat: Law Enforcement Victim Services Provider
- 2. Private Sector Seat: Faith Based Organization
- 3. Non-Profit Sector Seat: School Districts
- 4. Formerly Homeless Representative
- 5. Public Sector Seat: Governments \*Seat vacated early; Term 2022 2024

CoC Staff sent an email announcement to the Continuum of Care on June 2<sup>nd</sup> requesting nominations from voting members. Nominees will be invited to share a few words during the Regular CoC Meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Elections will be finalized before the next BoG meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Section 6.01 and 6.02 in the Governance Charter provide an overview of the BoG composition requirements: CoC Governance Charter

**Public Comments** 

## 4.2 Special Request to Add a Permanent City of Riverside BoG Seat

Dr. Matthew Chang, Chair

Informational Only

**Background**: The City of Riverside submitted a letter formally requesting a permanent voting position on the Board of Governance citing, "Our request is based on the large proportionality of resources and client need in the City of Riverside... The City of Riverside is also the largest service provider in western Riverside County..." The additional seat would increase the total number of governance seats to 17, with 16 of those seats being voting members. A copy of letter can be found here: City of Riverside Permanent Voting Request

**Public Comments** 

## 4.3 2022 Homeless Point-in-Time Count Results

Heidi Marshall, HWS Director

Informational Only

**Background:** The Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS), in partnership with the Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) and cities, coordinated the Homeless Point-In-Time Count held on the morning of February 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2022. While the total count of 3,136 individuals reflects an increase of 15% from 2020 to 2022, the results reveal an 8% decrease in the number of unsheltered persons for the first time in six years. The increase is a result of an 83% increase in the sheltered population. These results point to a high-performing homeless continuum of care system, which has dramatically increased the number of shelter beds (+607) in the last two years. HWS has expanded its partnership with the Institute for Urban Initiatives who is assisting with analyzing the data and will be working with the Riverside County CoC to determine levels of investment across the county. The full report can be found here: RivCo PIT Count Summary Report

#### **Public Comments**

## 4.4 2021 Emergency Solutions Grant Funding Recommendations

Tanya Torno, HWS Deputy Director

#### **Action Item**

**Background:** On August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced the availability of approximately \$6.9 million in new federal funds for Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. The County of Riverside is scheduled to receive an allocation of \$339,931, of which a minimum of 40% is required to be set aside to support rapid rehousing activities. The Board of Governance approved to prioritize \$170,368 towards rapid rehousing and \$160,000 towards street outreach during its regular meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

CoC Staff released a Request for Proposals (RFP) on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, soliciting local applications and hosted a non-mandatory bidders' conference on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. There was a total of 6 applications (4 Street Outreach & 2 Rapid Rehousing) totaling \$1.3M. Staff has worked with the Individual Review Panel Committee and prepared the activity and funding allocations below based on the configuration of existing resources across the homelessness continuum. Services will be available to residents in all districts and based on CES service linkages.

Agency	Population	Activity	Total Allocation	Districts
Starting	All; will prioritize justice involved persons	Street Outreach	\$160,000.00	All Districts
Over, Inc.	All; will prioritize justice involved persons	Rapid Rehousing	\$170,368.00	All Districts

#### **Public Comments**

**Recommended Motion:** Approve the 2021 ESG Funding Recommendations.

## 4.5 Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP)

Tanya Torno, HWS Deputy Director

#### Action Item

**Background:** HHAP 3 is a \$1 billion state grant that provides local jurisdictions, with flexible funding to continue efforts to end and prevent homelessness. The program is designed to build on regional coordination developed through previous rounds of Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), HHAP Rounds 1 and 2 funding, and COVID-19 funding. As a condition of funding, communities are expected to implement strategies to align the funding with other local, state, and federal funds; address racial disproportionality and achieve equitable provision of services; create a path in which persons with lived experience can help shape all levels of planning and implementation; and fund Housing First Compliant projects that are low barrier, trauma informed, and culturally responsive.

The County of Riverside's Housing and Workforce Solutions Department serves as the Administrative Entity and Continuum of Care (CoC) Lead Agency and is eligible to apply for \$4,207,199.87 by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. To receive HHAP-3 funding each applicant must prepare and submit the following tables which are attached to this report:

- 1. Table 1: Analysis of the needs and demographics of people experiencing homelessness
- **2.** <u>Table 2</u>: Analysis of people being served across programs
- 3. Table 3: Analysis of all funding sources leveraged
- **4.** Table 4: Baseline data from HMIS and as submitted by CoC to the state's Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS)
- **5.** <u>Table 5</u>: Description of Actionable Strategies

Eligible Uses Recommended by Staff		Allocation	Homeless Action Plan Alignment
1.	Rapid rehousing, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees.	\$410,000.87	Action Area 4: Expand and Ensure Equitable Access to Permanent Housing in Other Communities; Strategies: 23, 24, 28, 30, and 31
2.	Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters and navigation centers.  Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.	\$626,579.00	Action Area 4: Expand and Ensure Equitable Access to Permanent Housing in Other Communities; Strategies: 23, 24, 28, 30, and 31  Action Area 3: Expand Communities to Provide Safe and Effective Shelter and Interim Housing; Strategies: 19
3.	Street outreach to assist persons experiencing homelessness to access permanent housing and services.	\$600,116.00	Action Area 2: Equitably Address the Health, Safety, and Services Needs of People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness; Strategies: 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18
4.	Services coordination, which may include access to workforce, education and training programs, or other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.	\$250,000.00	Action Area 5: Prevent People from Experiencing the Crisis of Homelessness; Strategies: 35
5.	Systems support for activities necessary to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services and housing delivery system, particularly for vulnerable populations, including families and homeless youth.	\$1,026,000.00	Action Area 1: Prevent People from Experiencing the Crisis of Homelessness; Strategies: 1, 2, 3, and 5
6.	Delivery of permanent housing and innovative solutions such as hotel and motel conversions.	\$1,000,000.00	Action Area 4: Expand and Ensure Equitable Access to Permanent Housing in Other Communities.; Strategies: 23, 24, 28, 30, and 31

7.	Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing, including rental subsidies.	\$0	Action Area 5: Prevent People from Experiencing the Crisis of Homelessness; Strategies: 33, 34, 36, 38
8.	Interim Sheltering, limiting to newly developed clinically enhanced congregate shelters, new or existing non-congregate shelters, and operations of existing navigation centers and shelters based on demonstration of need.  *Communities applying for funding under this category must demonstrate reasons for need.	*Can bill costs to category #2.	Action Area 3: Expand Communities to Provide Safe and Effective Shelter and Interim Housing; Strategies: 19
9.	Improvements to existing emergency shelters to lower barriers and increase privacy.	\$0	Action Area 3: Expand Communities to Provide Safe and Effective Shelter and Interim Housing; Strategies: 19
10.	Administrative Costs incurred by the CoC to administer the program allocations.	\$294,504.00	Action Area 1: Prevent People from Experiencing the Crisis of Homelessness; Strategies: 1, 4
Tot	tal Allocation	\$4,207,199.87	

## **Public Comments**

**Recommended Motion:** Approve HHPWS to submit the HHAP Round 3 application for the eligible activities listed above.

## 5.0 Announcements

# 6.0 Call for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

**7.0 Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled Board of Governance meeting will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 9 – 11 AM. Until further notice, all meetings will require adoption of a resolution allowing for teleconference pursuant to AB 361 (effective September 16, 2021).

## 8.0 Adjournment