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2022

Continuum of Care
Staff Report

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POINT-IN-TIME COUNT SUMMARY

The Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS) and the County of Riverside Continuum of Care, coordinated the 2022 Homeless Point-in-Time Count (PITC). The **unsheltered homeless count** included counts in the street, unincorporated areas, and events specific to Transitional Age Youth (TAY). The **sheltered count** consisted of information derived from the countywide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Data collected during the PITC reflects Riverside County's homeless population at one point-in-time and is required to:

-  continue receiving federal funding for homeless assistance programs
-  define the specific needs of our communities to improve models of care and wrap around services
-  help individuals and families experiencing homelessness who are in need
-  determine changes in trends and the impact of COVID-19 on the already vulnerable, at-risk, and homeless population

2022 Homeless Count Highlights

(Compared to the 2020 Homeless Point-in-Time Count)

15%

increase in overall
homeless population

Subpopulations of

Interest:

Families with children experienced a **50% increase**

TAY showed a **7% decrease**

Seniors 60+ demonstrated a **14% decrease**

Veteran homelessness **declined by 31%**

8%

decrease in number of
unsheltered persons

8% decrease, is the **first decrease in six years**, it may be **attributed to large investments made to fund homeless street outreach teams** which increased referrals to emergency shelters and other housing assistance programs.

83%

increase in
sheltered individuals

83% increase can be attributed to an increase in shelter capacity. Federal response to COVID conditions and increased state funding. An increase in sheltered count numbers **indicates that more individuals are receiving care and are on a path towards permanent housing.**

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT DATA

Total Persons Counted

3,316

15% increase from 2,884 (2020 PIT Count)

Sheltered Total

1,336

By Supervisory District

District 1	452
District 2	129
District 3	292
District 4	424
District 5	39

By Subpopulation

Veterans	49	2% decrease
Transitional Aged Youth	75	7% increase
Seniors (62+)	137+	71% increase
Families with Children	119	86% increase

+ number does not include aggregate data



2018

2019

2020

Unsheltered Total by Year

Unsheltered Total

1,980

By Supervisory District

District 1	373
District 2	460
District 3	227
District 4	670
District 5	250

By Subpopulation

Veterans	146*	30% increase
Transitional Aged Youth	237	7% decrease
Seniors (62+)	106	12% decrease
Families with Children	9	50% increase

*number reported is extrapolated, total unsheltered veterans is 77 (31% decrease from 2020)



2018

2019

2020

2021

Sheltered Total by Year

*2021 Unsheltered PIT Count was not conducted as a result of COVID exemption.

To view the full 2022 Homeless Point-in-Time Count report please visit morethanacount.org.

SUCCESS STORY

Ms. B became homeless along with her daughter, son-in-law, and minor grandson after losing their garbage hauling business due to COVID-19 and having to sell their home. Ms. B and her family were provided with emergency motel placement while a Housing Choice Voucher referral was submitted. The APS Crisis Response Intervention Services (CRIS) Team assisted the family with completing the Section 8 application and with submitting all needed verifications for all family members.

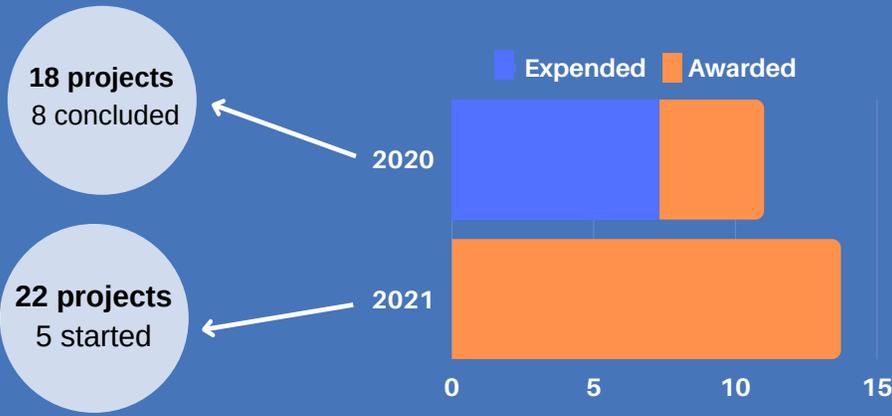


We continued to motivate and keep the client focused on **housing first**. Once the **Section 8 voucher was approved**, we assisted the family in looking for units. Our in house navigation team was informed on all the barriers and assisted with finding units that could be a good fit for this family and assisted with the in house vendor process so that APS was able to pay via ESG Funding. The family had many barriers and were denied from three different units due to poor credit, domestic violence on background report, and an active probation. After a long search and with the Section 8 voucher expiration nearing, we were able to find a landlord who was willing to meet the family and complete a character interview that we were able to attend and groom the clients into successfully being selected for the unit. APS CRIS advised the property management that ongoing case management services would be provided that will ensure the family remains in safe and stable housing. We attended the meet and greet with the family and it could not have gone any better. The family is extremely happy they are able to remain together.

ACTIVE PROGRAMS

HUD Continuum of Care Program

2019-2021 Expended Funds



On 3/14/2022 HUD announced the CoC FY 2021, awarding them \$13.7 million to fund 22 projects, 808 beds in 561 units.

Projects for FY 2020 will start and end within 2/1/21-6/30/23

Projects for FY 2021 will start and end within 2/1/22-12/31/2023

California Emergency Solutions and Housing

2018 CESH I Grant

As of February 2022, CVAG has expended all subcontracted CESH funds



2019 CESH II Program

2 Service Projects funded for flexible housing subsidies.

CESH funds may be used for the same activities as in previous CESH Program.

2018 CESH I Grant

4/9/2019 - 8/6/2024

\$1.3M - 4 Projects

2019 CESH II Program

8/30/2021 - 8/6/2024

\$747k - 2 Projects

Homeless Housing, Assistance & Prevention Program (HHAP)

County Allocation

Round 1

Funds remaining: \$2,973,041
3% of funds expended (\$94,708.29)

Round 2

Funds allotted for 5 projects have not been expended.
\$1,402,400 remains

CoC Allocation

Round 1

Funds Remaining: \$3,004,676
9.3% of funds expended (\$306,697)

Round 2

Funds allotted for 4 projects have not been expended.
\$1,566,822 remains

County Allocation

R1 - \$3.1M - 11 Projects
R2 - \$1.4 M- 5 Projects
All projects end on 6/30/2025

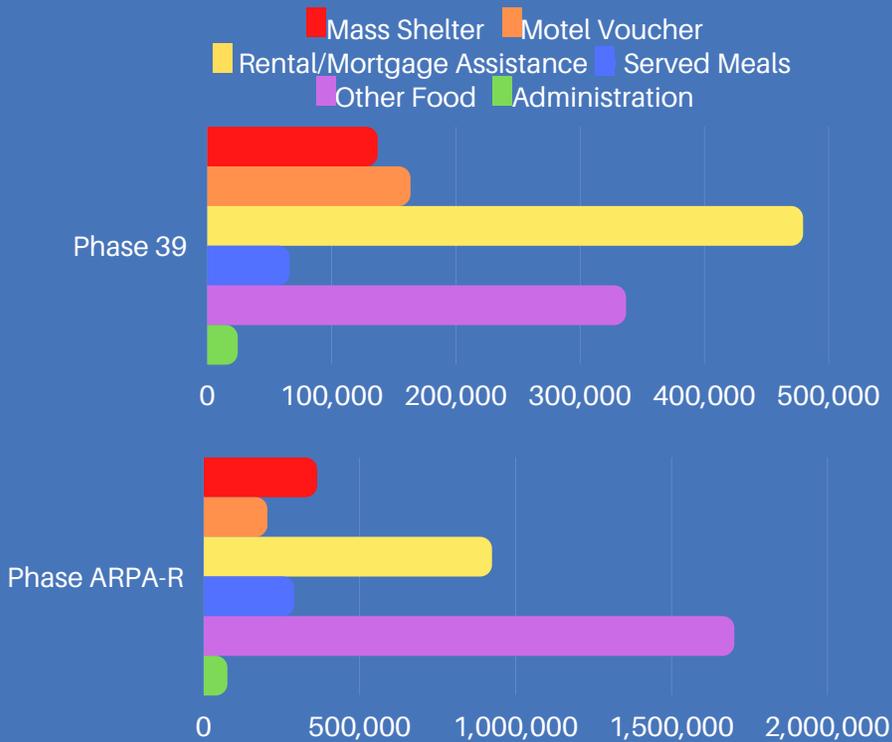
CoC Allocation

R1 - \$3.3M - 10 Projects
R2 - \$1.5 M - 4 Projects
All projects start and end within 6/17/2021 - 12/31/2024

ACTIVE PROGRAMS

Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP)

Funding Allocation



Each bar represents a different category of providers in their respective ESG phases.

Phase 39

\$1.2M - 30 Projects
11/01/2021 – 04/30/2023

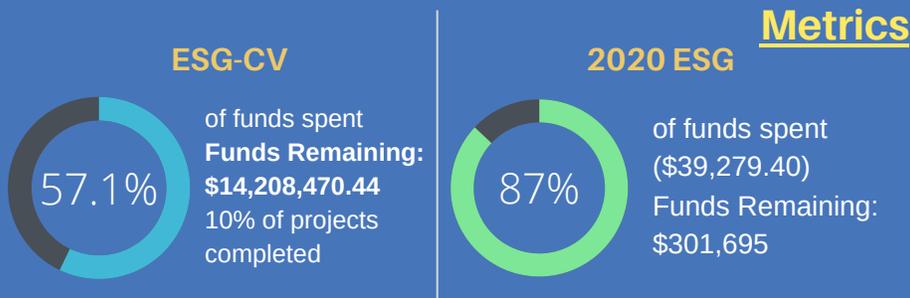
There were a total of 8 Rental/Mortgage Assistance Providers, a majority of the Phase 39 funding was allocated to them (\$479,352).

Phase ARPA-R

\$3.7M - 32 Projects
11/01/2021 – 04/30/2023

There were a total of 24 Other Food Providers, \$1.7 million of the funding was allocated to them.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)



2021 ESG

- The award letter was sent 7/6/2022, contracts is currently working on an agreement.
- This grant will be funding 1 agency to provide Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach.

ESG-CV

\$33M - 37 Projects
3/4/2020 - 9/30/2022

2020 ESG

\$301k - 3 Projects
3 providers funded
9/30/2021 - 7/7/2022

2021 ESG

\$330k - 1 provider
TBD - 6/30/2023

County General Fund Shelter Contracts



Metrics

Contracts

Start and end dates are within
7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022

All 5 service agreements support emergency shelter services.

PROPOSALS IN SUBMISSION

2022 CoC Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness

- **Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** to target efforts to reduce unsheltered homelessness, particularly in communities with very high levels of unsheltered homelessness and in rural areas.
 - NOFO was announced by HUD on 6/22/2022 with deadline to submit applications by 10/20/2022.
- \$267.5 million available for projects as part of the unsheltered homelessness set aside - Riverside City & County can apply for up to \$14,149,460

Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Round 3 (HHAP-3)

- **CoC & COUNTY ALLOCATIONS**
 - Both allocations have a service period from the date of executed Standard Agreement (TBD) - 6/30/2026
 - Application deadline was on 1/23/2021. On 6/4/21, the State notified that the application has been approved and will move forward with the award and disbursement process.
 - **Eligible Activities:** RRH, operating subsidies, street outreach, service coordination, systems support, permanent housing and innovative solutions, prevention and shelter diversion, new navigation centers and emergency shelters

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)

- **Update**
 - As of June 24th, the CoC has officially submitted the YHDP application.
 - We are now awaiting the award notification. If awarded, the funds will be used through a coordinated community approach to prevent and end homelessness amongst transitioning aged youth.

2022 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

- The 2022 NOFA was released June 13, 2022, the application is due on Wednesday, August 17, 2022.
- **Eligible activities:** RRH, emergency shelter, street outreach, and homeless prevention

EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS

What are Emergency Housing Vouchers? (EHV)

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provided \$5 billion for rental assistance in the form of EHVs that are administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through local public housing agencies (PHAs) like the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside.

*The Housing Authority of Riverside was awarded **354 EHVs.***

EHV Impact

updates as of 7/1/22

900

HomeConnections
Received

125

Vouchers issued

71

Clients Leased

How are these vouchers administered?

HUD is requiring PHAs to work with their CoC's as well as homeless service and victim service provider organizations as referral partners. PHAs must accept referrals from the CoC's Coordinated Entry System (CES).

New applications/referrals for this program have stopped. (Program is unable to process referrals received after 4/22/2022)

Who is eligible for EHVs?

Individuals and families must be:

- Homeless
- At risk of homelessness
- Recently homeless
- Fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking, domestic violence, sexual assault, or dating violence

Leasing Options to Address the Affordable Housing Crisis

High housing costs and lack of affordable housing combined with high barriers can make finding housing challenging. Housing assistance **providers should utilize creative leasing strategies to increase access** to available apartment and housing units which are too often out of reach for persons with significant barriers.

Alternatives to Traditional Leasing Options

Master Leasing

Service provider is the lease and subleases to clients eliminating the barriers and discrimination against those with previous evictions or low income. Service provider assumes responsibility for the unit. Service provider can lease a block of units allowing shifts from unit to unit if issues arise.

Third-Party Leasing

A lease is usually made between two parties: a landlord and a tenant. With a third-party lease, however, a housing authority or service provider signs the lease along with the tenant so that, in the event the tenant does not pay, the third party guarantees the payment. This arrangement is common when a tenant has no or poor credit history, inconsistent job history, high income to debt ratios, or other housing barriers.

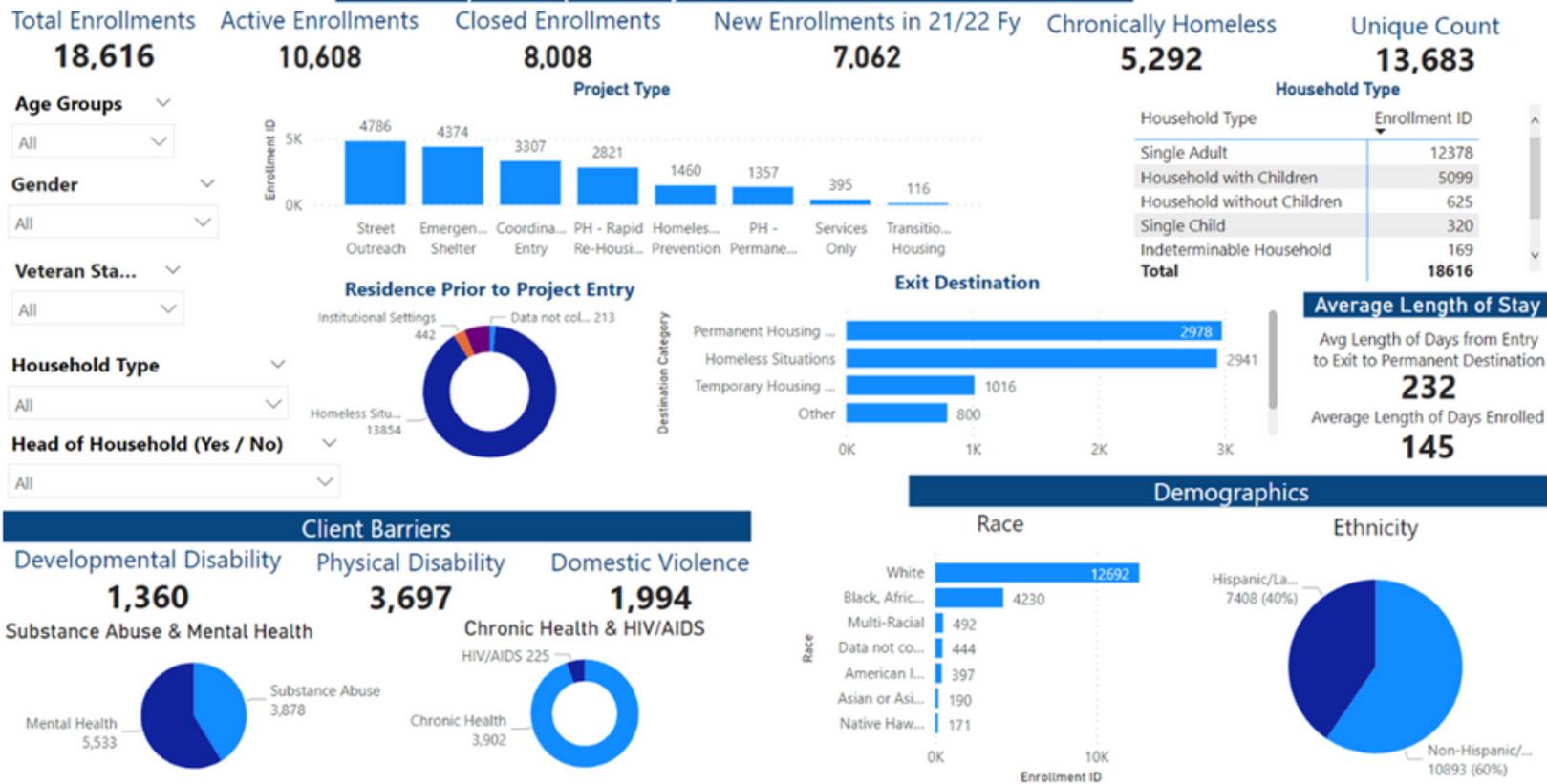
Shared Housing

Utilizing multi bedroom units to resolve lack of available one-bedroom or studio units reducing the costs of living for individuals while providing positive impacts of social connections and support. By capitalizing on the existing stock of multi-bedroom housing units, we can match potential housemates for shared housing arrangements.

If a housing assistance provider is able to master lease dozens of available units in their region, they would have full control of who they can rent to. This would **create new housing opportunities** for persons receiving a rental subsidy **in regions where inventories are low**. Utilizing a combination of master leasing, third-party leasing, and shared housing **provides greater options and flexibility to relocate individuals when challenges arise rather than adding another eviction and barrier** for hard to house individuals.

HMIS IMPACT REPORT

Impact Report (July 1st, 2021 - June 30th, 2022)



1. NOTE: *If a client receives services from multiple programs in a year, they will be reported multiple times, e.g., if client received services in Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach, they will be reported twice, once in each program. 2. Unique Count total displays unduplicated unique individuals. 3. Coordinated Entry System- Riverside County is still integrating CES data into its new HMIS Software System. The stats presented for this entry are not entirely inclusive.

HMIS Lead Agency

The purpose of HMIS is to record and store client-level information about the numbers, characteristics and needs of persons who use homeless housing and supportive services and about persons who receive assistance for persons at risk of homelessness over time, to produce an unduplicated count of homeless persons for each Continuum of Care, to understand the extent and nature of homelessness locally, regionally and nationally, and to understand services use and measure the effectiveness of programs.

CES LEAD UPDATE

Coordinated Entry System (CES) Lead Updates – June 2022

Average days CES HomeConnect referral to first contact by housing provider: 4.8



Calls Received	April	May	June	Total
Calls to 800-Number	1394	1089	1474	3937

Assessments Received	April	May	June	Total
VI-SPDATs Received (<24)	4	4	8	16
VI-SPDATs Received (25-59)	123	78	137	338
VI-SPDATs Received (60+)	25	23	8	56
Total	152	105	168	410

Active & Need HomeConnection	East	Mid	West	Total
PSH Level (8+)	233	226	488	947
RRh Level (4-7)	129	54	156	339
Total	362	280	644	1286

Families w/ Children: Waiting for HomeConnection	<24	25-59	60+	All Ages
PSH Level (Score 9+)	5	69	12	86
RRh Level (Score 4-8)	8	46	11	65
Total	13	115	23	151

Families w/ Children: HomeConnection & Housing Search	<24	25-59	60+	All Ages
PSH Level (Score 9+)	1	25	2	28
RRh Level (Score 4-8)	6	38	3	47
Total	7	63	5	75

Outstanding HomeConnections	<24	25-59	60+	All Ages
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	4	59	43	106
Rapid Rehousing (RRh)	7	71	32	110
Transitional Housing (TH)	0	0	0	0
Bridge Housing	0	0	0	0
Emergency Solutions Grant	5	59	20	84
Section 8 Extraordinary Preference	0	0	0	0
Total	16	189	95	300

Number of Consumers on By Name List by City	<24	25-59	60+	All Ages
Banning	0	18	3	21
Beaumont	0	2	0	2
Bermuda Dunes	0	2	0	2
Blythe	0	25	12	37
Calimesa	0	0	2	2
Cathedral City	3	17	8	28
Cherry Valley	0	1	1	2
Coachella	0	18	8	26
Corona	5	91	23	119
Desert Hot Springs	1	44	20	65
Eastvale	0	0	1	1
Hemet	1	85	20	106
Homeland	0	0	1	1
Indio	20	225	58	303
Jurupa Valley	1	30	4	35
La Quinta	0	2	0	2
Lake Elsinore	2	58	12	72
Menifee	0	8	1	9
Moreno Valley	1	33	5	39
Murrieta	1	12	3	16
Norco	0	14	9	23
Palm Desert	1	23	9	33
Palm Springs	2	107	45	154
Perris	0	8	2	10
Rancho Mirage	0	1	0	1
Riverside	13	367	90	470
San Jacinto	0	38	5	43
Sun City	0	1	0	1
Temecula	0	21	1	22
Thermal	0	2	0	2
Thousand Palms	0	0	2	2
Wildomar	0	5	1	6
Total	51	1258	346	1655

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