



# **HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024  
10:00 a.m.**

**CVAG Conference Room  
73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104  
Palm Desert, CA 92260**

Members of the Committee and the public may attend and participate by video at the following remote location:

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235 N Broadway, Room A  
Blythe, CA 92225**

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**THIS MEETING IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE.  
ACTION MAY RESULT ON ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA.**

**UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, ALL ACTION ITEMS WILL BE PRESENTED TO  
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR FINAL APPROVAL.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair John Peña, Mayor Pro Tem, City of La Quinta

2. **ROLL CALL** –

A. **Member Roster**

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3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

This is the time and place for members of the public to address the Homelessness Committee on agenda items. At the discretion of the Chair, comments may be taken at the time items are presented. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes.

5. **CHAIR / COMMITTEE / CVAG STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. **Approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting of the Homelessness Committee**

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B. **Receive and file the quarterly report for the CV Housing First program, representing clients served in the first quarter of 2024**

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7. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**

A. **Presentation: Coachella Valley Rescue Mission’s Future Plans** – Darla Burkett,  
CVRM Executive Director

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**Recommendation:** Information

B. **Lift to Rise Action Plan Update** – Heather Vaikona, Lift to Rise’s President/CEO

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**Recommendation:** Information

- C. **Ending CV Housing First in the City of Desert Hot Springs – Erica Felci** P14

**Recommendation:** Authorize the Executive Director to wind down CV Housing First services in the City of Desert Hot Springs, including removing the City’s allocated slots from the CV 200 list

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9. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

This is the time and place for members of the public to address the Homelessness Committee on items of general interest within the purview of this committee. Please limit comments to two (2) minutes

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Palm Springs Navigation Center, 3589 McCarthy Road, Palm Springs, 92262. The earlier meeting time will allow time for a campus tour.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

**ITEM 2A**

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments  
Homelessness Committee  
Member Roster  
2023- 2024**



<b>VOTING MEMBERS</b>	
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Tribal Councilmember John Preckwinkle III
City of Blythe	Councilmember Dale Reynolds
City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Raymond Gregory
City of Coachella	Councilmember Denise Delgado
Desert Healthcare District	Director Carole Rogers, RN
City of Desert Hot Springs	Mayor Pro Tem Jan Pye
City of Indian Wells	Councilmember Donna Griffith
City of Indio	Councilmember Waymond Fermon – <b><u>Vice Chair</u></b>
City of La Quinta	Mayor Pro Tem John Peña – <b><u>Chair</u></b>
City of Palm Desert	Councilmember Kathleen Kelly
City of Palm Springs	Mayor Pro Tem Ron deHarte
City of Rancho Mirage	Councilmember Lynn Mallotto
Riverside County – District 4	Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez
<b>Ex-Officio / Non-Voting Members</b>	
Pedro S.G. Rodriguez, Executive Director, Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	
Darla Burkett, Executive Director, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	
Vacant, Executive Director, Home Aid Inland Empire	
Samuel Hollenbeck, Chief Executive Officer, Martha’s Village and Kitchen	
Vacant, The Salvation Army	
Angelina Coe, Executive Director, Shelter from the Storm	

<b>CVAG Staff</b>
Tom Kirk, Executive Director
Erica Felci, Chief Operating Officer

**ITEM 6A**

**Homelessness Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 21, 2024**



The audio file for this meeting can be found at: <http://www.cvag.org/audio.htm>

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Homelessness Committee Chair John Peña, City of La Quinta, at 10:00 a.m. at the CVAG Conference Room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, in Palm Desert, with video conferencing available from the cities of Blythe and Bakersfield.
- 2. ROLL CALL** - Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

**Members Present**

City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Raymond Gregory
City of Coachella	Councilmember Denise Delgado ( <i>arrived at item 7A</i> )
Desert Healthcare District	Director Carole Rogers, RN ( <i>arrived at item 4</i> )
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Jan Pye
City of Indian Wells	Mayor Donna Griffith
City of La Quinta	Mayor Pro Tem John Peña, Chair ( <i>left at item 7D</i> )
City of Palm Desert	Councilmember Kathleen Kelly
City of Palm Springs	Mayor Pro Tem Ron deHarte
City of Rancho Mirage	Councilmember Lynn Mallotto
Riverside County – District 4	Deputy Director Greg Rodriguez

**Ex Officios Present**

Shelter from the Storm	Angelina Coe
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**Members and Ex-Officios Not Present**

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Councilmember John Preckwinkle III
City of Blythe	Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez
City of Indio	Councilmember Waymond Fermon, Vice Chair
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	Pedro S.G. Rodriguez
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	Darla Burkett
Martha's Village and Kitchen	Samuel Hollenbeck

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Peña led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**5. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS**

Chief Operating Officer Erica Felci announced that this year's Point-In-Time count will be a shelter count and that the CV Housing First team has provided their numbers to that count.

Chair Peña announced he will need to leave the meeting early to attend a previous commitment.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MALLOWTO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

- A. Approve the September 18, 2023 Homelessness Committee Special Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approve the November 15, 2023 Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes**
- C. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Memorandum of Understanding with Beacon Associates for behavioral health referrals, authorizing a not to exceed amount of \$40,000 through March 5, 2026**

**THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 9 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER PRECKWINKLE</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER DELGADO</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>DIRECTOR ROGERS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM PYE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER GRIFFITH</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER FERMON</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM PEÑA</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM QUINTANILLA</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM DEHARTE</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER MALLOWTO</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>

**7. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. CV Housing First: 2023 Year in Review**

Management Analyst Ivan Tenorio presented the staff report.

Member discussion ensued, with staff addressing members' questions.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MALLOTTO TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE CV HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM, REPRESENTING CLIENTS SERVED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2023.**

**THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER PRECKWINKLE</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER DELGADO</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>DIRECTOR ROGERS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM PYE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER GRIFFITH</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER FERMON</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM PEÑA</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM QUINTANILLA</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM DEHARTE</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER MALLOTTO</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>

**B. Potential Loss of Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 2.0) Grant Funding**

Ian Gabriel, Lift to Rise’s Director of Data, Policy & Planning, detailed the proposed cuts to the REAP 2.0 funding under the Governor’s Proposed Budget. The \$300 million cut from REAP’s grant funding would threaten \$19.4 million in awards to the Coachella Valley.

Member discussion ensued.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLY AND SECONDED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR AND/OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ADVOCATE THAT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA MAINTAIN THE FUNDING COMMITMENTS MADE TO THE REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING PROGRAM, INCLUDING \$19.4 MILLION IN AWARDS TO THE COACHELLA VALLEY**

**THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 10 AYES AND 4 MEMBERS ABSENT**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER PRECKWINKLE</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER DELGADO</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>DIRECTOR ROGERS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM PYE</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER GRIFFITH</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER FERMON</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM PEÑA</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM QUINTANILLA</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM DEHARTE</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>

**COUNCILMEMBER MALLOTTO  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ  
VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ**

**AYE  
AYE  
ABSENT**

**C. Presentation: Construction of the Palm Springs Navigation Center**

Palm Springs Deputy City Manager Flinn Fagg presented on the construction of Palm Springs Navigation Center and its progress.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

**D. Recap of Riverside County's Fourth District Homeless Symposium**

Greg Rodriguez, Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions' Deputy Director for Government Affairs and Community Engagement provided a recap of the event.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

Chair Pena left the meeting, and Deputy Director Rodriguez to lead the remaining agenda items.

**8. INFORMATION**

**A. Attendance Record**

**B. Updates from Ex Officio Members**

Angelina Coe, Executive Director from Shelter of the Storm, announced they are hiring for some positions in their agency and that can be found on their website. Ms. Coe gave an update on the potential funding cuts looming that would affect the services that they provide, as well as the funding they received in December from various cities.

Ms. Coe noted that December is CV Giving Day is March 5, 2024, and is asking for support for Shelter of the Storm.

**C. Unaudited Financial Statement for CV Housing First Program through December 31, 2023**

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260.



The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the CVAG conference room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, Palm Desert, 92260

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Deputy Director Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ely Regalado*  
CVAG Management Analyst

**ITEM 6B**

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments  
Homelessness Committee  
May 15, 2024**



**STAFF REPORT**

**Subject:** CV Housing First’s Quarterly Report for First Quarter of 2024

**Contact:** Erica Felci, Chief Operating Officer ([efelci@cvaq.org](mailto:efelci@cvaq.org))

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**Recommendation:** Receive and file the quarterly report for the CV Housing First program, representing clients served in the first quarter of 2024

**Background:** CVAG has entered its fourth year of operating the CV Housing First program with staff. The program is focused on the CV 200, a by-name list of chronically homeless individuals residing in desert cities that have frequent contacts with law enforcement and who are likely to be shelter resistant or who have already fallen out of housing. The list was developed in partnership with CVAG’s member jurisdictions and local law enforcement. It is also maintained in partnership with those agencies. At the end of each calendar year, CVAG staff meets with the local police departments, code enforcement and other partners to identify who needs to remain on the list and who may not need to be on the list, either because they are being helped by other programs or because they have left the Coachella Valley. Staff then resets the CV 200 list by using the names and feedback from its agency partners and it is revisited annually in collaboration with those partners.

CVAG staff has committed to adjusting CV Housing First programming based on the data and, as detailed in a separate staff report, based on available funding. Updates on the program’s metrics are provided quarterly. The CV Housing First team uses two primary methods to get clients to housing solutions: rapid resolution and crisis stabilization units, which are residential units, apartments and hotel rooms that CVAG rents to case manage CV Housing First clients. CVAG staff will continue to provide quarterly reports as it provides services in 2024.

**CV Housing First Clients – By the Numbers through March 31, 2024**

<b>CV 200 as of 3/31/2024</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Clients housed in Crisis Stabilization Units (CSH)	46				46
Clients being helped through Rapid Resolution (RR)	0				0

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Clients returned to the street (failures)	11				11
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Clients moved into permanent housing from CSH (successes)	15				15
Clients moved into permanent housing through RR (successes)	0				0
Clients moved into permanent housing through Outreach (successes)*	0				0
<b>TOTAL HOUSED FROM LIST OF 200</b>	15				<b>15</b>

The data is divided by CV 200 clients – the by-name list of chronically homeless individuals that CVAG maintains in partnership with law enforcement and code enforcement – and non-CV 200 clients. There were no non-CV 200 clients served this quarter. CVAG staff has set a goal of permanently housing 65 individuals this calendar year.

The total number of clients housed or returning to the streets is less than the total helped each quarter, as the grand total includes clients who may remain in their units at the end of the quarter. CVAG continues to refine its data metrics in order to be transparent about how many and how quickly individuals are housed. CVAG also tracks clients who are being permanently housed by the CV Housing First program via outreach efforts, and not case management based in the crisis stabilization units.

CVAG staff also tracks how long individuals are staying in the program before being housed or returning to the street. The goal is to exit clients within 90 days to permanent housing solutions. Over the past three years, it is not uncommon for the length of stay to exceed 100 days. For the first quarter, the CV 200 clients who successfully exited the program into permanent housing stayed in a crisis stabilization unit on average for **117 days**. Those CV 200 clients who exited the program unsuccessfully stayed on average **54 days**.

This quarter's length of stay is higher than 2023's overall average, when CVAG's clients benefitted from new affordable housing project sites that had opened. The CV Housing First team also works with clients during outreach to gather vital documents which is overall successfully lowering our average stay in program long-term.

**Fiscal Analysis:** The CV Housing First program, including the staffing and CV 200 program, is incorporated into the CV Housing First budget, which has been funded by contributions from cities and Riverside County grants.

**ITEM 7A**

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments  
Homelessness Committee  
May 15, 2024**



**STAFF REPORT**

**Subject:** Presentation: Coachella Valley Rescue Mission's Future Plans

**Contact:** Erica Felci, Chief Operating Officer ([efelci@cvag.org](mailto:efelci@cvag.org))

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**Recommendation: Information**

**Background:** The Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM) has been serving the Coachella Valley's homeless population since opening its doors in 1971. The program offers a range of services, including street outreach, meal distribution and emergency shelter for about 300 men, women and children. CVRM and CVAG have been longtime partners, with CVRM holding an ex officio membership on the Homelessness Committee and its clients benefitting from the Alan Seman Bus Pass program.

Indio-based CVRM is now expanding its footprint, and Executive Director Darla Burkett will update the Homelessness Committee members on two capital projects. The first is a self-standing commercial laundry facility opening this summer that will be used for clients' needs and as a training facility for job training. The second is a 4,000-square foot women and children's shelter that will add 60 more beds. CVRM, which has been aiming to raise \$2.2 million for the construction, expects the shelter to be complete in mid-2025.

**Fiscal Analysis:** There is no cost to CVAG for this informational update.

**ITEM 7B**

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments  
Homelessness Committee  
May 15, 2024**



**STAFF REPORT**

**Subject:** Lift to Rise Action Plan Update

**Contact:** Erica Felci, Chief Operating Officer ([efelci@cvag.org](mailto:efelci@cvag.org))

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**Recommendation: Information**

**Background:** Lift to Rise is a collective impact nonprofit that set a goal of bringing an additional 10,000 affordable housing units online by 2028 CVAG has previously partnered with Lift to Rise through the state-funded Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) program, where \$304,000 in funding coming to CVAG benefitted Lift to Rise's Catalyst Initiative and Housing Catalyst Fund. The REAP project wrapped in 2022. At the time, the Fund has catalyzed over 500 units across four Coachella Valley communities, deployed \$3.5 million in loan funding, and leveraged an additional \$2 million from the County of Riverside.

To achieve its mission, Lift to Rise has since 2018 released two-year action plans that have addressed both housing stability and economic mobility. The plans are updated based on input from public and private partners and extensive community engagement led by Lift's Housing Collaborative Action Network (CAN).

The 2024-2026 Action Plan (attached) is being released May 15. Lift to Rise is launching a series of presentations, including addressing local City Councils, to update the community on its plans. Heather Vaikona, Lift to Rise's President/CEO, will attend the May meeting of the Homelessness Committee to discuss the goals and strategic steps that are anticipated over the next two years.

**Fiscal Analysis:** This information item has no additional cost to CVAG.

**Attachment:** Lift to Rise's Action Plan for 2024-2026 will be distributed at the Homelessness Committee meeting.

**ITEM 7C**

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments  
Homelessness Committee**

May 15, 2024



**STAFF REPORT**

**Subject:** Ending CV Housing First in the City of Desert Hot Springs

**Contact:** Erica Felci, Chief Operating Officer ([efelci@cvag.org](mailto:efelci@cvag.org))

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**Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to wind down CV Housing First services in the City of Desert Hot Springs, including removing the City's allocated slots from the CV 200 list**

**Background:** In 2021, the same year that CV Housing First became an in-house operation, the CVAG Executive Committee authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with member jurisdictions to secure multi-year funding commitments for the CV Housing First program. CVAG also has maintained the \$100,000 annual contribution request to city partners, and most cities approved MOUs for one or more years. This has allowed the program to benefit consistent financial support from Riverside County and all its participating cities. Desert Hot Springs was one of the cities that did not execute a funding agreement and CVAG has maintained the past-practice of annual billings.

In October 2023, the City of Desert Hot Springs opened the doors to a city-owned emergency homeless facility called The HUB. Under a limited-term contract with Martha's Village and Kitchen, the City has been providing both daytime services such as case management, showers, meal distribution and cooling shelters. They also have overnight beds for up to 26 clients. The City had included some funding in its two-year budget for the launch of The HUB, and received significant financial support from the County. But the funds secured to date has not been enough to fully cover the estimated \$1.5 million in annual operating costs.

In recent months, City staff has reached out to CVAG staff to discuss its \$100,000 contribution to CVAG's CV Housing First program. The City staff have applauded the program but have identified this contribution is needing to be reallocated to The HUB as part of a budget proposal that includes dipping into City reserves. The Desert Hot Springs City Council met May 7 to discuss the recommendation and next steps for The Hub. In public comment for the meeting, CVAG staff requested that the City at least pay for this fiscal year's services, as the invoice has been outstanding since August 2023. Council voted 4-1 to move ahead with a broader budget proposal that includes reallocating CVAG's anticipated funding to The HUB.

CVAG staff is now recommending that CV Housing First services be wrapped up in the City of Desert Hot Springs. This would be done in a few steps to provide a smooth transition. First, CVAG staff would wrap up the case management services and hopefully permanently house the three Desert Hot Springs clients currently being served. Staff will also cease outreach services in the City. In the coming months, CVAG staff would also look at securing crisis stabilization units in other cities to offset the units that CVAG has in the City. These are apartments, leased by CVAG,

that where clients temporarily stay while they work with case managers to secure permanent housing solutions.

Finally, the recommendation would authorize the Executive Director to cut the City's slots on the CV 200 list. The CV 200 is the by-name list of chronically homeless individuals who are identified by local law enforcement, code enforcement, and other program providers as the most familiar faces. The list is reset annually as CVAG and its partners identify the highest utilizers of public resources — those who frequently interact with public safety and police, loiter in front of local businesses, and often use local emergency rooms for healthcare. The City of Desert Hot Springs had 25 of the CV 200 slots this calendar year. Two were permanently housed this year, and another three are existing clients that CVAG is actively trying to house. Any remaining spots would be cut from the list.

**Fiscal Analysis:** The CV Housing First program, including the staffing and program operations, is funded by contributions from member jurisdictions and grants. CVAG's city and tribal member jurisdictions are each asked to contribute \$100,000 a year for the operations. Riverside County's contribution, which is secured through June 2026, provides \$359,711 annually.

Support for the CV Housing First program, and the transition to in-house operations, has been consistent until now.

Desert Hot Springs staff has said the City intends to pay CVAG for this fiscal year's services, for which the City was billed in August 2023. CVAG's Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget, which will be presented to the Executive Committee next month, will not anticipate a contribution from Desert Hot Springs. The program is expected to cost about \$1.7 million this year and staff is making adjustments to the program to address both rising expenses and decreased revenue in the coming fiscal year. As demonstrated in a separate financial report, there are ample program reserves for this program that could be used as well. Staff will also be exploring other funding opportunities, such as grants.

**ITEM 8A**

**COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE  
ATTENDANCE RECORD  
FY2023-2024**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEP</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUN</b>	<b>ATTENDED</b>
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians			○		○			○					0 out of 3
City of Blythe			○		●			○					1 out of 3
City of Cathedral City			●		●			●					3 out of 3
City of Coachella			●		●			●					3 out of 3
Desert Healthcare District			●		●			●					3 out of 3
City of Desert Hot Springs			●		○			●					2 out of 3
City of Indian Wells			●		○			●					2 out of 3
City of Indio			●		●			○					2 out of 3
City of La Quinta			●		●			●					3 out of 3
City of Palm Desert			●		○			●					2 out of 3
City of Palm Springs			○		○			●					1 out of 3
City of Rancho Mirage			●		●			●					3 out of 3
County of Riverside			●		○			●					2 out of 3
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians			●		○			○					1 out of 3
<b>Total Attendance Per Meeting</b>			<b>11</b>		<b>7</b>			<b>10</b>					

<b>Ex Officio / Non-Voting Members</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEP</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUN</b>	<b>ATTENDED</b>
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition			○		○			○					0 out of 3
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission			○		○			○					0 out of 3
HomeAid Inland Empire			○		○			○					0 out of 3
Martha's Village and Kitchen			○		○			○					0 out of 3
The Salvation Army (vacant)			○		○			○					0 out of 3
Shelter From the Storm			●		●			●					3 out of 3
<b>Total Attendance Per Meeting</b>			<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>					

No Meeting   
 Vacant \*

Present ●

Absent ○



**COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
HOMELESS & BUS PASS PROGRAM  
UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024**

**REVENUES**

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 1,344,512 *
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,344,512</u>

**EXPENDITURES**

SALARIES AND BENEFITS	685,692	
BUILDING LEASE MAINTENANCE/RENT	260,910	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	30,268	
MISC SUNDRIES/HOUSING ESSENTIALS	8,511	
RAPID RESOLUTIONS	98	
LEGAL SERVICES	1,503	
PROJECT COSTS/OTHER EXPENSES	134,154	
ELECTRIC (UTILITIES)	61,785	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,322	
LOCAL MEETINGS/STAFF MILEAGE	18,020	
MOBILE ACCESS CENTER (MAC)	3,017	
ADVERTISING	846	
		<u>1,206,127</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>1,206,127</u>
		<u>138,385</u>
NET INCOME (DEFICIT)		<u>138,385</u>

<b>FUND BALANCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR</b>	<u>2,680,331</u>
<b>PRELIMINARY FUND BALANCE AS AT MARCH 31, 2024</b>	<u>\$ 2,818,716</u>

\*This includes the invoiced and expected payments from the Cities of La Quinta and Desert Hot Springs.

## **ITEM 8D**

# Coachella Valley Association of Governments Homelessness Committee

May 15, 2024



## **STAFF REPORT**

**Subject:** Alan Seman Bus Pass Program – 2023 Annual Report

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### **Recommendation: Information**

**Background:** Since 2007, CVAG has provided a bus pass program that works in conjunction with non-profit agencies throughout the Coachella Valley to ensure homeless or near homeless individuals can get access to case management services, employment opportunities and medical care. The program is named in honor of Alan Seman, a longtime Rancho Mirage Councilmember and member of CVAG's Homelessness Committee who was a strong advocate for the program.

Throughout 2023, CVAG staff worked with agencies that receive passes through the Alan Seman Bus Pass program to better track how they are being used. This includes providing passes to the following organizations serving people who are homeless, or at risk of being homeless: Catholic Charities; Palm Desert's City-led homelessness services; Coachella Valley Rescue Mission; CVAG's CV Housing First; Desert Hot Springs Family Resource Center; Jewish Family Services of San Diego; Mama's House; Martha's Village and Kitchen; Mecca Family & Farmworker's Service Center; Mizell Center; Safe House of the Desert; and Well in the Desert.

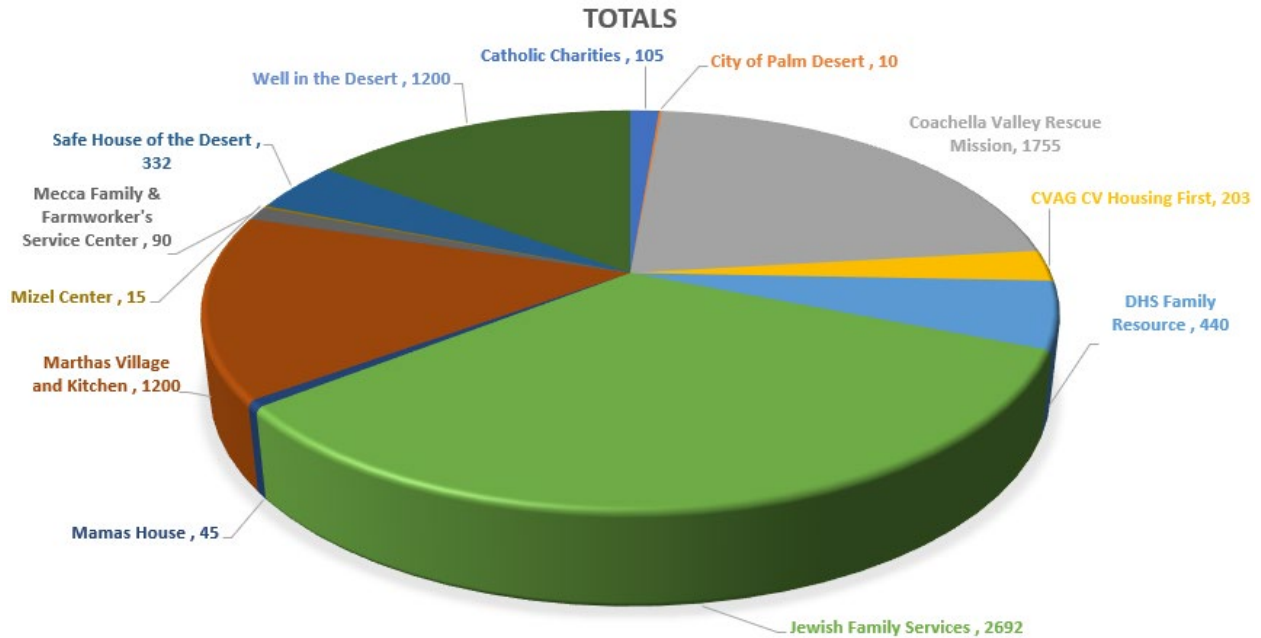
CVAG staff annually provides a report to its committees to show how the passes are distributed. Because CVAG had transitioned to a new electronic tracking system, this annual report was not finalized when the Homelessness Committee met in February.

A total of 8,087 passes were distributed in 2023, including single day passes for adults, youth, and seniors. CVAG utilizes 31-day passes for CV Housing First clients who will be in crisis stabilization units, usually for an average of 90 days. These bus passes allow clients to search for housing, address outstanding legal issues, get to school and have transportation to mental health facilities.

**Fiscal Analysis:** The Alan Seman Bus Pass Program is funded through \$3,000 contributions that CVAG member cities contribute annually.

**Attachment:** 2023 Bus Pass Report

# Totals Passes Used by Agencies



Agency	Adult Day Passes	Senior Day Passes	31-Day Adult Passes	31-Day Senior Passes	Totals
Catholic Charities	105	0	0	0	105
City of Palm Desert	10	0	0	0	10
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	1540	215	0	0	1755
CVAG CV Housing First	0	0	203	0	203
DHS Family Resource Center	419	21	0	0	440
Jewish Family Services	1600	1092	0	0	2692
Mama's House	45	0	0	0	45
Martha's Village and Kitchen	1200	0	0	0	1200
Mecca Family & Farmworkers Service Center	85	5	0	0	90
Mizell Center	13	2	0	0	15
Safe House of the Desert	332	0	0	0	332
Well in the Desert	1200	0	0	0	1200
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6549</b>	<b>1335</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8087</b>

# Top Uses of Bus Passes

