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HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

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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 Christy Holstege, Councilmember, City of Palm Springs
2. **ROLL CALL** – Jennifer Nelson
- A. **Member Roster** [4](#)
3. **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.
4. **CHAIR / COMMITTEE / CVAG STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**
5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
- A. **Approve the April 20, 2022 Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes** [5](#)
6. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**
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Recommendation: Information
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Recommendation: Information
- C. **Acceptance of Surplus Vehicles for the CV Housing First Program – Erica Felci** [17](#)
Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to take the necessary steps to accept up to two surplus vehicles from the County of Riverside for use by the CV Housing First program
7. **INFORMATION**
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8. **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

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **General Assembly** will be held on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 6 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

10. **ADJOURMENT**

ITEM 2A

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Homelessness Committee
Member Roster
2021- 2022**



VOTING MEMBERS	
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	Councilmember John Preckwinkle III
City of Blythe	Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez
City of Cathedral City	Councilmember Mark Carnevale
City of Coachella	Mayor Pro Tem Josie Gonzalez
Desert Healthcare District	Director Carole Rogers, RN
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Jan Pye
City of Indian Wells	Councilmember Rob Bernheimer
City of Indio	Mayor Waymond Fermon
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña – <u>Vice Chair</u>
City of Palm Desert	Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan
City of Palm Springs	Councilmember Christy Holstege – <u>Chair</u>
City of Rancho Mirage	Mayor Charles Townsend
Riverside County – District 4	Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
Ex-Officio / Non-Voting Members	
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	
Linda Barrack, Executive Director, Martha's Village and Kitchen	
Vacant, The Salvation Army	
Angelina Coe, Executive Director, Shelter from the Storm	
Additional Support Staff	
Carrie Harmon, Assistant Director Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions	Dr. Conrado Bãrzaga, CEO, Desert Healthcare District
Tanya Torno, Principal Development Specialist, Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions	Marcus Cannon, Behavioral Health Services Supervisor, Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health

CVAG Staff
Tom Kirk, Executive Director
Erica Felci, Assistant Executive Director
Greg Rodriguez, Contract Staff
Anyse Smith, Management Analyst

Updated: 2/3/2022

ITEM 5A

Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes April 20, 2022



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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The April 20, 2022 meeting was called to order by Homelessness Committee Vice Chair John Peña City of La Quinta , at 10:01 a.m. on Zoom videoconference, pursuant to AB 361 and the guidelines for virtual public meetings.
2. **ROLL CALL** - Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was not present.

Members Present

City of Palm Springs
City of Cathedral City
Desert Healthcare District
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Indian Wells
City of La Quinta
City of Rancho Mirage
Riverside County – District 4

Councilmember Christy Holstege *(Arrived at Item 6B)*
Councilmember Mark Carnevale
Board Director Carole Rogers, RN
Councilmember Jan Pye
Councilmember Kimberly Muzik
Councilmember John Peña, Vice Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend *(Arrived at Item 4)*
Assistant Director Carrie Harmon

Ex-Officio Members Present

Shelter from the Storm

Angelina Coe

Members and Ex-Officios Not Present

City of Blythe
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
City of Indio
City of Palm Desert
City of Coachella
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission
Martha's Village and Kitchen

Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez
Councilmember John Preckwinkle III
Mayor Waymond Fermon
Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan
Mayor Pro Tem Josie Gonzalez
Pedro S.G. Rodriguez
Darla Burkett
Linda Barrack

Others Present

CVAG

Tom Kirk
Erica Felci
Jennifer Nelson
Joanna Stueckle
Anyse Smith
Peter Satin
Emmanuel Martinez
Kevin Broadie
Greg Rodriguez
Amy Cuen

CVAG/ Riverside County

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Desert Healthcare District/ Foundation
City of Palm Desert
City of La Quinta
Kosmont Company

Arellano Associates

KESQ
Beacon Associates
Individuals

Margaret Park
Donna Craig
Heather Horning
Doug Kinley
Fernando Sanchez
Joe Dieguez
Jessica Harleaux
Stevie Espinoza
Jeff Stahl
Diane Vines
Two by phone
Elizabeth Lezama
Reyna Camerena
Ian Gabriel
Elvia Garcia

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS

Erica Felci announced the firehouse location for CV Housing was not moving forward but staff would continue to look at other locations. Ms. Felci also alerted the Committee of the upcoming KESQ news story highlighting the CV Housing First program, and client Mr. Leonard.

Mayor Pro Tem Townsend arrived during this item and it was determined a quorum was present.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TOWNSEND AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARNEVALE TO:

A. Approve the February 16, 2022 Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 7 AYES AND 6 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Councilmember John Preckwinkle III	ABSENT
Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	ABSENT
Councilmember Mark Carnevale	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Josie Gonzalez	ABSENT
Director Carole Rogers	AYE
Councilmember Jan Pye	AYE
Councilmember Kimberly Muzik	AYE
Mayor Waymond Fermon	ABSENT
Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan	ABSENT
Councilmember Christy Holstege	ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend
Assistant Director Carrie Harmon

AYE
AYE

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Update on the Revenue Stream Feasibility Study for Affordable Housing and Associated Transportation Needs – Peter Satin

Peter Satin provided the staff report and introduced Joe Dieguez from Kosmont Company who gave a presentation on the study being conducted to identify resources available for affordable housing and associated transportation needs, and discussed the tools utilized to evaluate funding needs.

Stevie Espinoza with Arellano Associates provided information on the stakeholders' engagement plan.

A brief discussion ensued.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

B. CV Housing First: First Quarter Report for 2022 – Anyse Smith

Ms. Felci introduced the item and gave a brief update before turning it over to Anyse Smith, who highlighted individual CV 200 client stories.

In response to Councilmember Carnevale's question, Greg Rodriguez and Assistant Director, Carrie Harman provided details on valley options for homeless senior citizens and indicated additional information would be placed on a future agenda.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

C. Additional Funding Support for CV Housing First – Anyse Smith

Anyse Smith provided the staff report and a brief discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TOWNSEND AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PYE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH INLAND COUNTIES LEGAL FUND TO ACCEPT A \$300,000, THREE-YEAR GRANT FROM THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA FOR HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 8 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Councilmember John Preckwinkle III	ABSENT
Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	ABSENT
Councilmember Mark Carnevale	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Josie Gonzalez	ABSENT
Director Carole Rogers	AYE
Councilmember Jan Pye	AYE
Councilmember Kimberly Muzik	AYE
Mayor Waymond Fermon	ABSENT

Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan	ABSENT
Councilmember Christy Holstege	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend	AYE
Assistant Director Carrie Harmon	AYE

D. Riverside County's Homeless and Housing Strategic Action Plan – Greg Rodriguez

Mr. Rodriguez presented the staff report on Riverside County's Strategic Action Plan and responded to Committee members questions.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

E. Update on Ad Hoc Efforts to Explore Additional Homelessness Resources and Policies – Erica Felci and Greg Rodriguez

Mr. Rodriguez provided an update on the recent discussion by the ad hoc committee and the State's plans for a CARE Court program. A brief discussion ensued.

No action was taken as this was an informational item.

7. INFORMATION – The following items were provided for the Committee's information, and the Chair asked ex officio members for input on 7B:

A. Attendance Record

B. Ex-Officio Update

C. Monitoring Report for CVAG's CV Housing First Program

D. CV Housing First's Behavioral Health Partnerships

E. Update on Legislative advocacy efforts

There were no ex-officio updates. Mr. Rodriguez highlighted the efforts to address clients' behavioral health issues and the contract with Diane Vines from Beacon and Associates.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 10 a.m. via Zoom webinar.

The next meeting of the **Executive Committee** will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

10. ADJOURN

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM TOWNSEND AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MUZIK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:54 A.M.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 8 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT.

Councilmember John Preckwinkle III	ABSENT
Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez	ABSENT
Councilmember Mark Carnevale	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Josie Gonzalez	ABSENT
Director Carole Rogers	AYE
Councilmember Jan Pye	AYE
Councilmember Kimberly Muzik	AYE
Mayor Waymond Fermon	ABSENT
Councilmember John Peña	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan	ABSENT
Councilmember Christy Holstege	AYE
Mayor Pro Tem Charles Townsend	AYE
Assistant Director Carrie Harmon	AYE

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson

CVAG Executive Assistant/Clerk

ITEM 6A

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Homelessness Committee
June 15, 2022**



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Annual Point-in-Time Count of Unsheltered Individuals

Contact: Erica Felci, Assistant Executive Director (efelci@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: In order to fulfill requirements from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Riverside County Continuum of Care (COC) coordinates a Point-in-Time (PIT) count each January to count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons. Each count is planned, coordinated, and carried out in partnership with local cities and agencies.

In 2021, Riverside County requested and received approval to cancel the annual unsheltered count, amid concerns of COVID-19 transmission and rising case numbers. The COC did conduct a count of sheltered individuals, which involved analyzing data from the County's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and its summary reports for the sheltered count.

The 2022 Homeless Point-in-Time Count was delayed due to the pandemic and held February 23-25, 2022. It had a "More Than a Count" theme and focused on both a sheltered and unsheltered count, while providing same-day linkages to housing and aftercare services immediately following the count. The County relied on volunteers to complete the count, and CVAG's CV Housing First staff was among those who participated.

The Point-In-Time Count data was released in May 2022 and Riverside County staff will provide the highlights to the CVAG Homelessness Committee at its June 2022 meeting. A total of 3,316 individuals were counted, including 1,980 unsheltered individuals and 1,336 sheltered individuals. The overall figures are a 15 percent increase over the 2,884 homeless who were counted in 2020's Point-In-Time Count. When divided by the supervisory district, Riverside County's Fourth District – which includes the Coachella Valley and the City of Blythe – saw the largest total of unsheltered individuals at 670 homeless, and the second highest sheltered total at 424 individuals.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no cost to CVAG for this report.

Attachment: Housing and Workforce Solutions' 2022 Homeless Point-In Time Count Report



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WORKFORCE
SOLUTIONS
ENGAGE. ENCOURAGE. EQUIP.

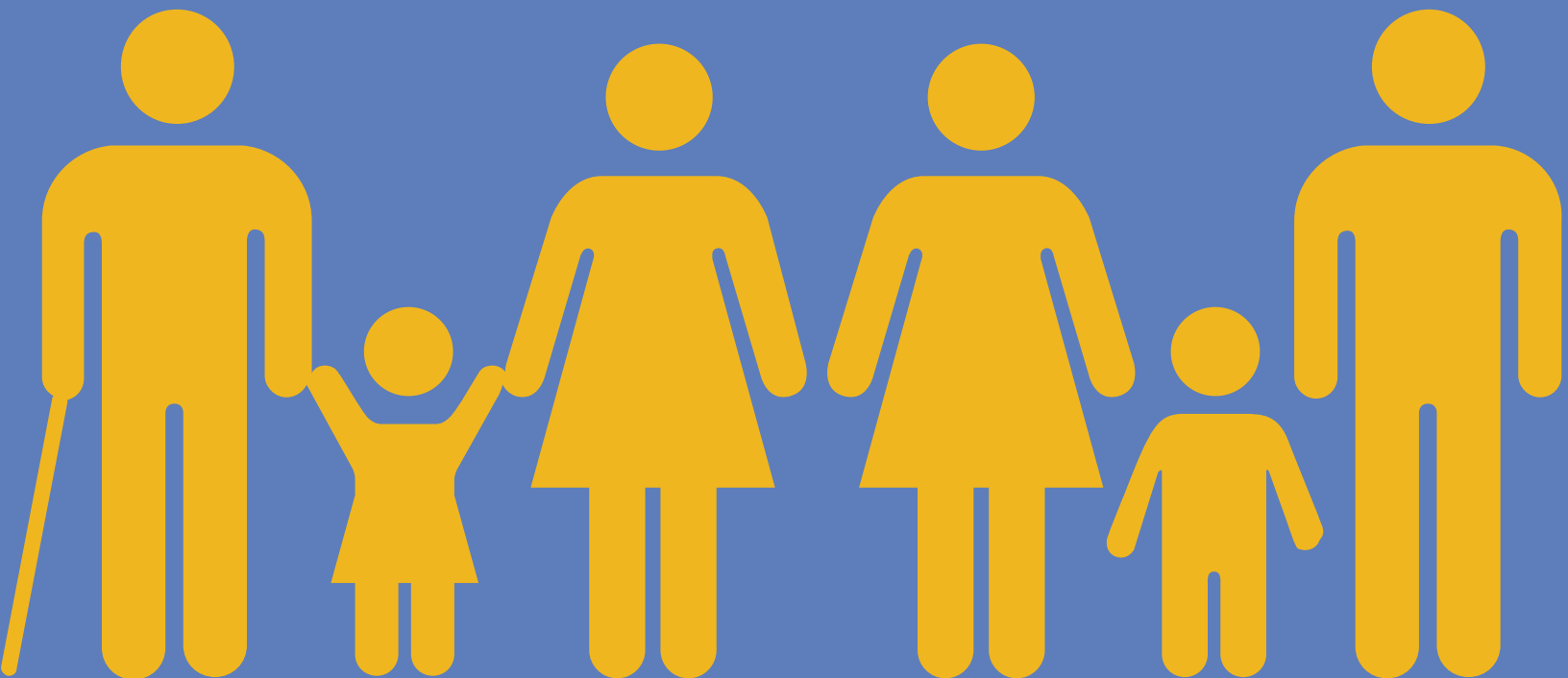
2022

Riverside County
Continuum of Care

Homeless Point in Time Count

A federally mandated count of people experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness on a single night. The data collected is used to demonstrate need for federal and state funding, services, and resource planning, and to inform the community about homelessness.

Report



2022 POINT IN TIME COUNT

Total

3,316

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

Unsheltered 1,980

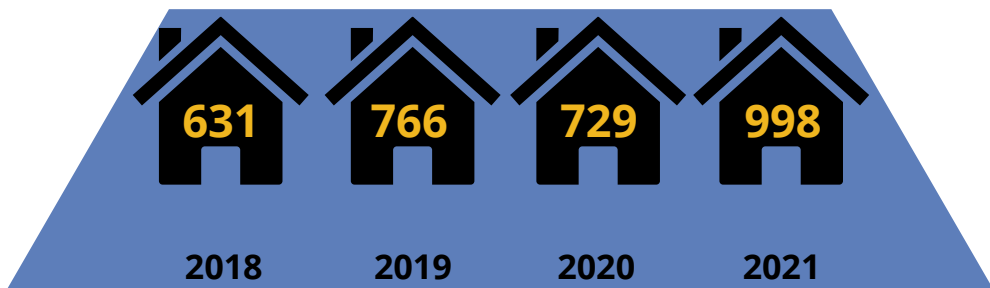
Sheltered 1,336

Sheltered Total

1,336

By Supervisory District

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



Sheltered Total by Year

Subpopulation

49

Veterans

75

Transitional Aged Youth

137+

Seniors

119

Families with Children

↓ 2% Decrease

↑ 7% Increase

↑ 71% Increase

↑ 86% Increase

% Difference Compared to 2020

Unsheltered Total

1,980

By Supervisory District

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

Subpopulation

146

Veterans

237

Transitional Aged Youth

106

Seniors

9

Families with Children

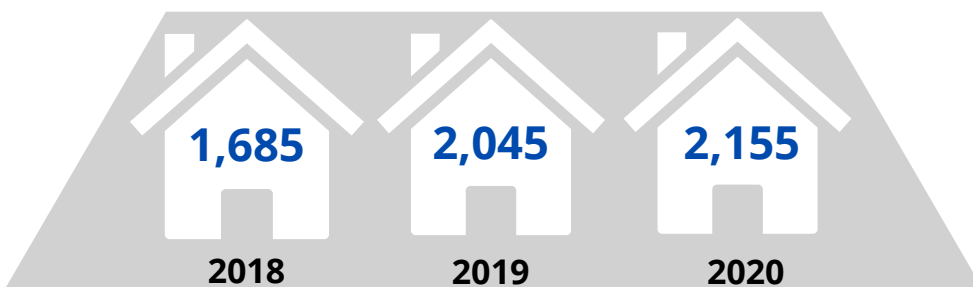
↑ 30% Increase

↓ 7% Decrease

↓ 12% Decrease

↑ 50% Increase

% Difference Compared to 2020



Unsheltered Total by Year

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

Highlights



15% Overall
Increase



8% Unsheltered
Decrease



83% Shelter
Increase



49% of Surveyed
Individuals Requested
After-care Services

Sub-Population Totals

195

Veterans

↑ 20% Increase

312

Transitional
Age Youth 18 -24

↓ 4% Decrease

243+

Seniors
62+

↑ 22% Increase

128

Families
with Children

↑ 83% Increase

2022 Volunteer Participation

Volunteer Type		
County Staff	163	23%
Law Enforcement (RSO & PD)	146	20%
Community Service Provider	108	15%
City Staff	102	14%
Community Volunteers	21	3%
School District/College/University	9	2%
Other	2	<1%
Unknown	168	23%





District and City Breakdown

District 1

	Unsheltered 2022	Unsheltered Difference From Last Count		Sheltered 2022	Total
Canyon Lake	0	0	0%	0	0
Lake Elsinore	35	-15	-30%	40	75
Riverside	307	-34	-10%	398	705
Wildomar	7	+1	17%	14	21
Unincorporated	24	-20	-46%	0	24
Total	373	-68	-15%	452	825

District 2

	Unsheltered 2022	Unsheltered Difference From Last Count		Sheltered 2022	Total
Corona	110	+1	1%	78	188
Eastvale	6	+2	50%	17	23
Jurupa Valley	96	-7	-7%	9	105
Norco	14	+2	17%	13	27
Riverside	207	-39	-16%	12	219
Unincorporated	27	-4	-13%	0	27
Total	460	-45	-9%	129	589

District 3

	Unsheltered 2022	Unsheltered Difference From Last Count		Sheltered 2022	Total
Hemet	82	-11	-12%	85	167
Murrieta	12	-6	-33%	149	161
San Jacinto	57	+26	84%	19	76
Temecula	28	-31	-53%	39	67
Unincorporated	48	-6	-11%	0	48
Total	227	-28	-11%	292	519

District 4

	Unsheltered 2022	Unsheltered Difference From Last Count		Sheltered 2022	Total
Blythe	79	+6	8%	12	91
Cathedral City	61	+17	39%	12	73
Coachella	74	-4	-5%	0	74
Desert Hot Springs	48	-20	-29%	15	63
Indian Wells	0	-1	-100%	0	0
Indio	105	+22	27%	322	427
La Quinta	7	+4	133%	0	7
Palm Desert	26	+8	44%	0	26
Palm Springs	222	+33	18%	54	276
Rancho Mirage	3	-9	-75%	0	3
Unincorporated	45	-13	-22%	9	54
Total	670	43	7%	424	1094

District 5

	Unsheltered 2022	Unsheltered Difference From Last Count		Sheltered 2022	Total
Banning	54	+11	26%	11	65
Beaumont	16	0	0%	3	19
Calimesa	8	-9	-53%	0	8
Menifee	28	+9	47%	4	32
Moreno Valley	77	-88	-53%	10	87
Perris	59	+7	14%	11	70
Unincorporated	8	-7	-47%	0	8
Total	250	-77	-24%	39	289

Top 4 Unsheltered Cities

Riverside	514
Palm Springs	222
Corona	110
Indio	105

CoC 2021 IMPACT

TOTAL
Unique Individuals Served

12,174



More
Shelter Beds

SHELTER
Persons Impacted
4,791

STREET OUTREACH
Persons Impacted
4,922



Service Oriented
Transitional
Housing



More
Permanent
Housing

PERMANENT
HOUSING
Persons Impacted
3,895

SAR ENCAMPMENT
RESPONSE
Persons Impacted
108



Long-term
Preventive
Strategies

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION
Persons Impacted (HMIS & United Lift 26,665)
28,006

CONTINUUM OF CARE TOTAL: \$49.8M



CESH \$1.4M 4 Projects



HHAP \$5.2M 17 Projects



ESG & ESG-CV
\$31M 42 Projects



HUD CoC
\$10.4M 16 Projects

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TOTAL: \$81.3M



HUD-VASH
\$7.3M 408 Vouchers



FAMILY UNIFICATION PROGRAM
\$2.3M 180 Vouchers



MAINSTREAM
\$1.3M 119 Vouchers



HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER
\$74M 7,555 Vouchers

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TOTAL: \$270.2M



HOMEKEY
\$42.3M 289 Housing Units



COUNTY FUNDING
\$26.2M 752 Housing Units



CDBG, ESG & ESG-CV
\$5.7M 34 Projects



UNITED LIFT
\$196M 26,665 Households

ITEM 6B

Coachella Valley Association of Governments Homelessness Committee

June 15, 2022



Staff Report

Subject: “The Path Forward” and a Recap of Collaborative Efforts Implemented in the Coachella Valley

Contact: Erica Felci, Assistant Executive Director (efelci@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: In 2018, with funding by the Desert Healthcare District/ Foundation, nationally renowned expert Barbara Poppe evaluated the Coachella Valley’s homelessness programs and issued “The Path Forward” report to establish a blueprint for how the Coachella Valley could better address homelessness. Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez approached CVAG with an offer to help implement the recommendations and, starting in 2019, CVAG contracted with the County for staff support from Greg Rodriguez, the Supervisor’s Government Affairs and Public Policy Advisor. Mr. Rodriguez’s role involved working with stakeholders to define the collaborative and map out a course to transition oversight of regional homelessness initiatives like CV Housing First. Mr. Rodriguez was tasked to lead implementation of other recommendations from the Poppe report, including using established connections to identify needed resources and break down administrative or operational barriers, as well as serve as the main point person for regional issues related to homelessness. In December 2020, the CVAG Executive Committee authorized the Executive Director to shift focus from creating a formal collaborative structure in the Coachella Valley and instead support the regional efforts being pursued by Riverside County and the Continuum of Care, which is an organization that redistributes pooled resources for homelessness response across Riverside County.

Mr. Rodriguez, who is Chair of the Continuum of Care, has played a critical role in helping CVAG transition its program to one led by staff. He has helped the CVAG team identify funding sources and access countywide resources. This includes a partnership with the County where the provides Project Roomkey units – which are hotel units for homeless individuals – that the CV Housing First team can directly manage for its own clients. This allows CVAG to help additional clients without signing additional leases and paying for more units.

Starting July 1, 2022, Mr. Rodriguez will be leaving the Supervisor’s office in order to become the Deputy Director for Government Affairs and Community Engagement at the County’s Riverside County Department of Housing & Workforce Solutions. CVAG staff will still coordinate both the Supervisor’s office and with Mr. Rodriguez for the CV Housing First program. However, CVAG will no longer have a direct contract with the County for staff resources.

At the June 15 meeting, Mr. Rodriguez will provide a recap of the efforts completed under the contract and preview some next steps to continue collaboration with the County.

Fiscal Impact: There is no additional cost to CVAG for this update. Under Amendment #2, the contract for fiscal year 2021/2022 was for a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000.

ITEM 6C

Coachella Valley Association of Governments Homelessness Committee

June 15, 2022



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Acceptance of Surplus Vehicles for the CV Housing First Program

Contact: Erica Felci, Assistant Executive Director (efelci@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to take the necessary steps to accept up to two surplus vehicles from the County of Riverside for use by the CV Housing First program

Background: Riverside County has been a longtime partner in the CVAG-led regional homelessness program, most recently in supporting the CV Housing First program. In addition to the County's annual general fund contribution, CVAG staff has frequently collaborated with County staff about additional opportunities, including grants and partnerships, that can benefit the program and the services provided to the CV 200 clients.

Earlier this year, County staff notified CVAG staff that the County's Fleet Services was planning to surplus was planning a number of vehicles, some of which were described as being in fair to good condition. On May 24, 2022, at the recommendation of Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors authorized its Director of Purchasing and Fleet Services to work with county departments to locate and donate two surplus county vehicles for use by the CV Housing First program.

Currently, CV Housing First staff use their personal vehicles to visit crisis stabilization units, meet with clients and conduct outreach outside of the mobile access center. While CVAG reimburses for mileage at the maximum rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service, the unique working conditions and extensive client interaction means the number of miles driven each month far exceeds all other CVAG departments. CVAG staff also have a need to transport clients to an appointment and, when a bus connection can't be achieved, CVAG uses ride share services in order to avoid having clients in their cars. On occasion, staff is asked to transport a client or their belongings, leading to additional wear and tear on the car interiors.

CVAG staff is recommending that the Executive Director be authorized to accept up to two vehicles for the program. This will likely include a truck, which can be used to transport client belongings or furniture between units, and a car, which would be primarily used for case management scenarios. With authorization, the final vehicles will be determined based on coordination with County staff and an evaluation of the vehicles' conditions.

Fiscal Analysis: The County is offering the surplus vehicles at no cost to CVAG. CVAG staff will use the surplus vehicles in lieu of their personal vehicles, which should limit the mileage

reimbursement costs. CVAG has general liability insurance coverage that includes the costs of vehicles.


Staff will monitor any maintenance needs. Should larger repairs be needed in the future, staff would return with a recommendation that CVAG surplus the vehicles.

ITEM 7A

COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE RECORD
FY2021-2022

Voting Members	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	ATTENDED
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians			●		●			●		○			3 out of 4
City of Blythe			○		●			○		○			1 out of 4
City of Cathedral City			●		●			●		●			4 out of 4
City of Coachella			○		○			●		○			1 out of 4
Desert Healthcare District			●		●			●		●			4 out of 4
City of Desert Hot Springs			●		●			●		●			4 out of 4
City of Indian Wells			●		●			●		●			4 out of 4
City of Indio			●		●			●		○			4 out of 4
City of La Quinta			●		●			●		●			4 out of 4
City of Palm Desert			●		●			●		○			3 out of 4
City of Palm Springs			●		●			●		●			4 out of 4
City of Rancho Mirage			●		●			●		●			4 out of 4
County of Riverside			●		●			○		●			3 out of 4
Total Attendance Per Meeting			11		12			11		8			

Ex Officio / Non-Voting Members	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	ATTENDED
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition			○		○			○		○			0 out of 3
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission			○		○			○		○			0 out of 3
HomeAid Inland Empire			●		●			*		*			2 out of 3
Martha's Village and Kitchen			●		○			●		○			2 out of 3
The Salvation Army (vacant)			*		*			*		*			0 out of 3
Shelter From the Storm			●		●			●		●			3 out of 3
Total Attendance Per Meeting			3		2			2		1			

No Meeting 
 Vacant *

Present ●
 Absent ○

COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023



CVAG STANDING COMMITTEES	DAY	TIME	JULY (Dark)	AUG (Dark)	SEPT	OCT (Dark)	NOV	DEC (Dark)	JAN	FEB	MAR (Dark)	APR	MAY	JUN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	Last Monday	4:30 p.m.	-	-	26	-	H Dec 5	-	30	27	-	24	H June 5	26
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	1 st Monday	10:00 a.m.		-	H Aug 29	-	7	-	H Jan 9 11:00 am	6	-	3	1	5
COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION	2 nd Thursday	10:30 a.m.	-	-	8	-	10	-	12	9	-	13	11	8
DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY	3 rd Monday	3:00 p.m.	18	22	19	17	21	-	H Jan 9	H Feb13	20	17	15	19
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE	2 nd Thursday	12:00 p.m.	-	-	8	-	10	-	12	9	-	13	11	8
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE	2 nd Monday	9:00 a.m.	-	-	12	-	14	-	9	13	-	-	8	12
HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE	3 rd Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	-	-	21	-	16	-	18	15	-	19	17	21
GENERAL ASSEMBLY	Last Monday in June	6:00 p.m.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26

H = Holiday * = Special Meeting

AGENDAS CAN BE FOUND AT: www.cvag.org.

UPDATED: June 10, 2022

PLEASE NOTE: When it becomes necessary to have a special meeting or to change the date of a meeting, committee members will be alerted and the change will be noted on the CVAG website calendar.

ITEM 7D

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Homelessness Committee
June 15, 2022**



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Funding Resources for Homelessness Programs

Contact: Greg Rodriguez, CVAG contract staff (GRodrigu@rivco.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: In recent meetings of the CVAG Homelessness Committee and its ad hoc group, members have inquired about the state surplus and the funding sources that are going to be available in coming months. Riverside County staff have been coordinating educational outreach to programs countywide about the funding opportunities, and in some cases directly applying for the funds to secure them for the region.

A summary of the available funding sources for 2022 is attached.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no cost to CVAG staff for this update. Staff will continue to monitor the opportunities in order to provide funding for CV Housing First.

Attachment: Riverside County's "Summary of Funding and Program Sources in 2022"

Summary of Funding and Program Sources in 2022

Department of Housing and Community Development:

1. Emergency Solutions Grant Program (CoC allocation):

Eligible Applicants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoC ESG funds are to provide services in areas in the County of Riverside not currently eligible for ESG funds through a direct city ESG entitlement. The CoC will only accept ESG applications from the following organizations or entities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Non-Profit organizations subject to 26 U.S.C 501 (c)(3) of the tax code; County of Riverside Agencies and Departments; and Government agencies including cities and Special Districts that directly operate Homelessness assistance program or activities.
Funding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021 - CoC allocation \$339,9321 (minimum of 40% towards RRH, 3% to admin) 2022 - Unknown (likely late summer/early fall)
Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021 – Deadline to submit application was October 19, 2021. RFP to be released within 60-90 days. 2022 – Submitted Solicitation of Interest 2/8/22. Allocation amounts in late 2022.
Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESG funds may be used for four primary activities: Street Outreach, Rapid Re-Housing Assistance, Emergency Shelter, and Homelessness Prevention. In addition, ESG funds may be used for associated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) costs and administrative activities for some subrecipients.

2. Homekey: Round 2:

Eligible Applicants:	Cities, counties, cities and counties, and all other state, regional, and Local Public Entities, including councils of government, metropolitan planning organizations, and regional transportation planning agencies designated in Section 29532.1 of the Government Code; or Tribal Entities
Funding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Of the \$1.45 billion in Homekey funding, \$1.2 billion is derived from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF) established by the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) (Public Law 117-2) and \$250 million is State General Fund. The \$250 million in State General Fund money is intended to supplement the acquisition of, and to provide initial operating subsidies for, Homekey sites to promote project feasibility.

Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOFA released September 9, 2021 • HCD will be accepting the applications on a continuous, Over-the-Counter basis from the release of the Homekey application in late September until May 2, 2022, or until the available funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first. • Projects receiving an award from the state's direct allocation of the federal ARPA must expend the funds within eight months of the date of award. The portion of a project's award associated with State General Fund must be expended by June 30, 2026.
Eligible Uses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition or Rehabilitation, or acquisition and Rehabilitation, of motels, hotels, hostels, or other sites and assets, including apartments or homes, adult residential facilities, residential care facilities for the elderly, manufactured housing, commercial properties, and other buildings with existing uses that could be converted to permanent or interim housing. • Master leasing of properties for non-congregate housing. • Conversion of units from nonresidential to residential. • New construction of dwelling units. • The purchase of affordability covenants and restrictions for units. • Relocation costs for individuals who are being displaced as a result of the Homekey Project. • Capitalized operating subsidies for units purchased, converted, constructed, or altered with funds provided pursuant to HSC section 50675.1.3.
Eligible Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversion of nonresidential structures to residential dwelling units. • Conversion of commercially zoned structures, such as office or retail spaces, to residential dwelling units. • Adult residential facilities, residential care facilities for the elderly, manufactured housing, and other buildings with existing residential uses. • Multifamily rental housing projects. • Excess state-owned properties. • Shared housing or scattered site housing is permitted as long as the resulting housing has common ownership, financing, and property management, and each household signs a lease. • HCD may, in its sole and absolute discretion, provide express written approval of structures lacking a permanent foundation, such as manufactured homes, recreational vehicles, and floating homes, for temporary use only. The Department encourages applicants to explore financing alternatives to Homekey for such structures. Applicants that wish to access Homekey funds for these special uses shall

	submit, in their application, a detailed explanation of how the use will meet all Homekey Program requirements, including the requirements for use and affordability restrictions set forth at Section 208 of this NOFA.
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3. Multifamily Housing Program:

Eligible Applicants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local public entities, for-profit and nonprofit corporations, limited equity housing cooperatives, individuals, Indian reservations and Rancherias, and limited partnerships in which an eligible applicant or an affiliate of an applicant is a general partner. Applicants or their principals must have successfully developed at least one affordable housing project.
Funding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unknown
Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next round of MHP will be released in early 2022 as part of the new streamlined application process, per AB 434, that allows applicants to select more than one funding source and receive awards from those sources at the same time.
Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds are allocated as permanent financing for affordable multifamily rental and transitional new construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, and conversion housing developments. Funds will be allocated as permanent financing for affordable multifamily rental and transitional new construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, and conversion housing developments for households having incomes at or below sixty percent of Area Median Income.

4. Supportive Housing Multifamily Housing Program:

Eligible Applicants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any individual, joint venture, partnership, limited partnership, trust, corporation, limited liability corporation, local public entity, duly constituted governing body of an Indian reservation or Rancheria, or other legal entity or any combination thereof, and shall be organized on a for-profit, including limited profit, or nonprofit basis. Sponsor shall have at least 24-months experience in the ownership or operation of at least one rental housing development with five or more units that includes units reserved for the disabled or other special needs group, pursuant to §7343.
Funding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitive Funding (included in Multifamily Housing Program funding)
Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HCD will not release another set aside for the SHMHP. However, applications including PSH projects may be submitted during the next round of funding for the Multifamily Housing Program (MHP).

Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides funds for permanent financing only, and may be used for new construction or rehabilitation of a multifamily rental housing development, or conversion of a nonresidential structure to a multifamily rental housing development. Eligible use of funds may include, but are not limited to, real property acquisition, refinancing to retain affordable rents, necessary on-site and off-site improvements, reasonable fees and consulting costs, capitalized reserves, facilities for childcare, after-school care, and social service facilities integrally linked to the restricted supportive housing units.
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5. No Place Like Home:

Eligible Applicants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counties either solely or with a housing development sponsor. <i>Under the NPLH program, the definition of "counties" includes the City of Berkeley and the cities of Pomona, Claremont, and La Verne.</i>
Funding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$486 million: Approximately \$231.4 million of this amount is available through the HCD Competitive Allocation. The remaining approximately \$254.5 million is available under the Alternative Process County (APC) Allocations. The Counties of Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, and Santa Clara are designated as APCs. APCs need not apply for Round 4 funding. The allocations are automatic.
Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitive Application deadline is January 19, 2022
Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire, design, construct, rehabilitate, or preserve permanent supportive housing for persons who are experiencing homelessness, chronic homelessness or who are at risk of chronic homelessness, and who are in need of mental health services.

6. Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program (VHHP):

Eligible Applicants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any public agency or private entity capable of entering into a contract is eligible to apply, provided they meet the threshold requirements in Section 102 of the guidelines.
Funding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undetermined (likely \$75 million)
Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next round of VHHP will be released in early 2022 as part of the new streamlined application process, per AB 434, that allows applicants to select more than one funding source and receive awards from those sources at the same time.
Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding provides loans to public or private entities for the development of affordable multifamily rental housing containing permanent Supportive Housing (SH) units, and affordable housing units, for Veterans and their families.

7. Housing for a Healthy California Program:

Eligible Applicants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Counties
Funding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unknown
Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unknown
Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Existing legislation created the Housing for a Healthy California Program in order to provide grants to counties for permanent supportive housing for individuals who are recipients of or eligible for health care provided through the California Department of Health Care Services, Medi-Cal program.• If SB 2 Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund funds are allocated these funds will be allocated competitively to counties for acquisition, new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, administrative costs, capitalized operating subsidy reserves (COSR), and rental subsidies and rental assistance for existing and new supportive housing opportunities to assist the HHC program's Target Population.

8. National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) allocation for Housing for a Healthy California:

Eligible Applicants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organization, agency, or other entity (including a public housing agency, a for-profit entity, or a nonprofit entity) that is an Owner or Developer as defined by 24 CFR 93.2
Funding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approximately \$160 million
Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over the counter applications accepted through the eCivis GMS Portal beginning January 17, 2022, through February 15, 2022. Best effort to award applications for supplemental funds by March 31, 2022.• Competitive applications for Capital Loans for rehabilitation, acquisition, and/or new construction of Permanent Supportive Housing and for COSR Grants under this NOFA will be accepted starting January 17, 2022, through March 1, 2022. Will make best effort to announce competitive awards by June 30, 2022.
Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Housing Trust Fund allocation will be allocated competitively to developers for acquisition and/or new construction and operating reserve grants and capital loans.

Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (new name beginning Jan 1, 2022: Interagency Council on Homelessness):

1. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Grant Program Round 3:

Eligible Applicants:	cities, counties, or continuums of care
Funding:	<p>\$800 million</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$240 million available to continuums of care • \$224 million available to counties • \$336 million to each city, or city that is also a county that has a population of 300,000 or more • \$20 million to tribal applicants <p>Allocations: \$4,207,199.87- CoC, \$3,926,719.88- County of Riverside, \$8,433,288.22- City of Riverside</p>
Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application available February 2022 • Engagement with HCFC/ICH staff February 2022 through June 2022 • Final applications due June 30, 2022
Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid rehousing, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees. • Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves. • Street outreach to assist persons experiencing homelessness to access permanent housing and services. • Services coordination, which may include access to workforce, education, and training programs, or other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing. • 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. • Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions, such as hotel and motel conversions. • Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing, including rental subsidies.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim sheltering, limited to newly developed clinically enhanced congregate shelters, new or existing noncongregate shelters, and operations of existing navigation centers and shelters based on demonstrated need.
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2. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Grant Program Round 4:

Eligible Applicants:	cities, counties, or continuums of care
Funding:	<p>\$800 million</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$240 million available to continuums of care • \$224 million available to counties • \$336 million to each city, or city that is also a county that has a population of 300,000 or more • \$20 million to tribal applicants
Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council shall make an application for round 4 program allocations available no later than September 30, 2022. • Applications shall be due to the council no later than 60 days from the date the council makes those applications available.
Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid rehousing, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees. • Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves. • Street outreach to assist persons experiencing homelessness to access permanent housing and services. • Services coordination, which may include access to workforce, education, and training programs, or other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing. • 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. • Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions, such as hotel and motel conversions. • Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing, including rental subsidies. • Interim sheltering, limited to newly developed clinically enhanced congregate shelters, new or existing noncongregate shelters, and operations of existing navigation centers and shelters based on demonstrated need.

3. Encampment Resolution Funding Program Round 2 (ERF):

Eligible Applicants:	cities, counties, or continuums of care
Funding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$500 million
Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The council shall make an application for Round 2 of the program not later than September 1, 2022, and will accept applications and award funds on a rolling basis until June 30, 2023, or until a total of four hundred million (\$400,000,000) of the funds.• Round 2 funds (\$500 million) shall be immediately available to fund eligible applicants from Round 1, as determined by the Council, that were not initially funded.• No less than one hundred million (\$100,000,000) shall be allocated to eligible recipients of the program for bonus sustainability funds.
Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commitment to cross-systems collaboration and innovative efforts to resolve encampment issues or have 50 or more individuals living in the encampment.

4. Family Homelessness Challenge Grants and Technical Assistance Program:

Eligible Applicants:	cities, counties, or continuums of care
Funding:	\$40 million
Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The council shall make available an application for the first round of allocations no later than March 1, 2022.• Applications shall be due to the council no later than 60 days from the date the council makes those applications available• Initial award determinations shall be made no more than 60 days after the deadline to submit applications.• Recipients of funds shall expend at least 50 percent of their first-round allocation by June 30, 2024.• The council shall make available an application for the second round of allocations no later than December 31, 2023.• Applications shall be due to the council no later than 60 days from the date the council makes the application available• Initial award determinations shall be made no more than 60 days after the deadline to submit applications.

Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All program funds shall be expended by June 30, 2026. • The program shall give preference to proposals that promote rapid innovation, accelerate nascent programs, expand promising practices, and meet new demands and conditions for solutions targeted towards ending family homelessness. • Program funding shall be prioritized for jurisdictions that can demonstrate cross-systems collaboration, multi funder initiatives, and innovative efforts that coordinate across funding streams and systems.
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Department of Public Social Services:

1. Bringing Families Home Program (Competitive):

Eligible Applicants:	Counties
Funding:	\$92.5 million for 2021-22 and 2022-23
Timeline:	Unknown
Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the number of families in the child welfare system experiencing or at risk of homelessness, to increase family reunification, and to prevent foster care placement. • Provides financial assistance and housing-related wrap-around supportive services, including, but not limited to: rental assistance, housing navigation, case management, security deposits, utility payments, moving costs, hotel and motel vouchers, legal services, and credit repair.

2. CalWORKs Housing Support Program (Allocation):

Eligible Applicants:	Counties
Funding:	State appropriated \$285 million towards the Housing Support Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverside County received over \$12 million for FY 21/21, 22/23 & 23/24.
Timeline:	FY 21/22 through FY 23/24
Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assists CalWORKs families experiencing homelessness to secure and maintain permanent housing; services include financial assistance and housing related wrap-around supportive services. • Provides housing-related supports to eligible families experiencing homelessness in the child welfare system.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers financial assistance and housing-related wrap-around supportive services, including, but not limited to: rental assistance, housing navigation, case management, security deposits, utility payments, moving costs, hotel and motel vouchers, legal services, and credit repair.
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3. Home Safe:

Eligible Applicants:	Counties
Funding:	\$185 million over 2 years
Timeline:	Unknown
Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide access to health, safety, and housing supports for individuals involved in or at risk of involvement in Adult Protective Services. Offers a range of strategies to prevent homelessness and support ongoing housing stability for APS clients, including housing-related intensive case management, short-term housing related financial assistance, deep cleaning to maintain safe housing, eviction prevention, landlord mediation, and more.

4. Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP):

Eligible Applicants:	Counties
Funding:	\$300 million over 2 years
Timeline:	Unknown
Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist people experiencing homelessness who are likely eligible for disability benefits by providing advocacy for disability benefits as well as housing supports. Has four core requirements: outreach, case management, disability advocacy, and housing assistance. Offers housing related financial assistance and wrap-around supportive services, including, but not limited to: interim housing, rental assistance, housing navigation, case management, security deposits, utility payments, moving costs, legal services, and credit repair. Provides outreach services as well as case management for connections to any additional service needs as applicable.

5. Project Roomkey:

Eligible Applicants:	Counties
Funding:	\$142.5 million

Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In October 2021, CDSS will release a template PRK rehousing plan and require counties and tribes receiving funds to complete the rehousing plan for existing PRK participants, to be returned to CDSS no later than January 31, 2022. • One-time funds and must be encumbered by June 30, 2022
Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the stability of the state's FEMA-funded non-congregate shelter population and transition of individuals from Project Roomkey into permanent housing following the September 2021 sunset of the federal reimbursement availability from the pandemic.

Department of Public Social Services:

1. Community Care Expansion:

Eligible Applicants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counties, tribal entities, nonprofits, and for-profit organizations
Funding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$805 million over 2 years
Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for Applications (RFA) is in development and will be available in January 2022.
Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the acquisition, rehabilitation, or construction to preserve and expand adult and senior care facilities that serve social Security Income (SSI) applicants and recipients, including those who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness and people with behavioral health conditions.

Other program information

Emergency Food and Shelter (EFSP) Program:

Eligible Applicants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For a local agency to be eligible for funding it must: be non-profits or public agencies/governments, have an accounting system, be eligible to receive federal funds, practice nondiscrimination, demonstrate the financial and staffing capacity to deliver emergency food and/or shelter to services for all the districts they're applying for, must have a voluntary board.
Funding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 39 – County of Riverside \$1,224,410 • Phase ARPA-R – County of Riverside \$3,784,353

Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 39: Spending period begins October 1, 2021 • Phase ARPA-R – RFA is due to be released 2/14/2022
Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass Shelter, Other Shelter (Hotel or Motel Vouchers) • Rent/Mortgage Assistance • Served Meals, Other Food (Food Pantries, Food Vouchers and Food Banks) • Administrative Costs

County of Riverside Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG):

Eligible Applicants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Profit organizations subject to 26 U.S.C. 501 (C)(3) of the tax code; • County of Riverside Agencies and Departments; and • Governmental agencies including Cities, Special Districts, and Tribes. • Individuals cannot apply for County ESG Funding. <p>Non-Profit organizations will be required to submit documentation as part of the ESG application pertaining to their incorporation, bylaws and tax-exempt status.</p>
Funding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY 2022-23 approximately \$580,000
Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds available to successful subrecipients no earlier than July 1, 2021, and have one year to complete, expend and drawdown award.
Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Outreach • Emergency Shelter • Homelessness Prevention • Rapid Rehousing • HMIS

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF):

Eligible Applicants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1 – VA will provide funding to those grantees with 3-year Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), 4-year Council on Accreditation (COA) Accreditation or 3-year Joint Commission (JC) accreditation. Proof of accreditation must be submitted with the application no later than the application due date. • Priority 2 – Includes other existing grantees seeking to renew their annual grant awards.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 3 – VA is accepting new applications. There are specific areas that are eligible for new funding and specific maximum amounts. (Information listed in the most recent NOFO: https://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf/index.asp) <p>Only existing grantees can apply as priority 1, 2 or 3 grantees.</p>
Funding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding amount varies according to priorities and availability.
Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for FY23 were due 2/7/2022 at 4:00pm. Services for funded applicants begin October 1, 2022.
Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Services, Housing Case Management Services, Housing Navigation Services, Financial Intervention, Mental Health Support Services, Connection to Needed Wraparound Services, Assistance with applying to Mainstream and VA Benefits, Landlord Mediation Services.

HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program:

Eligible Applicants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Housing Authority (Housing Authority of the County of Riverside)
Funding:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding is not required to distribute assistance competitively instead require PHA's to partner with VAMC's or other entities as designated by the VA Secretary. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Allocation for HUD-VASH vouchers relies on three sets of data: 1- Point-in-Time data, 2- VAMC data on contacts with homeless Veterans, and 3- Performance data from local PHA's & VAMC's.
Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing
Eligible Uses/Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case management and supportive services paired with a "Housing Choice" Section 8 voucher to eligible homeless Veterans. • Chronically homeless with Severe Mental Illness (SMI) • Single Veteran household members and Veteran families with children • VA, first point of contact to determine clinical & VASH eligibility. • PHA determines program eligibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Determines income eligibility ◦ Determines citizenship ◦ Subjectivity to a lifetime registration requirement under a state sex offender registration program.

ITEM 7E

Coachella Valley Association of Governments Homelessness Committee

June 15, 2022



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Cooling Center Plans for Summer 2022

Contact: Greg Rodriguez, CVAG contract staff (GRodrigu@rivco.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: During the summers of 2019 and 2020, the County of Riverside funded the operation of three overnight cooling centers that were located in the Cities of Palm Springs, Cathedral City and Desert Hot Springs. Contracts were executed with the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission to provide with the cooling center operators. The services were open from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. daily in 2019 and from 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. in 2020, which provided homeless individuals with overnight shelter, showers, and meals. Some resources were dedicated to getting clients access to services; but due to the hours of operation, the success level of those efforts was minimal.

In 2021, the County funded one summer cooling shelter in the City of Palm Springs. The County contracted with Martha's Village and Kitchen to provide a 24-hour operation for four months at the United Methodist Church in Palm Springs. The 24-hour operation of this facility presented a much better opportunity to link clients to services, and Martha's was able to link many clients to services and housing.

Through Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding, the County will once again fund an overnight cooling shelter in Palm Springs for 2022. The operations began June 1 and will run through September 2022. The operator will be Martha's Village and Kitchen. Martha's will provide the sleeping and intake facility at the United Methodist Church but will utilize the Access Center at the old boxing club for showers and linkage to services.

County staff anticipates that this will be the last summer for these operations. Assuming funding is secured with the State, the Palm Springs Navigation Center should be open in the spring of 2023 and will be able to address these needs going forward

Fiscal Analysis: The funding for cooling centers is determined by the County, and not CVAG.

Previous funding for these programs came from special funding allocations from Riverside County. In 2019, under authorization from the CVAG Executive Committee and with support from the Homelessness Committee, CVAG acted as the fiscal agent for the program. In 2020, the fiscal responsibility was handled by the Emergency Operations Center at the County due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Desert Healthcare District/ Foundation also provided funding to cover the utility expenses at both sites in 2019 and 2020, and cover loss revenue for the site in 2021. The funding for the 2022 program is coming from the County's ESG Coronavirus allocation.

ITEM 7F

Coachella Valley Association of Governments Homelessness Committee

June 15, 2022



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Funding Agreements for the CV Housing First Program

Contact: Erica Felci, Assistant Executive Director (efelci@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: Since 2008, CVAG has funded its regional homelessness programs – first Roy's Desert Resource Center, and then later programs that evolved into CV Housing First – by contributions from member jurisdictions. This process has involved CVAG staff sending a request to each city and tribe as well as the County of Riverside. Sometimes the jurisdictions approve the request as part of the annual budget; other times, it is done through a separate action. Some have done this based on calendar year, and others on fiscal year – adding to additional record keeping at CVAG.

In 2021, at the recommendation of the CVAG Homelessness Committee, 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 staff has since circulated a draft MOU to member jurisdictions for their consideration, and invoiced each jurisdiction that had committed to funding the program for the current fiscal year. The MOUs would secure \$100,000 a year through fiscal year 2023/24.

The Palm Desert City Council approved the agreement on May 12, 2022, making it the first city to approve a multi-year agreement. Two cities – Cathedral City and La Quinta – have authorized one-year MOUs. The County of Riverside, which has been instrumental in helping CVAG secure additional funds through grants, has an agreement for general fund contributions through fiscal year 2025/2026.

Support for the CV Housing First program, and the transition to in-house operations, has been resounding. Long-term funding agreements will ensure financial stability for the program, and avoid the uncertainty – and significant staff time – that comes with the traditional process of asking cities for funds each year. CVAG staff has consulted with Legal Counsel, who notes that there is no legal impediment to cities entering into a multi-year commitments. Additionally, the California Constitution debt limit only prohibits a multi-year contract where the funds to pay the full contract are not on hand, and that the amount of this proposed MOU does not appear large enough to create that concern.

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 through June 2026 is for \$359,711 annually. The program also has a strong financial backer in the Desert Healthcare District/ Foundation. The current agreement is for \$500,000, and the District/ Foundation's agreement has a clause that CVAG needs to demonstrate a continued commitment of current funding levels from the CVAG member agencies.

**COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM
UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2022**

REVENUES

CONTRIBUTIONS*	720,417
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>720,417</u>

EXPENDITURES

SALARIES AND BENEFITS**	450,414
BUILDING LEASE MAINTENANCE/RENT	184,607
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	62,893
MISC SUNDRIES/HOUSING ESSENTIALS	16,354
RAPID RESOLUTIONS	43,315
LEGAL SERVICES	1,036
PROJECT COSTS/OTHER EXPENSES	23,283
ELECTRIC (UTILITIES)	20,593
OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,861
LOCAL MEETINGS/STAFF MILEAGE	17,506
MOBILE ACCESS CENTER (MAC)	15,560
ADVERTISING	625

TOTAL EXPENDITURES***	<u>842,046</u>
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NET INCOME (DEFICIT)	<u>(121,629)</u>
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FUND BALANCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	<u>1,757,426</u>
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FUND BALANCE AS AT MARCH 31, 2022	<u>1,635,798</u>
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*FY 21/22 contributions have been invoiced

**Salaries and benefits have been estimated.

***Indirect overhead expenditures not yet allocated to the fund.