



HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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:

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

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Bakersfield, CA 93313**

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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, Councilmember, City of La Quinta

2. **ROLL CALL** –
 - A. **Member Roster** P4

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 September 18, 2023 Homelessness Committee Special Meeting Minutes** P5
 - B. **Approve the November 15, 2023 Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes** P10
 - 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** P13

7. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**
 - A. **CV Housing First: 2023 Year in Review – Ivan Tenorio** P16

Recommendation: Receive and file the quarterly report for the CV Housing First program, representing clients served in the fourth quarter of 2023
 - B. **Potential Loss of Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 2.0) Grant Funding – Ian Gabriel, Lift to Rise’s Director of Data, Policy & Planning** P20

Recommendation: 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

- C. **Presentation: Construction of the Palm Springs Navigation Center – Palm Springs** P31
Deputy City Manager Flinn Fagg

Recommendation: Information

- D. **Recap of Riverside County’s Fourth District Homeless Symposium – Greg** P33
Rodriguez, Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions’ Deputy Director for
Government Affairs and Community Engagement

Recommendation: Information

8. **INFORMATION**

- A. **Attendance Record** P35

- B. **Updates from Ex Officio Members**

- C. **Unaudited Financial Statement for CV Housing First Program through** P36
December 31, 2023

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**

Upcoming Meetings:

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.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

ITEM 2A

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



VOTING MEMBERS	
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 – <u>Vice Chair</u>
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña – <u>Chair</u>
City of Palm Desert	Mayor Karina Quintanilla
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
Ex-Officio / Non-Voting Members	
Pedro S.G. Rodriguez, Executive Director, Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	
Daria 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	

CVAG Staff
Tom Kirk, Executive Director
Erica Felci, Chief Operating Officer
Ivan Tenorio, Management Analyst

ITEM 6A

**Homelessness Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2023**



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

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** - The September 18, 2023 special 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.
- 2. ROLL CALL** - Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

City of Cathedral City	Mayor Pro Tem Mark Carnevale
City of Coachella	Councilmember Denise Delgado (<i>arrived at item 3</i>)
Desert Healthcare District	Director Carole Rogers, RN
City of Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Jan Pye (<i>arrived at item 3</i>)
City of Indian Wells	Mayor Donna Griffith
City of Indio	Councilmember Waymond Fermon, Vice Chair
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña, Chair
City of Palm Desert	Mayor Pro Tem Karina Quintanilla
City of Rancho Mirage	Councilmember Lynn Mallotto
Riverside County – District 4	Deputy Director Greg Rodriguez
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Vice Chair Joseph Mirelez (<i>arrived at item 5</i>)

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 Palm Springs	Councilmember Christy Holstege
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

Executive Director Tom Kirk led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Brad Anderson, resident of Rancho Mirage, addressed the committee and expressed his opposition to agenda item 7B and the state's Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court program.

5. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Fermon remarked on the unsheltered/unhoused population along the railroad corridors and freeways and requested that programs reach them during outreach efforts.

Chief Operating Officer Erica Felci noted agenda item 8E provides further details on the County's Point-in-Time count as promised at the last Homelessness Committee meeting.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED MAYOR PRO TEM QUINTANILLA AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FERMON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

- A. Approve the May 17, 2023 Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes**
- B. Receive and file the quarterly report for the CV Housing First program, representing clients served in the second quarter of 2023**

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER PRECKWINKLE	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM CARNEVALE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER DELGADO	AYE
DIRECTOR ROGERS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PYE	AYE
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PEÑA	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM QUINTANILLA	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLSTEGE	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER MALLOTTO	AYE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Presentation on Riverside County's Homeless Action Plan

Greg Rodriguez, Deputy Director of Housing and Workforce Solutions for Riverside County, presented the staff report.

Member discussion ensued with Deputy Director Rodriguez answering questions regarding items addressed in the action plan and questions about the availability of vouchers.

No action was taken as this was an information item.

B. Rollout of the State’s Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court

Deputy Director Rodriguez presented the staff report and detailed how the county has prepared for the roll out of the CARE program to launch on October 2, 2023.

Member discussion ensued with Mr. Rodriguez answering questions regarding ability to monitor success of the program and privacy issues.

No action was taken as this was an information item.

C. Additional funding from the California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program

Chief Operating Officer Erica Felci presented the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED MAYOR GRIFFITH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FERMON TO APPROVE AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ACCEPT \$34,393.59 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS AND HOUSING (CESH) PROGRAM, INCLUDING AMENDING THE SCOPE OF WORK TO REFLECT SERVICES OFFERED BY THE CV HOUSING PROGRAM

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER PRECKWINKLE	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM CARNEVALE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER DELGADO	AYE
DIRECTOR ROGERS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PYE	AYE
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PEÑA	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM QUINTANILLA	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLSTEGE	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER MALLOTTO	AYE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

C. Election of the Homelessness Committee Officers

Executive Director Tom Kirk opened the floor to nominations for Chair.

Councilmember Fermon nominated Councilmember Peña for Chair. No other nominations received.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER FERMON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM QUINTANILLA TO ELECT COUNCILMEMBER PENA AS CHAIR OF THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER PRECKWINKLE	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM CARNEVALE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER DELGADO	AYE
DIRECTOR ROGERS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PYE	AYE
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PEÑA	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM QUINTANILLA	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLSTEGE	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER MALLOTTO	AYE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

Chair Peña nominated Councilmember Fermon for Vice Chair. No other nominations received.

IT WAS MOVED BY CHAIR PENA AND SECONDED BY TRIBAL VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ TO ELECT COUNCILMEMBER FERMON AS VICE CHAIR OF THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

THE MOTION TO CARRIED WITH 11 AYES AND 3 MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER PRECKWINKLE	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER RODRIGUEZ	ABSENT
MAYOR PRO TEM CARNEVALE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER DELGADO	AYE
DIRECTOR ROGERS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PYE	AYE
MAYOR GRIFFITH	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER FERMON	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER PEÑA	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM QUINTANILLA	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HOLSTEGE	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER MALLOTTO	AYE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ	AYE
VICE CHAIR MIRELEZ	AYE

8. INFORMATION

A. Attendance Record

B. Updates from Ex Officio Members

Angelina Coe, Executive Director from Shelter of the Storm, expressed concern about the impact of looming funding cuts. She noted that Shelter from the Storm is the only provider of services for victims of domestic violence and crime.

Ms. Coe also highlighted October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and asks that people wear purple on Thursdays in support.

C. Letter from CVAG Chairman Scott Matas

D. Unaudited Financial Statement for CV Housing First Program through June 30, 2023

E. Annual Point-in-Time Count of Homeless Individuals

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Anderson, resident of Rancho Mirage, addressed the committee regarding his concerns about the process of how public comments are received and access to staff reports.

Lamont Jackson, Executive Director with Creative Build, expressed his desire to collaborate with the committee and its members to secure funding for programs and also commended the Homelessness Committee for their great work.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 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, September 25, 2023 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, Chair Peña adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ely Regalado
CVAG Management Analyst

ITEM 6B

**Homelessness Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2023**



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

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** - The November 15, 2023 meeting was called to order by Homelessness Committee Chair John Peña, City of La Quinta, at 10:06 a.m. at the CVAG Conference Room, 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 104, in Palm Desert.
- 2. ROLL CALL** - Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was *not* present.

Members Present

City of Blythe	Councilmember Dale Reynolds
City of Cathedral City	Mayor Pro Tem Mark Carnevale
City of Coachella	Councilmember Denise Delgado (<i>arrived at item 5</i>)
Desert Healthcare District	Director Carole Rogers, RN
City of Indio	Councilmember Waymond Fermon, Vice Chair
City of La Quinta	Councilmember John Peña, Chair
City of Rancho Mirage	Councilmember Lynn Mallotto

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 Desert Hot Springs	Councilmember Jan Pye
City of Indian Wells	Mayor Donna Griffith
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Riverside County- District 4	Supervisor V. Manuel Perez
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Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	Darla Burkett
Martha's Village and Kitchen	Samuel Hollenbeck

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Operating Officer Erica Felci led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Christian Jelmsberg, from Street Life Project, addressed the committee and gave an update of street outreach and their Tiny Home plan, which they would like to formally present to the committee at a later date.

5. CHAIR / COMMITTEE MEMBER/CVAG STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Felci announced that the CV Housing First Team is in attendance at today's meeting and introduced them to the committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Carnevale, who had been on the committee since 2010, announced that this would be his last meeting. He applauded the Homelessness Committee for its work and said Councilmember Raymond Gregory would be taking over as Cathedral City's representative.

Vice Chair Waymond Fermon thanked CV Housing First and Street Life Project for their outreach efforts. Councilmember Fermon reports a new behavioral health clinic opening in Indio next month and invites everyone to come see the new facility.

Councilmember Dale Reynolds from the City of Blythe thanked the non-profit organization Peace From Chaos for being the advocates for the people of Blythe and urged the committee to keep the City of Blythe in mind for outreach and resources when they are available.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve the September 18, 2023 Homelessness Committee Special Meeting Minutes

No vote was taken on this item due to lack of a quorum.

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. CV Housing First: Third Quarter Report for 2023

Ms. Felci introduced Management Analyst Ivan Tenorio, who presented the staff report.

Member discussion ensued.

No action was taken on this item due to a lack of quorum.

B. Annual Review of CVAG's Legislative Platform

Ms. Felci presented the highlights of the legislative platform. No action was taken on this item due to a lack of quorum.

C. Engaging the CV 200 through CVAG's Mobile Access Center

Mr. Tenorio provided an overview of the Mobile Access Center and the services provided through it.

Member discussion ensued with Mr. Tenorio and Ms. Felci answering questions from the committee. Staff noted that the Mobile Access Center was open for tours after the meeting.

No action was taken on this item due to a lack of quorum.

8. **INFORMATION**

A. **Attendance Record**

B. **Updates from Ex Officio Members**

Angelina Coe, Executive Director from Shelter from the Storm, reports that funding cuts are still pending, and they are hoping it won't be as impactful as they initially anticipated. She thanked the local cities that have approved grants in aid for their assistance.

Ms. Coe also reports that Perfect Pint in Palm Desert has adopted Shelter from the Storm for a fundraiser for the month of November and created an ice cream flavor called 'Pistachio Raspberry' for the fundraiser.

C. **Unaudited Financial Statement for CV Housing First Program through September 30, 2023**

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

None

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the **Homelessness Committee** will be held on Wednesday, January 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, December 4, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. at the first floor conference room of the Jerry Stergios Building at Desert Regional Medical Center, 1140 N. Indian Canyon Drive in Palm Springs.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Peña adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m. in memory of Arlene Rosenthal, a longtime advocate for homelessness services.

Respectfully submitted,

Ely Regalado

CVAG Management Analyst

ITEM 6C

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Homelessness Committee
February 21, 2024**



STAFF REPORT

Subject: CV Housing First's Behavioral Health Partnerships

Contact: Ivan Tenorio, Management Analyst (itenorio@cvag.org)

Recommendation: 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

Background: One of the priority areas identified by the CV Housing First team has been securing behavioral health partnerships that improve services to the program's CV 200 clients. In June 2021, the CVAG Executive Committee authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and execute no-cost Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with providers who can expand the services to assist the CV Housing First program. The Executive Director is also provided with certain signature authorities for contracts related to ongoing programs.

In March 2022, under the approved signing authority, the Executive Director authorized a MOU with Dr. Diane Vines from Beacon Associates. Dr. Vines is well known among service providers, as she is heavily involved in street outreach medicine through California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) and other organizations. Under the terms of the agreement, Dr. Vines has been working closely with CV Housing First staff to coordinate behavioral health services for people experiencing homelessness.

Prior to the arrangement with Beacon, CVAG staff experienced some challenges in the ability to obtain behavioral health intake and clinical referrals, which led to delays in housing and services. Under the MOU, CVAG staff performs initial intakes and pre-screen clients to determine their individual needs. From there, clients are referred to Dr. Vines for analysis, and to determine if the client is eligible for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) or other housing program that requires a showing of a disability as defined by Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Dr. Vines also assists CVAG staff with referring clients to behavioral health services (RUHS Behavioral Health, Recovery Innovations, Adult Behavioral Health) as determined by their behavioral health assessment and desire to participate in ongoing services and follow up care. In addition, Dr. Vines provides letters for emotional support animals, which is needed documentation for entering permanent housing.

The agreement with Dr. Vines has streamlined CV 200 clients' access to needed services, whereas many programs experience a significant backlog and wait time. The Executive Director authorized a no-cost time extension, which extended the term of the contract to March 5, 2024. Staff is now recommending Amendment No. 2 to provide an additional two years of service for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$40,000.

Fiscal Analysis: The existing contract with Beacon Associates authorized up to \$25,000 in work, of which there was about \$3,000 remaining as of December 31, 2023. Amendment No. 2 to the MOU with Beacon will provide an additional \$40,000 in services through March 5, 2026. The amounts are reimbursed on an hourly rate based on the services provided. Under the terms of this amendment, Dr. Vines' hourly rate will go up from \$150 to \$175.

Funding for this agreement is covered under the CV Housing First budget. By investing in direct access to behavioral health services, CVAG can eliminate wait times for its clients and get them into permanent housing solutions faster.

Attachment: Amendment No. 2 with Beacon Associates

AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO
to the
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
With
Beacon Associates
for the
Behavioral Health Assessment Referrals

This **AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO** is made and entered into this 26TH day of February 2024, by and between the **Coachella Valley Association of Governments**, a California joint powers agency (**CVAG**), and **Beacon Associates (Provider)**, and is made with reference to the following background facts and circumstances. All other terms and conditions shall remain the same as stated in the original Agreement dated March 5, 2022 for Behavioral Health Assessment Referrals.

1. **This Amendment Number Two extends the term of the agreement to March 5, 2026.**
2. **The total amount payable under this agreement shall not exceed \$65,000, paid on an updated hourly rate of \$175.**

Original Agreement	March 5, 2022	\$25,000
Amendment Number One	January 24, 2023	No cost
Amendment Number Two	February 26, 2024	<u>\$40,000</u>

Total Agreement Not-to-Exceed **\$65,000**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this **Amendment Number Two** to be executed by their duly authorized representatives on this date:

COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Beacon Associates

By: _____
Tom Kirk, CVAG Executive Director

By: _____
Diane Vines, Counselor

ITEM 7A

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Homelessness Committee
February 21, 2024**



STAFF REPORT

Subject: CV Housing First: 2023 Year in Review

Contact: Ivan Tenorio, Management Analyst (itenorio@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Receive and file the quarterly report for the CV Housing First program, representing clients served in the fourth quarter of 2023

Background: CVAG has completed its third 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 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 provides quarterly updates to its members about the program. 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 2023.

CV Housing First Clients – By the Numbers through December 31, 2023

CV 200 as of 12/31/2023	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	TOTAL
Clients housed in Crisis Stabilization Units (CSH)	25	36	21	32	114
Clients being helped through Rapid Resolution (RR)	0	0	0	0	0
Clients returned to the street (failures)	7	9	9	5	30
Clients moved into permanent housing from CSH (successes)	18	14	7	12	39

Clients moved into permanent housing through RR (successes)	0	0	0	0	0
Clients moved into permanent housing through Outreach (successes)*	6	1	0	0	7
TOTAL HOUSED FROM LIST OF 200	24	15	7	12	58

NON-CV 200 as of 12/31/2023	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	TOTAL
Households Housed in CSH Units	0	0	1	0	1
Households being helped through RR	0	0	0	0	0

Households returned to the street (failures)	0	0	1	0	1
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Households moved into permanent housing from CSH (successes)	0	0	0	0	0
Clients moved into permanent housing through Outreach (successes)*	0	1	0	0	1
Households moved into permanent housing from RR (successes)	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS HOUSED	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS HOUSED	0	1	0	0	1

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. In 2023, CVAG staff set an internal goal of permanently housing 65 of the CV 200 clients, which the team nearly met. This 2023 total is higher than the 2022 total of 54 individuals but not quite as high as the 2021 results. CVAG staff initially reported that it had housed 75 CV 200 clients in its first year, although a recent review of the data found three names duplicated and that it was 72 individuals housed. CVAG has revised its reporting accordingly and will do so moving forward.

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.

The chart also includes a row to account for CV 200 and non-CV 200 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. This group may include CV 200 clients who timed out of a CVAG unit but still were open to outreach services, and were eventually housed by the team. The other group being non-CV 200 clients who engaged with the Housing First outreach team and were provided resources and possibly housed.

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 two years, it was not uncommon for the length of stay to exceed 100 days. For the fourth quarter, the CV 200 clients who successfully exited the program into permanent housing stayed in a crisis stabilization unit on average for **74 days**. Those CV 200 clients who exited the program unsuccessfully stayed on average **61 days**.

This quarter's length of stay is just under our overall 90-day goal. The work carried out by CV Housing First team during outreach to get clients ready to move into one of CVAG's residential units, hotel rooms, or apartments is a contributing factor for this decline. The Housing First outreach team has a focus on addressing the lack of vital documentation for the CV 200 clients prior to entry, including obtaining their birth certificates and identification cards that are needed to secure a housing voucher.

Of the 12 permanent housing resolutions in the fourth quarter, the breakdown of clients' Exit Destination is as follows:

- Rental With Ongoing Subsidy (Permanent Supportive Housing) – 2
- Rental With Ongoing Subsidy (Low Income Senior Housing) – 1
- Family Reunification – 1
- Rental With Ongoing Subsidy (Project-Based Vouchers) – 8

End of year recap and facing challenges in 2024

It was noted in a previous meeting that CVAG staff was tracking the delayed opening of new housing developments in the City of Riverside. CVAG's CV 200 clients were among the first to move into Oasis Senior Villas when it finally began to accept tenants in December 2023. Of the 12 housed in the fourth quarter, five of the eight project-based vouchers went to Oasis Senior Villas, and the others were placed here in the Coachella Valley.

Project-based vouchers are tied to specific sites, whereas Permanent Supportive Housing vouchers provide a bit more flexibility. These types of vouchers give choice to the consumer on where they would prefer to potentially live. Of course, flexibility does not guarantee housing, as clients have to pass credit and criminal backgrounds which pose potential delays or denials in housing.

The location of these properties can cause challenges. A few of our clients have rejected the project-based voucher at the last minute, due not wanting to uproot their life outside of the Coachella Valley. This is not to say that the majority of clients will not move into permanent housing, but it is a factor when considering placement. When a client refuses a voucher or a unit, they are essentially put back on a waiting list within Riverside County's Coordinated Entry System. This will be something the team has to overcome moving forward, such as with the Vista La Sierra property opening in 2024 in the City of Riverside. CVAG staff anticipates up to eight individuals could be housed at this property in the first quarter in 2024. Another project-based site is expected to open in the later part of 2024 called Rancho

Las Bolsas in the City of Temecula, however CVAG's clients have not received referrals for this location at the time of this report.

Moving into the rest of 2024, CVAG staff will continue to find collaborative partnerships that streamline the process of getting clients into permanent housing solutions. CVAG staff is also exploring an agreement with Riverside County that would ensure landlords do not have delays in receiving money related to clients' move-in costs and initial months of rent.

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 7B

Coachella Valley Association of Governments Homelessness Committee

February 21, 2024



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Potential Loss of Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 2.0) Grant Funding

Contact: Erica Felci, Chief Operating Officer (efelci@cvag.org) and Peter Satin, Conservation Program Manager (psatin@cvag.org)

Recommendation: 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

Background: In recent years, CVAG's committees have been provided with regular updates on the State's Regional Early Action Planning Grants, (REAP), a State of California-funded program to accelerate meeting the State's housing and climate goals. The program is now in its second cycle, known as REAP 2.0, and already-funded projects statewide are at a standstill amid looming budget cuts. The Coachella Valley stands to more than \$19 million for various planning and capital investments that would benefit the production of affordable housing units. Ian Gabriel, Lift to Rise's Director of Data, Policy & Planning, will provide an update on how this impacts the region.

The REAP program was designed to address the housing crisis from a planning perspective at the regional level. In the first cycle, \$47 million was allocated to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to administer on behalf of the region. Of this, \$23 million was set aside for noncompetitive subregional partnerships. As a subregional partner, CVAG was eligible to receive approximately \$558,000 to be used toward one or more planning efforts that boost housing production and related supportive infrastructure. CVAG funded two projects that were completed in 2023: A revenue stream feasibility study for housing and associated infrastructure needs, and the implementation of an Affordable Housing Catalyst Fund by Lift to Rise to support pre-development financing for housing units.

CVAG staff has joined other agencies in expressing a frustration that the funds are allocated towards planning, and not implementation or building of units. These funds also have proven to be difficult to administer. During REAP 2.0, CVAG staff declined a noncompetitive allocation in favor of seeing the funds invested into Coachella Valley projects.

Separately, CVAG successfully secured REAP 2.0 funds administered by SCAG for use in the County Transportation Commission (CTC) Partnership Program. The CTC Partnership Program is designed to facilitate the development of transit and other multimodal services to reduce vehicle miles travelled (VMT) and promote infill development. Funds were being made available to CTCs based on a

competitive application process and will be disbursed locally to the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC). CVAG received awards for two projects: a proposed regional VMT study, which received full funding for \$2,005,000, and the proposed community connectors project received partial funding for \$1,700,000 to initiate the community scoping and conceptual mapping phase of the project.

In July 2023, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) approved SCAG's full REAP 2.0 application, formally committing \$246 million to SCAG. Since that time, SCAG has sub-allocated \$192 million primarily through competitive programs to 118 transformative, local projects in the SCAG region that implement the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) plan and the greenhouse gas (GHG) reducing strategies contained within Connect SoCal, the Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) for the SCAG region.

In addition to CVAG, a number of Coachella Valley cities and organizations also were benefitting from REAP 2.0 funds, which had to be invested by December 31, 2025:

- \$5 million was awarded to Lift to Rise to help build 1,150 affordable housing units.
- \$8 million was awarded to the City of Palm Desert, to address severe flooding issues that will support the development of 5,049 housing units.
- \$2.05 million was awarded to the City of Coachella to develop a plan for a multimodal transit supportive rail station in the city.
- \$500,000 was awarded to the City of Desert Hot Springs for a plan to develop infill affordable housing in the city's downtown area.
- \$200,000 was awarded to study the feasibility of establishing an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District in the City of Desert Hot Springs to fund housing-support infrastructure improvements.

These future of these funds is now in question.

On January 10, Gov. Gavin Newsom unveiled his proposed [\\$291.5 billion state budget](#) for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. Unlike the recent surplus budget years, the proposed budget reflects a \$37.86 billion shortfall, which is less than the \$68 billion shortfall projected by the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) in their [Fiscal Outlook](#) report released in early December 2023. To address the budget deficit, the Governor proposes using \$18 billion in reserves, revenues, and borrowing; \$11.9 billion in reductions and fund shifts; and \$7.2 billion in deferrals and delays.

Multi-year funding for transportation infrastructure, climate programs and housing programs will largely remain intact. However, deferral and reversions could significantly impact available funding for regional transportation and planning agencies. For the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program (REAP 2.0), the Governor is proposing a reversion of \$300 million from \$600 million included in the program in the 2021-22 state budget. The Department of Housing and Community Development has indicated that they will not approve REAP 2.0 reimbursements past 50 percent of existing awards until the final budget is approved and adopted. Agencies such as CVAG and the Riverside County Transportation Commission have put all work, including procurements of contractors, on pause as the Legislature considers next steps.

Staff is now recommending that the CVAG Chair and/or Executive Director be authorized to advocate on behalf of the region in order to retain the REAP 2.0 funding that has been awarded. This is consistent

with CVAG's Federal and State Legislative Platform, which was adopted by the Executive Committee in December 2023. The platform calls for "support increased investment in, and creation of, programs that assist local governments, counties and regional collaborations to address the challenges associated with homelessness," including Lift to Rise's Housing Catalyst Fund. The legislative platform also calls for supporting "legislative efforts that allow for sustainable financing options, as outlined in CVAG's Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) and member jurisdictions' Local Early Action Plans (LEAP), in order to address housing shortages and provide affordable housing options."

Fiscal Analysis: The Coachella Valley stands to lose about \$19.4 million with the cuts to the REAP 2.0 program. Of that, CVAG stands to lose \$3,705,000 in REAP 2.0 funding for two projects.

CVAG staff are currently working with staff from RCTC and SCAG to understand the implications of losing REAP funding.

Attachment:

SCAG letter to California Legislature to protect REAP 2.0 funding, January 19, 2024



January 19, 2024

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RE: Protect Dedicated Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP2.0), Active Transportation Program (ATP), and Infill Infrastructure Grants (IIG) Program Funding

Dear President Pro Tempore Atkins, Speaker Rivas, and Budget Chairs Skinner and Gabriel:

On behalf of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), I urge the Legislature to protect investments made to the Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0), Active Transportation Program (ATP), and the Infill Infrastructure Grants (IIG) programs as you deliberate on the FY 2024-25 State Budget.

SCAG encompasses six counties (Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura), 191 cities, six county transportation commissions, 16 tribal governments, and five air quality districts in an area covering more than 38,000 square miles. Established as an association of local governments and agencies that voluntarily convenes as a forum to address regional issues, we have long recognized the need for regional engagement on policies such as housing and transportation to reduce conflicts and competition for resources between public agencies within our region. We work together to meet challenges that extend beyond local jurisdictional boundaries.

As you set your priorities for the FY 2024-25 state budget and begin negotiations following the release of the Governor’s January budget proposal, SCAG urges you to maintain your strong support for

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investments in transportation infrastructure and housing programs as enacted in previous budgets. While we recognize the incredible budget challenge the Legislature now faces, transportation and housing programs must be protected if we are to meet our ambitious housing and climate goals. Given SCAG, and other metropolitan planning organization's (MPO) demonstrated ability to efficiently leverage state and federal funding through our position as regional collaborators and conveners, MPOs are a crucial part of the solutions to meeting our state's climate, housing, and transportation needs.

The following investments are critical to the work SCAG has conducted to deliver a safer, faster, cleaner, and more equitable transportation future while increasing housing supply.

1. Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP 2.0) – Protect Existing Funding Levels

REAP 2.0 is a \$600 million program intended to accelerate progress toward California's housing and climate goals through strengthened partnerships between regional, local, county, and tribal governments. REAP 2.0 is the only program specifically and exclusively designed to implement the region's Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) required by SB 375 (2008). For this reason, regions were empowered to develop programs that accelerate infill housing, support efforts for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) and reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

In his January budget, the Governor proposes a \$300 million reversion of REAP 2.0. This proposal would be devastating to SCAG and our member cities, counties, partner transportation agencies, and tribal governments. In July 2023, SCAG's full REAP 2.0 application was approved by HCD, formally committing \$246 million to SCAG. Since that time, SCAG has sub-allocated \$192 million primarily through competitive programs to more than 100 transformative, local projects in the SCAG region that implement the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) plan and the greenhouse gas (GHG) reducing strategies contained within Connect SoCal, the Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) for the Southern California region. Thousands of hours and upwards of \$15 million have already been expended by SCAG and its partners to deeply engage with communities, develop competitive proposals, and initiate projects to meet aggressive implementation timelines.

Innovative projects awarded through the REAP 2.0 program support as many as 10,000 new housing units on surplus LA Metro transit lands, more than 1,150 affordable housing units in the Coachella Valley, a low-to-zero-interest loan program to expedite accessory dwelling units in Orange County, infrastructure improvements to support nearly 5,000 newly-zoned housing units in Rialto, and a long-term loan program to promote hundreds of infill homes in Ventura County, among others. A list of projects funded has been included for your reference.

These projects play a critical role in increasing housing supply in the near term while also piloting innovative solutions that can be scaled across the region. With more than a

million housing sites identified through tireless work on housing elements, REAP 2.0 was designed to remove the systemic barriers for developers to build units where needed and planned. Reducing or delaying funding will compromise the program's integrity and have severe, negative impacts on cities and counties across Southern California and the entire state. We ask that you reject the Governor's proposal to halve REAP 2.0 and protect this crucial program.

2. Active Transportation Program (ATP) - Protect Funding Levels Established in FY 2024

The ATP was created in 2013 to encourage walking and biking because increased use of active modes of transportation is a key strategy in meeting the state's environmental, economic, and equity goals. Specifically, funding from the ATP may be used to develop bike and pedestrian infrastructure, increase safety and mobility for non-motorized users, build safe routes to schools, or develop active transportation plans. Through the first six funding cycles, the SCAG region has received funding for 722 projects totaling \$1.4 billion.

ATP is also a crucial funding source to implement the infrastructure needed to achieve California's roadway safety goals. The State of California is working toward a goal of "Toward Zero Deaths." The state's goal is to reduce the number and rate of fatalities by three percent per year and to reduce the number and rate of severe injuries by 1.5 percent per year, reaching the ultimate vision of eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries by 2050. Vehicle speed is one of the most significant factors influencing the severity of a collision between a person driving and a person walking or bicycling. Given that nearly all infrastructure projects funded through ATP are safety countermeasures and strategies effective at reducing vehicular speeds and increasing the visibility of vulnerable roadway users, this program is vital to meeting the state's Toward Zero Death goal.

While the ATP has successfully funded projects across the state, the program is incredibly oversubscribed and cannot meet the state's needs. In the most recent funding cycle, Cycle 6, the SCAG region received 147 applications, totaling \$853 million in ATP requests, for just \$93 million in available funds for the Southern California regional portion of the ATP. Despite its need and demand, the Governor's January budget proposes to reduce the ATP by \$200 million. We urge the Legislature to protect the commitments made to ATP, including the protection of all ATP funds in Cycle 7, which is expected to open in March of this year.

3. Infill Infrastructure Grants (IIG) Program - Protect Funding Levels Established in FY 2024

The IIG is an important public-private partnership that provides funding for essential infrastructure that supports infill housing development in climate-friendly, transit-accessible locations. Since its creation, the program has been an important funding source to revitalize the infrastructure within already highly urbanized areas to handle more

intensive development, including higher-density affordable and mixed-income housing. Developers and local governments partner apply for grant funding for the development or rehabilitation of parks or open space, water, sewer, or other utility service improvements, transit linkages, transit shelters, traffic mitigation features, sidewalks, and streetscape improvements or other infrastructure needs that facilitate infill housing.

In his January budget, the Governor proposes a \$200 million reversion to the General Fund from this program.

The IIG provides cities and counties with funding for the infrastructure needed to achieve their RHNA goals. This grant program prioritizes infill housing projects while focusing growth near transit, which is crucial for implementing the land-use strategies in Connect SoCal and necessary to achieve our GHG reduction targets. Therefore, we urge the Legislature to protect the commitments made to the IIG program.

Thank you for considering SCAG's perspective on the REAP 2.0, ATP, and IIG programs. SCAG looks forward to achieving our shared goals together and working constructively with the legislature and the Newsom Administration throughout the budget process. Please contact Mr. Kevin Gilhooley, Legislative Affairs Manager, at (213) 236-1878 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,



Kome Ajise
Executive Director

County	Program	Project	Awarded Budget
Imperial	CTC Program	Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center	\$1,000,000
Imperial	RUSH	City of Calipatria Delta Street Pump Station (Capital)	\$1,500,000
Imperial	SRP 2	Regional Housing Element Implementation Assistance Program	\$274,133
Los Angeles	Call 4	Mixed Use Development for Underutilized Commercial Zones	\$427,350
Los Angeles	CTC Program	Developing Neighborhood Mobility Hub Pilot Projects in Disadvantaged Communities in the South Bay	\$404,250
Los Angeles	CTC Program	Countywide Signal Priority Cloud Based Solution	\$4,004,028
Los Angeles	CTC Program	Connecting Communities with Stress Free Connections	\$5,250,000
Los Angeles	CTC Program	First Last Mile Revolution: Transforming Metro Connections to Housing	\$1,050,000
Los Angeles	CTC Program	Traffic Reduction Study	\$1,000,000
Los Angeles	CTC Program	Enhanced GoSGV E-Bike Share Program	\$2,625,469
Los Angeles	CTC Program	North Hollywood Transit Center	\$15,000,000
Los Angeles	CTC Program	Mobility Wallets Pilot 2.0: Challenge and Low Income Pilot	\$4,023,750
Los Angeles	CTC Program	Urban Wilderness Access Feasibility Plan	\$372,000
Los Angeles	CTC Program	Metro Bike Share In-Fill Expansion	\$7,550,000
Los Angeles	HIPP	Scaling up Housing Development on City-Owned Land	\$2,900,000
Los Angeles	HIPP	Inclusionary Housing Program	\$250,000
Los Angeles	HIPP	City of San Fernando (Zoning Code and San Fernando Corridors Specific Plan Update) Housing Infill	\$791,818
Los Angeles	HIPP	Fox Hills Specific Plan	\$505,000
Los Angeles	HIPP	Missing Middle Housing Program	\$57,000
Los Angeles	NOFA	Environmental Remediation Housing Acceleration Fund	\$5,000,000
Los Angeles	NOFA	LACAHSA Strategic Plan and Program Design	\$660,000
Los Angeles	NOFA	Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust Predevelopment Loan Program	\$5,000,000
Los Angeles	NOFA	Catalytic Development Fund	\$5,000,000
Los Angeles	NOFA	Housing On Merit's (HOM) Affordable Housing Catalyst Fund	\$700,000
Los Angeles	NOFA	Feasibility Study for Community Land Trust Creation within the City of West Hollywood	\$150,000
Los Angeles	NOFA	San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Revolving Loan Fund	\$5,000,000

County	Program	Project	Awarded Budget
Los Angeles	NOFA	Montebello Transformative Corridors Project	\$190,000
Los Angeles	RUSH	One San Pedro Redevelopment Infrastructure (Capital)	\$4,000,000
Los Angeles	RUSH	Project Powerhouse - Supporting Affordable Housing Development in the City of Los Angeles (Capital)	\$3,682,203
Los Angeles	RUSH	New Downtown Residential Infrastructure Study and Plans (Planning)	\$800,000
Los Angeles	RUSH	Torrance Housing Corridor Utility Infrastructure Study (Planning)	\$100,000
Los Angeles	SRP 2	Housing Element Implementation	\$1,911,870
Los Angeles	SRP 2	Fair Share Growth Strategy	\$2,374,000
Los Angeles	SRP 2	Community Plan (Land Use) Updates	\$1,910,000
Los Angeles	SRP 2	Design for Housing and Mobility	\$940,000
Los Angeles	SRP 2	Regional Sewer Model	\$1,466,000
Los Angeles	SRP 2	Transit Oriented Development Zones Plan Update & Environmental Analysis	\$268,476
Los Angeles	SRP 2	Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust Management	\$385,000
Los Angeles	SRP 2	COG Technical Assistance Team (Gateway Cities Council of Governments)	\$813,619
Los Angeles	SRP 2	City of San Fernando (Zoning Code and San Fernando Corridors Specific Plan Update)	\$313,182
Los Angeles	SRP 2	City of Santa Clarita (Development of Objective Design and Development Standards)	\$250,000
Los Angeles	SRP 2	Housing Incubator	\$1,474,700
Los Angeles	SRP 2	South Bay Regional Housing Trust	\$251,475
Los Angeles	SRP 2	Commercial Redevelopment into Housing: Extension and Expansion	\$343,281
Los Angeles	SRP 2	WSCCOG Regional Housing Trust Implementation Plan	\$198,213
Los Angeles	SRP 2	Housing Element Implementation On-Call Technical Assistance	\$132,142
Orange	Call 4	Transformative Engagement for Zoning Code Update	\$469,700
Orange	Call 4	EIR - Downtown Specific Plan Update	\$200,000
Orange	CTC Program	Fullerton Park and Ride Transit Oriented Development Site Design Concepts	\$500,000
Orange	CTC Program	Active Transportation Outreach and Engagement Support	\$400,000
Orange	CTC Program	Orange County Cyclic Counts 2024-2025	\$400,000
Orange	CTC Program	Bikeways Connectivity Study	\$500,000
Orange	CTC Program	First Street Multimodal Boulevard Design	\$4,300,000
Orange	CTC Program	Orange County Mobility Hubs Pilot Concept of Operations	\$300,000
Orange	CTC Program	McFadden Avenue Transit Signal Priority Pilot	\$3,690,000
Orange	CTC Program	Reconnecting Communities Through Complete Streets	\$550,000
Orange	CTC Program	Harbor Boulevard Cloud-Based Transit Signal Priority Stage 1	\$400,000
Orange	CTC Program	Next Safe Travels Education Program (STEP) 2.0	\$1,250,000

County	Program	Project	Awarded Budget
Orange	CTC Program	Harbor Boulevard Cloud-Based Transit Signal Priority Stage 2	\$1,000,000
Orange	NOFA	Orange County Affordable Housing Trust Affordable ADU Loan Program	\$4,000,000
Orange	SRP 2	OCS Bench and Housing-related Technical Assistance	\$1,325,000
Orange	SRP 2	Technology Tools to support AFFH, VMT reduction, and Infill Development	\$1,415,000
Orange	SRP 2	Missing Middle Pre-Reviewed Plans	\$210,000
Riverside	CTC Program	Coachella Rail Station Feasibility Study and Integrated Land Use and Transit Network	\$2,005,000
Riverside	CTC Program	RCTC Core Capacity Innovative Transit Study	\$3,000,000
Riverside	CTC Program	Vehicle Miles Traveled Study	\$2,005,000
Riverside	CTC Program	RTA (Riverside Transit Authority) GoMicro Microtransit Pilot Program Extension	\$2,378,635
Riverside	CTC Program	CV Link Community Connectors Analysis	\$1,700,000
Riverside	HIPP	Missing Middle Prototype Plans for Infill Housing Sites	\$500,000
Riverside	NOFA	Murrieta Housing Authority Revolving Loan Program	\$4,100,000
Riverside	NOFA	We Lift: the Coachella Valley Housing Catalyst Fund	\$5,000,000
Riverside	NOFA	Downtown Infill Tax Incentive Financing Program for Housing Supportive Infrastructure	\$200,000
Riverside	RUSH	Cabazon infrastructure Plan (Planning)	\$997,500
Riverside	RUSH	Downtown and Palm Dr. Corridor Infill Development Sewer Area Study (Planning)	\$500,000
Riverside	RUSH	Flood Control Infrastructure for Housing Need (Capital)	\$8,000,000
Riverside	RUSH	Stormwater Drainage Project (Capital)	\$6,108,797
Riverside	SRP 2	Promoting Affordable Housing in High Opportunity Areas Across Riverside County	\$670,603
Riverside	SRP 2	Jurisdictional Technical Assistance	\$2,298,951
Riverside	SRP 2	Pedley Town Center Plan - Implementation	\$478,894
San Bernardino	CTC Program	San Bernardino County VMT Mitigation Bank	\$3,045,000
San Bernardino	CTC Program	Countywide Multi-Modal Complete Streets Program	\$6,519,868
San Bernardino	HIPP	SBCTA/SBCSS and Other Public Land-to-Residential Project--Inventory, Analysis & Toolkit for Workforce and Teacher Housing	\$720,000
San Bernardino	HIPP	Catalytic Housing Initiative for Downtown Rialto	\$193,875
San Bernardino	NOFA	San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust	\$5,000,000
San Bernardino	RUSH	Water Supply Well City 3A for Regional Housing Project (Capital)	\$2,500,000
San Bernardino	RUSH	City of Upland Affordable Housing Utilities Planning (Planning)	\$303,500

County	Program	Project	Awarded Budget
San Bernardino	RUSH	Bloomington Swer Extension (Capital)	\$6,508,000
San Bernardino	SRP 2	Accelerating Housing Element Implementation	\$2,298,951
Ventura	Call 4	Ventura County Farmworkers Housing Study and Action Plan	\$499,991
Ventura	CTC Program	Countywide Paratransit Integration Study	\$300,000
Ventura	CTC Program	Countywide Transit Stops Inventory & Accessibility Assessment / Capital Improvements Grant Program	\$1,500,000
Ventura	CTC Program	Community Traffic Calming & Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program	\$300,000
Ventura	CTC Program	Santa Paula Branch Line Active Transportation - Master Plan Update and Valiate Connections to Serve New Housing and Reduce VMT	\$1,677,000
Ventura	HIPP	Unlocking Land for Housing	\$756,500
Ventura	HIPP	City of Moorpark - Downtown Specific Plan	\$250,000
Ventura	HIPP	Transit Oriented Development (TOD)/High Quality Transit Corridor (HQTC) Program	\$1,075,807
Ventura	NOFA	Ventura County Housing Trust Fund Revolving Long-Term Loan Program for Infill Affordable Housing Developments Project	\$5,000,000
Ventura	SRP 2	AFFH Technical Assistance	\$370,127
Ventura	SRP 2	Continuation of OCCOG-VCOG ADU Program	\$45,000

ITEM 7C

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Homelessness Committee
February 21, 2024**



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Presentation: Construction of the Palm Springs Navigation Center

Contact: Erica Felci, Chief Operating Officer (efelci@cvaq.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: In August 2022, Riverside County and the City of Palm Springs announced they were receiving a \$19 million grant from the state's Homekey Program to build and operate the Palm Springs Navigation Center. The campus is being designed as a location where shelter, food and the full suite of support services can be co-located to expand the region's network of services for homeless individuals and reduce secondary impacts that can negatively impact quality of life.

Palm Springs Deputy City Manager Flinn Fagg will provide a project update when the Homelessness Committee meets in February. The center is scheduled to open in phases, with an early entry facility planned to open in the coming weeks and the rest of the campus open in July 2024. The project was highlighted at the February 1 homelessness symposium that was hosted by Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, which is detailed in a separate staff report.

The navigation center is located on 3.64 acres along McCarthy Road in the City of Palm Springs. The site has three existing buildings totaling 46,760 square feet. The campus will consist of a shelter facility, 80 modular housing units and full wrap-around services that will include behavioral health care, workforce training, linkage to state and county services, and other resources to get unhoused individuals linked to permanent housing.

The center's focus will be to provide services to help individuals transition into permanent housing. In the future, in addition to providing services directly to homeless individuals, the City and the County have identified the potential to provide services to housed residents such as childcare; assisting individuals with securing health, disability, social security, and other benefits; computer skills, access to internet, employment support and assessments; basic first aid; computer labs; and referrals to other resources. An appropriately sized facility and property could also provide an opportunity to co-locate other services, including the county's mental and/or behavioral health programs, or to have an on-site medical clinic.

In addition to funding design, renovations and construction, the City and County has secured funding for operational dollars for Martha's Village & Kitchen, which has been selected by the city as the center's operator.

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

City and county officials have noted that the project's estimated costs have gone up as overall costs of construction have risen. More than \$40 million has been secured for the creation and operation of the campus, including \$18 million from Riverside County, \$8.16 million from the City of Palm Springs and the \$19 million award from the state's Homekey program.

ITEM 7D

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Homelessness Committee
February 21, 2024**



STAFF REPORT

Subject: Recap of Riverside County's Fourth District Homeless Symposium

Contact: Erica Felci, Chief Operating Officer (efelci@cvag.org)

Recommendation: Information

Background: With this item, staff is providing a recap of Riverside County's Fourth District Homeless Symposium, which was held Feb. 1 at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission in Indio.

The symposium was hosted by Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez in partnership with the Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions Department and the County's Continuum of Care. The symposium provided an update on implementing the ideas identified in Riverside County's Homeless Action Plan, which was adopted by the Continuum of Care in March 2023 to provide a five-year framework to transition the County's services into a *"high functioning, high-performing network that sets vision and direction, engages in collective decision-making, and improves the impact of programs that address homelessness."*

The symposium also highlighted programs across the Fourth District, including CVAG's CV Housing First program. 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 CV 200 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 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.

Additional presentations at the symposium featured outreach services in the City of Palm Desert, the Navigation Center that's under construction in the City of Palm Springs and the newly opened shelter beds in the City of Desert Hot Springs.

Greg Rodriguez, Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions' Deputy Director for Government Affairs and Community Engagement, will provide a detailed synopsis of the event to CVAG's Homelessness Committee when it meets on February 21. Because addressing homelessness across the Coachella Valley is often cited as a top public safety priority, CVAG staff also provided a written update to the Public Safety Committee when it met on February 12.

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

Attachments:

Riverside County's Homeless Action Plan:

<https://rivcohpws.org/sites/g/files/aldnop131/files/cocdocumnets/County%20of%20Riverside%20Homeless%20Action%20Plan.pdf>

ITEM 8A

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

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

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

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 DECEMBER 31, 2023**

REVENUES

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 1,061,398
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,061,398</u>

EXPENDITURES

SALARIES AND BENEFITS	439,408
BUILDING LEASE MAINTENANCE/RENT	174,421
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	18,424
MISC SUNDRIES/HOUSING ESSENTIALS	2,113
RAPID RESOLUTIONS	2,139
LEGAL SERVICES	944
PROJECT COSTS/OTHER EXPENSES	91,639
ELECTRIC (UTILITIES)	44,963
OFFICE SUPPLIES	762
LOCAL MEETINGS/STAFF MILEAGE	13,276
MOBILE ACCESS CENTER (MAC)	2,687
ADVERTISING	209

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>790,985</u>
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NET INCOME (DEFICIT)	<u>270,413</u>
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FUND BALANCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	<u>2,680,331</u>
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PRELIMINARY FUND BALANCE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2023	<u>\$ 2,950,745</u>
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