

**County of Riverside Continuum of Care  
Board of Governance**

**Special Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

**2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Teams Meeting**



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**Dr. Matthew Chang, Chairperson**

**Leticia De Lara, Vice-chair**

**1.0 Call to Order:** Welcome & Introductions

**Dr. Matthew Chang, Chair**

1.1 Roll Call

**David Escobar, HWS Planning Team**

**2.0 Consent Items**

**Dr. Matthew Chang, Chair**

2.1 Minutes Approval for December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Board of Governance Meeting

2.2 Approval of Resolution No. 2023-01 to Continue Teleconferencing

**Recommended Motion – Approve all consent items**

**3.0 Public Comment on Any Item Not Listed on Agenda:** Members of the public are encouraged to address the Board on any item not listed on the agenda. Each public comment request email will be read aloud.

#### 4.0 New Business

##### 4.1 Board of Governance Teleconferencing

Tanya Torno, HWS Deputy Director

###### *Informational Only*

**Background:** In 2021, AB 361 was passed by the legislature to allow a legislative body to conduct a teleconference/remote meeting in a manner that suspends all traditional teleconferencing rules except the vote by roll call when there is a proclaimed state of emergency and either (a) the state or local health officials have imposed or recommend social distancing or (b) the legislative body determines that as a result of the state emergency, meeting in person presents imminent risk to the health and safety code of the public. Governor Newsom forecasted that the state of emergency for COVID will end in February 2023, and when this occurs, legislative bodies will no longer be able to utilize AB 361 for remote meetings. HWS staff is coordinating with the Board of Governance (BOG) Chairs and County Counsel to determine whether teleconferencing options remain as an option and/or to identify centralized meeting centers from where to facilitate future board meetings. The next regular scheduled BOG meetings under the 2023 Calendar: April 20<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup>, August 17<sup>th</sup>, October 19<sup>th</sup>, and December 14<sup>th</sup>.

###### *Public Comments*

##### 4.2 2022 Emergency Solutions Grant

Tanya Torno, Deputy Director

###### **Action Required**

**Background:** On August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Board of Governance reviewed the Continuum of Care's 2022 ESG allocation amount of \$312,602 and agreed to appropriate 40% (\$121,362) of the funding towards rapid rehousing and 60% (\$182,042) towards street outreach. Recent investments to the County through the Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) program have resulted in up to \$7M to cover street outreach services which continues the centralized street outreach model funded under the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Coronavirus program. As a result of this recent investment, it is recommended that 100% of ESG funding (\$312,602) be reprogrammed to support only rapid rehousing activities.

###### *Public Comments*

**Recommended Motion:** Reprogram the full amount of the 2022 ESG funding (\$312,602) to support rapid rehousing activities.

##### 4.3 Rapid Rehousing Funding Recommendations

Tanya Torno, Deputy Director

###### **Action Required**

**Background:** A local, Invitation to Bid (ITB) was released on December 15, 2022, through February 2, 2023, to solicit proposals for \$1,261,968.59 in Rental Assistance and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) activities throughout Riverside County's five supervisorial districts. In addition to the funding available through the ITB, an additional \$312,602 of 2022 ESG funding was announced as potential additional funding. From the combined \$1,574,570.59, a designated amount of \$441,755.99.00 can only be used for youth specific rental assistance and rapid rehousing services.

The purpose of the program is to develop a centralized rental assistance model to aid individuals and families who are at-risk and homeless move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in

housing through a combination of housing identification, rental assistance, and supportive services. The program will intentionally target individuals who are currently residing in emergency shelter to ensure turnover of beds to support existing unsheltered populations.

There were a total of 12 project applications received requesting awards totaling \$5,849,048.40. HWS staff has prepared the following funding recommendations to ensure services are available in 100% of the county and funding is distributed based on where needs are the greatest using 2022 Point-in-Time Count data.

<b>Rental Assistance Funding Recommendations</b>		
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>	<b>Supervisory District(s)</b>
County of Riverside Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)	\$236,185.59	All
Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH)	\$157,457.06	All
Lutheran Social Services Southern California	\$160,565.00	1
Equitable Social Solutions	\$143,767.83	2 & 3
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	\$212,602.00	4
Galilee Center	\$147,237.12	4
Faith in Action of the San Geronio Pass	\$75,000.00	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,132,814.60</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Youth Set-Aside RRH</b>		
Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH)	\$185,537.52	1
Walden Family Services	\$145,799.47	2 & 5
Equitable Social Solutions	\$110,439.00	3 & 4
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$441,755.99</b>	<b>All</b>

*Public Comment*

**Recommended Motion:** Approve the funding recommendations for the Rental Assistance and Rapid Re-Housing activities and youth set-aside designations.

**4.4 Reprogramming of HHAP-3 CoC allocation 10% set aside amount Street Outreach to Operating Subsidies**

**Action Required**

**Background:** Operation SafeHouse’s (OSH) MainStay Program provides a 4-bed sheltering program for Transitional Age Youth (TAY) who are between the ages of 18-24. The program launched out of CoC Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) and has been instrumental in meeting the needs of young adults who experience homelessness throughout the entire region. While emergency shelter opportunities exist throughout the region, this is the only program that specializes in serving TAY and each year serves upwards of 50 youth. The program needs an ongoing funding source to maintain operations beyond February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. HWS staff has identified funding through the CoC’s Homeless Housing Assistance Program (HHAP) Round 3 Program totaling \$420,720 which can be repurposed to directly fund emergency shelter activities.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Reallocation Amount</b>	<b>Activity Type prior to Reallocation</b>	<b>New Activity Type</b>
HHAP-3 CoC Allocation- Street Outreach	\$210,360.00	Street Outreach	Operating Subsidies
	\$210,360.00	Operating Subsidies	*No Change Needed
	\$420,720.00	Operating Subsidies	

Public Comment

**Recommended Motion:**

1. *Approve the reprogramming of HHAP-3 CoC allocation 10% youth set aside amount of \$210,360 from street outreach to operating subsidies. This will increase the total amount available to support operating subsidies to \$420,720.00.*
2. *Approve the funding recommendation of HHAP-3 10% youth set aside of \$420,720.00 in operating subsidies towards Operation SafeHouse's MainStay Program.*

**5.0 Announcements**

**6.0 Call for Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

**7.0 Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled Board of Governance meeting will be held on April 20, 2022, from 9 – 11 AM.

**8.0 Adjournment**