

# County of Riverside Continuum of Care Board of Governance

## Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 19, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The City of Banning Council Chambers  
99 E. Ramsey Street, Banning, CA 92220



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**Dr. Matthew Chang**, Chairperson

**Leticia De Lara**, Vice-chair

### 1.0 Call to Order: Welcome & Introductions

**Dr. Matthew Chang**, BoG Chair

#### 1.1 Roll Call

**Mariel Sarmiento**, CoC Coordinator

### 2.0 Consent Items

**Dr. Matthew Chang**, BoG Chair

#### 2.1 Minutes Approval for September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Board of Governance Meeting

**Recommended Motion** – Approve the September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Board of Governance Meeting minutes.

### 3.0 Public Comment

**Leticia DeLara**, BoG Vice Chair

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 Standing Item

### 4.1 Fiscal Update

Brandon Trahan, CoC Fiscal Manager

## 5.0 New Business

### 5.1 \$19 Million in New Funding Awards

Tanya Torno, CoC Dy Director

#### ***No Action Needed***

**Background:** During the month of September, Riverside County's Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS) received two grant awards to target homelessness in Riverside County. These awards include:

1. Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF): \$12 million in state funding to address homelessness in the San Jacinto Riverbed and includes a multi-jurisdictional and disciplinary effort with the cities of San Jacinto and Hemet and the following county departments: Department of Public Social Services, Riverside University Health System (RUHS) – Behavioral Health, Animal Services, Parks, and Housing and Workforce Solutions. The grant represents the second largest award in the state. Funds from the program will be used to cover costs towards housing and supportive services.
2. Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP): \$7 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address youth homelessness; the third largest award across the nation. 3% of funds will be utilized to implement a coordinated community plan (CCP) which will be led by the CoC's Youth Action Board (YAB) and serve as the community's blueprint for preventing and ending youth homelessness. Remaining funds will be used to cover costs towards housing and supportive services.

### 5.2 ESG Homelessness Prevention Grant

Emma Perez-Singh, CoC Administrative Manager

**Background:** Applications for the 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Homeless Prevention Allocation began on August 25, 2023, and is open until December 31, 2023, or until all funds have been awarded. The NOFA is a one-time special funding for Homeless Prevention (HP) utilizing \$1.7 million available for the following uses: 1) engage homeless individuals and families living on the street, 2) rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families, 3) help operate and provide essential services in emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families, and 4) prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless.

**Recommended Motion:** Allow HWS to apply for the 2023 ESG Homelessness Prevention Grant and if awarded, permit HWS to utilize funding for seniors at risk and allocate award to DPSS Adult Services.

### 5.3 Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention - Capital Bid Application

Joshua Tomaszewski, CoC Program Specialist

**Background:** On April 24, 2023, the CoC released a Request For Proposal (RFP) for developers to apply for the \$1,000,000 for capital projects from HHAP Round 3, in addition to a remaining \$218,434.30 for capital projects from HHAP Round 2. At the September 6, 2023, CoC Board of Governance meeting, staff informed the Board that one project proposal was received requesting the full amount of \$1,218,434.30 and an independent review panel finalized scoring and evaluation on June 29, 2023. However, since the submission and evaluation of the sole

proposal, the project has encountered a delay in project readiness relating to the control of the building site. Currently, the applicant has yet to regain control of the building site of the proposed project.

**Recommended Motion:** Release a new Request for Proposals (RFP) for \$1,218,434.03 in HHAP funding to be used for the development of permanent supportive housing.

#### 5.4 Reprogramming of FY2022 HUD CoC New Beginnings Project

Tanya Torno, CoC Deputy Director

**Background:** On March 28, 2023, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the FY2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Awards. The Riverside County CoC received \$14,224,792 to support 20 projects including funding of \$467,460 for the New Beginnings Transitional Services Rapid Rehousing Project (CA2182L9D082200). New Beginnings, Inc., the non-profit provider identified to administer the program has been nonresponsive despite multiple attempts to contact via emails, telephone calls, voicemails, and letters. After open announcements to all approved CoC Program service providers, His Daughters House (HDH) has agreed to operate this rapid rehousing project through the period of performance from January 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025.

**Recommended Motion:** Approve the reallocation and renaming of the 2022 New Beginnings Transitional Services rapid rehousing project (CA2182L9D082200) with the funding amount of \$467,460 to His Daughters House as the subrecipient with the new project name of “2022 CA2182 New Rapid Re-Housing” for the period of performance from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025.

#### 5.5 Delegated Authority for CoC Staff to Reprogram and/or Reallocate Funding

Karen Roper, CoC Chair

**Background:** Riverside County receives federal and state resources to coordinate activities within the Continuum of Care (CoC) service area. The funding is administered by the Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS) who serves as the CoC Collaborative Lead and Administrative Entity, and who then works alongside the Riverside County Continuum of Care to identify, fund, and implement homeless assistance programs throughout the region. The CoC’s Board of Governance (BoG) meet to approve recommendations to reprogram and reallocate funding as needed. Due to the significant number of projects being administered and the rigorous spending deadlines set for the various funding sources occurring simultaneously, HWS has developed an Delegated Authority Policy to be able to act efficiently and ultimately improve service delivery across the region and reduce delays into housing.

**Recommended Motion:** Approve the Delegated Authority Policy allowing staff to reprogram and/or reallocate funding on an as needed basis and/or under limited circumstances.

#### 6.0 Announcements

#### 7.0 Call for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

**8.0 Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled Board of Governance meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, from 9 – 11 AM.

#### 9.0 Adjournment