

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

Special Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 14th, 2024

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**The City of Banning Council Chambers
99 East Ramsey Street, Banning, CA 92220**



Board members must attend in person. The public may participate in person or by way of TEAMS/Teleconference:

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Dr. Matthew Chang, Chairperson

Leticia De Lara, Vice-chair

1.0 Call to Order: Welcome & Introductions

Leticia De Lara, BoG Vice-chair

1.1 Roll Call

Mariel Sarmiento, CoC Coordinator

2.0 Consent Items

Leticia De Lara, BoG Vice-chair

2.1 Minutes Approval for February 15th, 2024, Board of Governance Meeting

Recommended Motion: Approve the February 15th, 2024, Board of Governance Meeting minutes.

3.0 Public Comment

Leticia De Lara, 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 Old Business

4.1 ESG-HP: Emergency Solutions Grant Homeless Prevention

Emma Perez-Singh, CoC Administrative Services Manager

Action Needed

Background: On January 30, 2024, the Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS) received notice of a \$200,000 award for the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) competitive ESG -2023 Homeless Prevention Allocation. Funding from this program can be used to assist households with housing relocation and stabilization services to prevent them from entering homelessness and accessing emergency shelter, in accordance with requirements in 24 CFR § 576.105. This includes households who are at: Imminent Risk of Homelessness, Fleeing Domestic Violence, and At-risk of Homelessness.

On October 19, 2023, the Board of Governance approved a recommendation from staff to allocate funding received from the program to seniors, however the State clarified the funding must be used to support all households. Consequently, this funding will be made available to any eligible persons through the Coordinated Entry System (CES).

Recommended Motion: Approve the reprogramming of \$200,000 in Emergency Solutions Grant-Homelessness Prevention (ESG-HP) funds from seniors to all eligible persons through the Coordinated Entry System.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Department of Veteran Services HHAP Allocation

Raushanah Walker, CoC Supervising Development Specialist

Action Needed

Background: On June 16, 2022, the Board of Governance approved the [HHAP Round 3 Application Funding Plan](#) to allocate \$250,000 to service coordination. Funding under this category can be used to increase access to workforce, education and training programs, or other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing. The period of performance for this funding is through June 30, 2026. Current data on veteran homelessness in the region recognizes increases in the number of veterans who have been identified as homelessness ([256 identified during the 2023 PIT Count](#)). Staff is recommending a portion of this funding in the amount of \$170,466.25 be allocated to support a Veterans Homeless Coordinator through Riverside County's Veterans Services Department who will serve as the lead designee for strengthening a system response to address veteran homelessness. Under this role, the coordinator will be responsible for working alongside our Coordinated Entry System (CES), VA Loma Linda Healthcare System, Housing Authority of the County of Riverside, and veteran agencies such as US VETS and Lighthouse Social Services to coordinate responses and fast-track homeless veterans to housing and services. This model of care mirrors local efforts which have proven to be successful for homeless families, seniors, and transitional age youth.

Additionally, in January 2017, Riverside County achieved a significant milestone by becoming the first large community in the nation to achieve functional zero through the Valor Initiative. Demonstrating its ongoing dedication to eradicating veteran homelessness, the county now aims to reintroduce the Valor Initiative and regain its functional zero for veterans' homeless status through Valor 2.0. The Homeless Veterans Coordinator will be responsible for championing this effort.

Recommended Motion: Approve the funding recommendation of HHAP 3 services coordination allocation of \$170,466.25 to the County of Riverside Department of Veteran Services to lead the Valor 2.0 Initiative.

5.2 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant and HHAP 3 County Rapid Rehousing

Amy Primrose-Puente, CoC Senior Program Specialist

Action Needed

Background: On November 21, 2023, the County of Riverside Continuum of Care (CoC) was awarded \$299,499 through the California Department of Housing and Community Development’s Emergency Solutions Grant. On February 9, 2024, Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS) released an invitation to bid for the 2023 ESG funding accompanied by \$237,712.30 from HHAP Round 3 County funds, which are being leveraged to scale the number of rapid rehousing resources available to support individuals who are experienced homelessness and regain housing. This resulted in a combined total of \$529,994.30 allocated for Rapid Rehousing activities. The bidding process concluded on February 28, 2024, with receipt of (10) proposals. These proposals were evaluated based on the county's coverage needs and has been determined that Coachella Valley Rescue Mission and City Net will collectively provide Rapid Rehousing service coverage for all five districts.

Recommended Motion: Approve the recommended funding allocation to City Net in the amount of \$349,796.30 to serve Districts 1,2,3,5, and to Coachella Valley Rescue Mission in the amount of \$180,198.00 to serve District 4.

Rapid Rehousing	Source	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	Total
CVRM	2023 ESG	\$	\$	\$	\$180,198.00	\$	\$180,198.00
City Net	HHAP 3 County	\$158,998.34	\$79,499.15	\$31,799.66		\$79,499.15	\$349,796.30
Total		\$158,998.34	\$79,499.15	\$31,799.66	\$180,198.00	\$79,499.15	\$529,994.30
Percentage of Total		30%	15%	6%	34%	15%	100%
Homelessness PIT Distribution by District		30%	15%	6%	34%	15%	100%

6.0 Announcements

Leticia DeLara, BoG Vice Chair

7.0 Call for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Leticia DeLara, BoG Vice Chair

7.1 Winter Shelters in Riverside County

7.2 Adult Services Presentation

8.0 Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled Board of Governance meeting will be on Thursday, April 18th, 2024, from 9am – 11am at the City of Banning Council Chambers.

9.0 Adjournment

Leticia DeLara, BoG Vice Chair