

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

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 18th, 2022

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

Josh Tomaszewski, HWS Planning Team

2.0 Consent Items

Dr. Matthew Chang, Chair

2.1 Minutes Approval for June 16th, 2022, Board of Governance Meeting

Recommended Motion – Approve the June 16th, 2022, Board of Governance meeting minutes.

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

Informational Only

Background: The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced the availability of approximately \$6 million in new federal funds for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Continuum of Care (CoC) Allocation program. The County of Riverside Continuum of Care (CoC) is eligible to apply for up to \$312,602, of which a minimum of 40% must be set aside to support rapid rehousing activities. The application period began on June 13th, 2022, and all application and required documentation is due Wednesday, August 17th, 2022. Due to the time sensitivity and timeline of the application, staff prepared the application and included the mandatory 40% allocation towards Rapid Re-Housing and 60% towards Street Outreach. Staff will prepare a presentation to the Board of Governance (BoG) before the release of the local Request for Proposals (RFP) and will include an overview of the current funding distributions across each region. This will allow the BoG to further review categories of assistance available (e.g., street outreach, emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, and homeless prevention) and determine whether adjustments should be made.

Category	Total Allocation
Street Outreach	\$182,042.00
Emergency Shelter	\$0.00
Rapid Re-Housing	\$121,362.00
Homeless Prevention	\$0.00
Admin	\$9,198.00
Total	\$312,602.00

Public Comments

4.2 Reallocation of HUD Continuum of Care Projects Assigned to Alternatives to Domestic Violence

Tanya Torno, HWS Deputy Director

Action Required

Background: Alternatives to Domestic Violence (ADV) has selected not to proceed with operating two of its HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Rapid Re-Housing projects. The organization is undergoing a major restructuring due to a formal investigation of the former director, which led to the appointment of a new Board and interim director. Upon notification of ADV’s decision, Staff reached out to all HUD CoC subrecipients to measure interest and capacity in absorbing both projects and received responses from Queer Works and Lighthouse Social Services. To address the specialized needs of participants served through the two DV Rapid Re-Housing Programs, staff will lead the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with all HUD CoC subrecipients and victim service providers such as ADV, Shelter from the Storm, and the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center. The MOU will serve to formalize the commitment of parties to work together to provide trauma-focused services to survivors of domestic violence.

HUD CoC Projects	Term	Allocation	Recommended Subrecipient
2020 Domestic Violence Rapid Re-Housing	May 1 st , 2022, through April 30 th , 2023	\$767,479.00	Queer Works

2021 County of Riverside Domestic Violence Bonus Rapid Re-Housing*	July 1 st , 2022, through December 31 st , 2023	\$1,250,737.00	Lighthouse Social Services
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Public Comments

Recommended Motion: Approve the reallocation of the above projects previously awarded to Alternatives to Domestic Violence as follows:

1. 2020 Domestic Violence Rapid Re-Housing Project in the amount of \$767,479 to Queer Works; and
2. 2021 County of Riverside Domestic Violence Bonus Rapid Rehousing Project in the amount of \$1,250,737 to Lighthouse Social Services.

4.3 Reallocation of California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) I Award Assigned to Social Work Action Group (SWAG) Tanya Torno, HWS Deputy Director

Action Required

Background: Social Work Action Group (SWAG) has selected not to proceed with operating its CESH I Rental Assistance & Flexible Subsidy project. The organization’s decision is largely due to rental market conditions and difficulty in finding landlords who are willing to rent to participants. The original RFP released for CESH I was back in 2019 and as a result, staff recommends incorporating the funding available from this project, with a local Request for Proposals (RFP) that will be released for the Homeless Housing Assistance Program (HHAP) 3. This will increase the amount of funding available to support new projects and will provide an opportunity for the Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) to strategically develop, identify and invest in projects that align with the newly adopted Five-Year Homeless Action Plan and funding will incorporate solutions such as landlord incentives, master-leasing and leverage partnerships with affordable housing and permanent supportive housing developers.

CESH I Project	Term	Allocation	Recommended Action
Rental assistance & flexible subsidies for encampments	May 1 st , 2022, through June 30 th , 2024	\$175,188.43	Identify a new subrecipient

Public Comments

Recommended Motion: Approve the inclusion of the recaptured \$175,188.43 in CESH I funds from SWAG in the HHAP Round 3 Request for Proposals (RFP).

**4.4 Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 2 Allocation to Support Senior Liaison
Emma Singh, HWS Administrative Services Manager**

Action Required

Background: During its October 26th, 2021, meeting, the Board of Governance approved Staff’s recommendation to allocate \$78,341.10 to recruit a Senior Adult Homelessness Coordinator to support and oversee all planning coordination efforts to address senior homelessness. This investment is both critical and necessary to support the growing aging population in Riverside County and address inflows of seniors who experience homelessness through cross-sector collaboration. The County of Riverside’s Adult Services Division (ASD)– Crisis Response Intervention System (CRIS) serves as the lead county department responding to seniors who are 60 years and older and dependent adults and, in this role, assign a social worker and link eligible seniors and their families to permanent housing and care. CRIS social workers are stationed throughout the county and respond to requests received from the County of Riverside’s Continuum of Care through the Adult Services Hotline 1-800-401-0832. Staff recommends the distribution of \$78,341.10 to this department to further enhance the scale in which they can guide and support the CoC’s progress towards this response.

Recommended Motion: Approve the allocation of \$78,341.10 to Riverside County’s Department of Public Social Services’ Adult Services Division.

**4.5 Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 3 Allocation to Support System Advancements
Tanya Torno, HWS Administrative Services Manager**

Action Item

Background: During its Board of Governance (BoG) meeting on June 16th the BoG reviewed the proposed Homeless, Housing Assistance Program (HHAP) Round 3 funding allocations to include in the Riverside County’s Continuum of Care (CoC) application due on June 30th, 2022. The motion carried with the condition that the BoG would continue the discussion during its August 18th meeting. Specifically, this action is needed to determine whether an adjustment of the \$1,026,000 towards systems support is necessary for the CoC’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Coordinated Entry System (CES). Following this motion, HWS will release a Request for Proposals to support the launch and implementation of the program in Riverside County.

Eligible Uses Recommended by Staff	Allocation	Homeless Action Plan Alignment
1. Rapid rehousing, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees.	\$410,000.87	<i>Action Area 4: Expand and Ensure Equitable Access to Permanent Housing in Other Communities; Strategies: 23, 24, 28, 30, and 31</i>
2. Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.	\$626,579.00	<i>Action Area 4: Expand and Ensure Equitable Access to Permanent Housing in Other Communities; Strategies: 23, 24, 28, 30, and 31</i> <i>Action Area 3: Expand Communities to Provide Safe and Effective Shelter and Interim Housing; Strategies: 19</i>

3. Street outreach to assist persons experiencing homelessness to access permanent housing and services.	\$600,116.00	Action Area 2: Equitably Address the Health, Safety, and Services Needs of People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness; Strategies: 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18
4. Services coordination, which may include access to workforce, education and training programs, or other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.	\$250,000.00	Action Area 5: Prevent People from Experiencing the Crisis of Homelessness; Strategies: 35
5. 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.	\$1,026,000.00	Action Area 1: Prevent People from Experiencing the Crisis of Homelessness; Strategies: 1, 2, 3, and 5
6. Delivery of permanent housing and innovative solutions such as hotel and motel conversions.	\$1,000,000.00	Action Area 4: Expand and Ensure Equitable Access to Permanent Housing in Other Communities.; Strategies: 23, 24, 28, 30, and 31
7. Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing, including rental subsidies.	\$0	Action Area 5: Prevent People from Experiencing the Crisis of Homelessness; Strategies: 33, 34, 36, 38
8. Interim Sheltering, limiting to newly developed clinically enhanced congregate shelters, new or existing non-congregate shelters, and operations of existing navigation centers and shelters based on demonstration of need. *Communities applying for funding under this category must demonstrate reasons for need.	*Can bill costs to category #2.	Action Area 3: Expand Communities to Provide Safe and Effective Shelter and Interim Housing; Strategies: 19
9. Improvements to existing emergency shelters to lower barriers and increase privacy.	\$0	Action Area 3: Expand Communities to Provide Safe and Effective Shelter and Interim Housing; Strategies: 19
10. Administrative Costs incurred by the CoC to administer the program allocations.	\$294,504.00	Action Area 1: Prevent People from Experiencing the Crisis of Homelessness; Strategies: 1, 4
Total Allocation	\$4,207,199.87	

Public Comments

Recommended Motion: Approve the HHAP Round 3 funding allocations and the release of a local Request for Proposals to support the launch of the program.

5.0 Announcements

5.1 A Request for a Special Meeting in September will be sent to all Board of Governance (BoG) members to review and approve the 2022 HUD Continuum of Care Program Funding Recommendations and prepare for the 2022 Supplemental Funding Opportunity to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness.

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 October 20th, 2022, from 9 – 11 AM. Until further notice, all meetings will require adoption of a resolution allowing for teleconference pursuant to AB 361 (effective September 16, 2021).

8.0 Adjournment