

Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)

Riverside Local Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Chairperson: **Cordell Thomas**

*Motion Required
Vice Chairperson: **Gina Marasco**

1. Call to Order: Welcome & Introductions – Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes*

a. March 16, 2022

Recommended Motion: *Approve the minutes for the March 16, 2022, Special Local Board Meeting.*

3. Public Comment

Members of the public are encouraged to address the Local Board. Each speaker should begin by identifying themselves for the record and is allowed three minutes.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

a. Phase ARPA-R Funding Recommendations (\$3,784,363)

Recommended Motion: *Approve the Phase ARPA-R funding recommendations.*

b. Spending Period End Date

c. Utility Assistance Guidance

d. Rental Assistance Guidance

e. Mass Shelter Guidance

f. Special Funding Request/Fiscal Agent

Recommended Motion: Approve humanitarian special funding request for the Riverside County migrant family response efforts; and designate Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS) as fiscal agent for NGOs:

i. Actuals April 1, 2022-April 30,2023

April 1, 2022-April 30,2023			
Monthly Totals		Quarterly Totals	Yearly Totals
County	\$278,300.00	\$834,900.00	\$3,339,600.00
Galilee	\$436,422.00	\$1,309,266.00	\$5,237,064.00
Salvation Army	\$500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$6,000,000.00
Total	\$1,214,722.00	\$3,644,166.00	\$14,576,664.00

- ii. Contingency Planning for the Lifting of Title 42: Title 42 expulsions are removals by the U.S. government of persons who have recently been in a country where a communicable disease was present. The extent of authority for contagion-related expulsions is set out by law in 42 U.S.C. § 265. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trump administration used this provision (section 265) to generally block land entry for many migrants. The program has been continued by the Biden administration. The County has been placed on notice by the California Border Patrol (CBP) and the State of California, that on May 23, 3022 Title 42 will expire. The County of Riverside has 3 border patrol stations: Blythe, Indio and Murietta. These stations release migrants seeking asylum daily. To date, and to avoid street-releases, we have assisted over 26,000 individuals seeking asylum through our program. As a result of the expiration of Title 42, there is expected to be a significant increase of persons seeking asylum with some estimating double to triple the current amount. Consequently, the county is preparing to enhance services to meet this increase. There are currently legal challenges that may delay the lifting of Title 42 to a later date; the county would like to be prepared none-the-less.

Enhanced (1-Year Figures)			
Monthly Totals		Quarterly Totals	Yearly Totals
County	\$556,600.00	\$1,669,800.00	\$6,679,200.00
Galilee	\$872,844.00	\$2,618,532.00	\$10,474,128.00
Salvation Army	\$1,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$12,000,000.00
Total	\$2,429,444.00	\$7,288,332.00	\$29,153,328.00

- iii. Families without Sponsors- In recent months, the County and partnering NGOs have experienced an increase in the amount of families being released into our care that either do not have sponsors, or who’s sponsors are no longer able to fulfill their intended role to support the family through the asylum process. We are no longer able to support these efforts under our current program model. Therefore, we are seeking to expand the current program to include medium to long term housing, in addition to legal support, assistance with workforce connections, and other supportive services to these vulnerable families.

Medium-Long Term Housing Families Without Sponsors			
Monthly Totals		Quarterly Totals	Yearly Totals
Galilee	\$260,800.00	\$782,400.00	\$3,129,600.00
Total	\$260,800.00	\$782,400.00	\$3,129,600.00

- g. EFSP Impact Report

6. Next Meeting:

- a. Local Board Meeting August 10, 2022, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - i. Call for Agenda items

7. Announcements

- a. COVID testing kits available for organizations

8. Adjournment

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