

# County of Riverside Continuum of Care (CoC)



## SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Board of Governance (BoG) Meeting  
August 29, 2019 | 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
DPSS: Staff Development Office – Room 101  
22690 Cactus Avenue, Moreno Valley, CA 92553

**Tammy Marine**, Chairperson

**Leticia DeLara**, Vice-chairperson

- 1.0 **Call to Order:** Welcome & Introductions – Roll Call
- 2.0 **Minutes Approval**
  - 2.1 Approve July 18, 2019 meeting minutes.
- 3.0 **Public Comment on Any Item Not Listed on Agenda:** Members of the public are encouraged to address the Board. Anyone who wishes to speak must submit a comment request card to the board clerk. Each speaker should begin by identifying themselves for the record and is allowed up to three (3) minutes.
- 4.0 **Old Business**
  - 4.1 Update on Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) and California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH)
  - 4.2 Social Work Action Group (SWAG) Project Proposal Amendment

**Background:** On March 18, 2019, the BoG approved the HEAP funding for 17 service and capital projects. Social Work Action Group (SWAG) was funded in the amount of \$1,796,411 for a capital project to acquire and rehabilitate a property in the unincorporated area near Perris to provide 18 units of permanent supportive housing. SWAG was unable to acquire this property due to zoning, land use permitting concerns, and low appraisal value. SWAG recently submitted a revised proposal to acquire three properties in the cities of Perris, Wildomar and Lake Elsinore, all of which submitted an emergency shelter declaration. With these three properties, SWAG still proposes to provide 18 units of permanent supportive housing. If this project proposal amendment is approved, the project goals, intervention and supportive services, number of clients served, number of units, target population and budget amount for SWAG will remain the same. If this project proposal amendment is not approved, staff will issue a new Request for Proposals (RFP) for capital projects for \$1,796,411 in HEAP funds. SWAG, as well as others, could apply under the new RFP.

### **Recommended Motion:**

- 4.2a Approve SWAG's project proposal amendment from a single site to three scattered sites.

*Public comment on this item only.*

#### 4.3 Update on BoG Strategic Planning

### 5.0 New Business

#### 5.1 FY 2019 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Program Competition Funding

**Background:** On July 3, 2019, HUD released the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). As required for the HUD-NOFA project application and with approval from the BoG, the CoC Review and Rank Committee (CoC-RRC) and DPSS completed a new proposal and renewal project evaluation process to prioritize projects for the following funding allocation:

- Tier 1 Funding \$9,169,368
- Tier 2 Funding \$1,156,099
- CoC Bonus \$ 570,821
- CoC Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus \$1,141,643

HUD requires the CoC to rank all renewal and new projects, in two tiers:

**Tier 1** is 94 percent (\$9,169,368) of the combined Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) for all other projects eligible for renewal. Project applications in Tier 1 will be conditionally selected by HUD from the highest scoring CoC to the lowest scoring CoC, provided the project applications pass both eligibility and quality threshold review.

**Tier 2** is the difference between Tier 1 and the CoC's ARD plus any amount available for CoC Bonus projects (\$585,278 + \$570,821 = \$1,156,099). Project applications placed in Tier 2 will be assessed by HUD for eligibility and threshold requirements, and funding will be determined using the CoC Application score.

**Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus:** The FY 2019 HUD Appropriations Act provides up to \$50 million nationwide for "rapid re-housing projects and supportive service projects providing coordinated entry, and for eligible activities that the (HUD) Secretary determines are critical in order to assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking." In the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition, CoCs will be able to apply for a DV Bonus for Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH) projects, Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing component projects, and Supportive Services Only projects for coordinated entry (SSO-CE). Based on the HUD formula, Riverside County CoC's allocation for the DV Bonus is \$1,141,643.

**a. Score and Ranking for Renewal Project Recommendations**

The CoC-RRC evaluated 20 HUD-CoC Program renewal projects, implementing the revised scoring criteria approved by the BoG on May 16, 2019. To ensure availability of complete performance data and consistency in scoring, the review period for renewal projects is based on the most recent 12 to 24 months of completed grant period. A total of 15 projects met the minimum threshold score of 80% and are recommended to be prioritized for Tier 1 funding; two projects scored between 70% to 79%; and three projects scored *below* 70%. Renewal projects with the lowest scores are recommended for funding reallocation.

**b. Score and Ranking for New Project Recommendations**

On July 18, 2019, the BoG approved DPSS to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) on July 24 (with a deadline of August 9, 2019) followed by a Bidder’s Conference on July 31. The Bidder’s Conference was attended by 14 agencies. A total of five new proposals were received: three for domestic violence projects and two for permanent supportive housing projects. The CoC Standards and Evaluation Committee (CoC-SEC) established a review scoring criteria using an 80% minimum threshold score. The CoC-RRC recommends four new proposals that scored 80% or over for funding priority.

**c. Available Funding**

**Tier 1:** Based on all the projects reviewed by the CoC-RRC, the CoC has Tier 1 funds available to support a total of 23 projects: two mandatory projects; one Year-1 project; 15 renewal projects with a score of 80% and above; two renewal projects with a score of 70% and above; and three new projects that scored 80% and above.

**Tier 2:** The CoC has Tier 2 funds (which includes the CoC Bonus) available to support a total of three projects: two new projects with a score higher than 75%; and one renewal project with a score of less than 70%.

**Domestic Violence Bonus:** The CoC has funds available to support one new DV project.

The projects that are recommended for funding are identified in the table below.

TIER 1: Project Name	Agency Name	Award Amount	Supervisory District	% Score
1. Coordinated Entry System (CES)--renewal	Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health	\$750,000	1,2,3,4,5	N/A
2. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)--renewal	Department of Public Social Services	\$344,072	1,2,3,4,5	N/A
3. Lighthouse Riverside Permanent Supportive Housing-- renewal	Lighthouse Social Service Centers	\$328,302	1,2,3,4,5	Year 1
4. JFSSD Permanent Supportive Housing Expansion*-- renewal	Jewish Family Services of San Diego	\$1,213,485	4	97
5. City of Riverside Permanent Supportive Housing for Disabled— renewal	City of Riverside	\$124,285	1	96
6. Lighthouse SSC Permanent Housing for Disabled Women with Children— renewal	Lighthouse Social Service Centers	\$233,891	1,2,3,4,5	95
7. Desert Horizon Permanent Supportive Housing*-- renewal	Jewish Family Services of San Diego	\$434,275	4	94

8.	Behavioral Health HHOPE Consolidated Permanent Housing— <i>renewal</i>	Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health	\$485,130	1,2,3,4,5	93
9.	Housing Authority Street to Home Chronic Homeless Project**-- <i>renewal</i>	Housing Authority of the County of Riverside	\$106,293	1,2,3,4,5	93
10.	Path of Life Permanent Supportive Housing-- <i>renewal</i>	Path of Life Ministries	\$1,297,890	1,2,3,4,5	92
11.	Behavioral Health Riverside Permanent Housing-- <i>renewal</i>	Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health	\$360,127	1	91
12.	Lighthouse SSC Rapid Rehousing-- <i>renewal</i>	Lighthouse Social Service Centers	\$258,690	1,2,3,4,5	90
13.	Behavioral Health Men's Permanent Housing-- <i>renewal</i>	Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health	\$128,286	1	89
14.	Behavioral Health Coachella Valley Permanent Housing— <i>renewal</i>	Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health	\$499,496	4	88
15.	Shelter Plus Care Project Based with Operation SafeHouse— <i>renewal</i>	Housing Authority of the County of Riverside	\$71,435	1,4	84
16.	City of Riverside Permanent Supportive Housing Chronically Homeless— <i>renewal</i>	City of Riverside	\$126,264	1	84
17.	Housing Authority “EHOP” (Enhanced Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS)**-- <i>renewal</i>	Housing Authority of the County of Riverside	\$33,799	1,2,3,4,5	83
18.	Housing Authority Consolidated**-- <i>renewal</i>	Housing Authority of the County of Riverside	\$414,120	1,2,3,4,5	81
19.	Path of Life Rapid Rehousing— <i>renewal</i>	Path of Life Ministries	\$338,913	1,2,3,4,5	77
20.	Housing Authority Consolidated All County**-- <i>renewal</i>	Housing Authority of the County of Riverside	\$441,701	1,2,3,4,5	70
21.	United Families Rapid Rehousing for Domestic Violence (new)	Corona-Norco United Way	\$292,647	2	88
22.	SWAG Rapid Rehousing DV Bonus (new)	Social Work Action Group	\$695,371	1,3,5	83
23.	Desert Rose Permanent Supportive Housing (Straddle) (new)	Jewish Family Services of San Diego	\$190,896	4	83
<b>Tier 1 Total</b>			<b>\$9,169,368</b>		
<b>TIER 2: Project Name</b>		<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Supervisory District</b>	<b>% Score</b>
Desert Rose PSH (Straddle) (new)		Jewish Family Services of San Diego	\$379,924	4	83
24.	RUHS-BH Countywide Permanent Housing (new)	Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health	\$404,789	1,2,3,4,5	76

25. Path of Life Rapid Rehousing East County – <i>renewal</i>	Path of Life Ministries	\$371,386	4	61
<b>Tier 2 Total</b>		<b>\$1,156,099</b>		
<b>Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus</b>	<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Supervisorial District</b>	<b>% Score</b>
26. HOPE Housing Program (new)	Housing Authority of the County of Riverside	\$711,565.60	1,2,3,4,5	80

**NOTE: Consolidated Projects & Average Scoring for HUD NOFA 2019 Application**

During the NOFA 2018 application process, the BoG and HUD approved to consolidate the projects listed below. While the projects were scored separately by the CoC-RRC as reflected above, the following will be submitted to HUD for the 2019 CoC application as a single project, averaging the scores for all related projects.

\*“JFSSD PSH Consolidation”: The consolidation period, effective April 1, 2019 and includes JFSSD and Desert Horizon Permanent Supportive Housing as a consolidated project, will have an average score of 96%.

\*\*“Housing Authority PSH Consolidation”: The consolidation period was effective May 1, 2019 and includes Housing Authority (County of Riverside) Street to Home Chronic Homeless Project; Housing Authority “EHOP”; Housing Authority Consolidated; and Housing Authority Consolidated All County, as a consolidated project will have an average score of 82%.

**Recommended Motion:**

- 5.1. Use 100% of the HUD Tier 1 Funding (\$9,169,368) and Tier 2 Funding (\$1,156,099), and submit the projects listed above in Tier 1 and Tier 2 for the 2019 HUD CoC Consolidated Application.
  - 5.1a. Fund mandated projects including the Coordinated Entry System (\$750,000) administered by the Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH) and the Homeless Management Information System (\$344,072) administered by the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS).
  - 5.1b. Renew Year 1 “new” project: Lighthouse Riverside Permanent Supportive Housing (\$328,302).
  - 5.1c. Fund “renewal” projects that scored 70% and over, prioritized in order of scores under Tier 1.
  - 5.1d. Fund renewal projects that scored between 70% to 79% based on Tier 1 funding availability: Path of Life Ministry Rapid Rehousing- \$338,913; and Housing Authority of the County of Riverside Consolidated All County -\$441,701.
  - 5.1e. Reallocate funding from two renewal projects with the lowest score (*less than 60%*), a total of \$1,392,806: Step Up in Riverside -\$874,885; Step Up Riverside Bonus - \$517,921.
  - 5.1f. Fund new project proposals that scored 80% and above in Tier 1, using reallocated funds from renewal projects with a score of *less than 60%*.
  - 5.1g. Place on a Performance Improvement Plan all renewal projects that scored below 80% with the goal of improving performance to meet minimum threshold requirements.

5.1h. Place the renewal projects with score of less than 70% in Tier 2 based on funding availability:  
Path of Life Ministry Rapid Rehousing East County - \$371,386.

5.1i. Fund new permanent supportive housing projects with CoC Bonus funds and place in Tier 2:  
Jewish Family Services of San Diego Desert Rose Permanent Support Housing - \$379,924  
(Straddle); and Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health Countywide Permanent  
Housing - \$404,789.

5.1j. Fund new domestic violence (DV) project proposal using the DV Bonus funds: Housing  
Authority of the County of Riverside DV Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing -  
\$711,565.60.

## 5.2 Project Consolidation

**Background:** On July 18, 2019, the BoG approved consolidation of eligible renewal projects subject to the HUD requirements identified in the 2019 NOFA. The most recent Annual Performance Reports and annual monitoring reports were used to evaluate project consolidation requests received from two agencies: Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health and Step Up on Second.

### **Recommended Motion:**

5.2a. Approve Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health to consolidate the following renewal projects:

5.2a.1. Behavioral Health HHOPE Consolidated Permanent Housing and Behavioral Health Men's Permanent Housing

5.2a.2. Behavioral Health Riverside Permanent Housing and Behavioral Health Coachella Valley Permanent Housing

5.2b. Deny the request from Step Up on Second to consolidate their two projects. The renewal projects are recommended for reallocation.

*Public comment for this item only.*

## 5.3 CoC Grant Expenditures Report

**Background:** On May 16, 2019, the BoG approved the creation of a BoG Working Group to develop policy to reallocate funds and projects with unspent fund. One of the recommendations in the CoC Unspent Funds Policy is to provide the BoG with a spending dashboard report as a standing agenda item at every meeting. The report includes:

- HUD CoC and State Emergency Solutions Grant
- Total Expended to Date
- Projection on Unspent Funds

*Public comment for this item only.*

## 6.0 2019 Homeless Point-in-Time Count Debrief, 2020 Kickoff and Planning Timeline (PIT Count Date -1/29/2020)

## **7.0 2019 Report on National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference**

- Legislative Update
- HUD Dialogue

*For information only.*

**8.0 Consent Items:** None

**9.0 Call for Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

**10.0 Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled BoG meeting is **October 17, 2019** from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. DPSS: Staff Development Office – Room 101, 22690 Cactus Avenue, Moreno Valley, CA 92553

**11.0 Adjournment**

**County of Riverside CoC Board of Governance Meeting  
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**The following board members have confirmed they will call in to the meeting from the locations indicated:**

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