



City of Arts & Innovation

Housing and Homelessness Committee Memorandum

TO: **HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEMBERS** **DATE: JULY 26, 2021**

FROM: **OFFICE OF HOMELESS SOLUTIONS** **WARD: ALL**

SUBJECT: **UPDATE ON GRANTS RECEIVED OR PENDING FOR HOMELESS ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

ISSUE:

Receive an update on grants received or pending for homeless assistance and prevention programs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee receive and file an update on grants received or pending for homeless assistance and prevention programs.

BACKGROUND:

The City receives numerous grants to address and prevent homelessness. At the July 13, 2021, City Council meeting, Councilmember Edwards requested staff to provide an update on grants the City receives for homeless assistance and prevention programs.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Riverside has received or will receive in FY 2021/22 a total of \$21,899,690.72 in grant funding to operate homeless assistance and prevention programs. The State of California has earmarked \$21,311,423.36 in federal Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) grants to assist low income residential tenants with past due rent and utilities. A breakdown of these grants is listed in the attachment to this staff report.

With the passing of Assembly Bill 832, the State will now reimburse landlords 100% of the outstanding rent under the COVID-19 Rent Relief Program that is funded by the US Department of Treasury ERA and ERA 2 grants. As a result, the State of California has contacted the City about administering the State's ERA grants. Staff will bring forward a recommendation to City Council for these grants.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact related to this report.

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Attachment: Grants received or pending for homeless assistance and prevention programs