



# Youth Workforce Program Grant Application



**Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson**

City Council Meeting  
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## BACKGROUND

- March 2, 2021, the Big City Mayors Coalition submitted a budget request letter advocating for funding to address homelessness and establish a state funded "Resilience Corps" jobs program to employ struggling young adults.
- July 12, 2021, Governor Newsom signed SB-129, the Budget Act of 2021, allocating \$150 million in funding for California's Big 13 cities based on population.
- September 28, 2021, The Big City Mayors Coalition met with California's Chief Service Officer Josh Fryday to discuss the grant program.
- Riverside was allocated \$4,401,597.



## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- This program will bring together youth across the state to help address urgent challenges in their communities, while simultaneously learning key skills and earning money to help create career pathways.
- Funding may be used to expand existing youth workforce programs or create new programming that may run continuously or be structured as intermittent summer programs.
- The City of Riverside would be responsible for selecting and/or developing job positions and recruiting, hiring, and managing program participants. Employment opportunities may be between 50% and 100% FTE.
- Cities are encouraged to sub-grant to existing community-based organizations (CBOs) with the capacity to manage these programs in areas where feasible.



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## TARGET POPULATION

- All eligible participants must be between the ages of 16-30 years old.
- An applicant must meet at least two of the additional criteria listed to be a priority applicant:
  - Have not participated in the #CaliforniansForAll College Program or AmeriCorps
  - May have difficulty finding employment
  - Are low-income
  - Are unemployed and/or out of school
  - Are or were justice-involved
  - Are transitioning from foster care
  - Are engaged with the mental health or substance abuse system



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## JOB TYPES AND ACTIVITIES

- The three suggested job types and activities include:
  - Climate,
  - Food Insecurity, and
  - Local COVID-19 recovery needs as defined by the City of Riverside.



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## JOB TYPES AND ACTIVITIES

- The Office of the Mayor and City staff have identified preliminary opportunities within this scope based on input and guidance from:
  - CARES Act Survey/Funded Services
  - Riverside 2025 Strategic plan
  - Riverside Road to Recovery
  - ARPA Expenditure Plan



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## WHAT IT COULD LOOK LIKE

o Climate Resiliency



o Food Insecurity



o COVID Recovery



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## GRANT PROGRAM TIMELINE

- Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. December 31, 2021
- The Office of the Mayor and City Staff will return to the City Council to request authorization to receive the grant and work with staff to structure and present an outlined program to the Economic Development, Placemaking, and Branding/Marketing Committee for input before submitting to Council for final approval.
- Our goal is to start the program no later than July 1, 2022



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# STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

## Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Plan Priorities



#3 Economic Opportunity

### Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability & Resiliency



Equity



Innovation



# RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the City of Riverside to apply for a \$4,401,597 grant to establish a youth workforce program in partnership with CaliforniaVolunteers

