

*City of Arts & Innovation*

# Housing and Homelessness Committee Memorandum

**TO: HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

**FROM: OFFICE OF HOMELESS SOLUTIONS**

**WARD: ALL**

**SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE FUNDING DISTRIBUTION**

**ISSUE:**

Receive a presentation from the Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions Department on the Continuum of Care funding distribution.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Housing & Homelessness Committee receive a presentation from the Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions Department on the Continuum of Care funding distribution.

**BACKGROUND:**

The County of Riverside Continuum of Care (CoC), administered by the Housing and Workforce Solutions Department, provides homeless assistance by leveraging funding needed through the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Application, which includes collaboration between providers of housing and homeless assistance programs and other federal programs. The CoC is a network of private and public sector homeless service providers designed to promote community-wide planning and the strategic use of resources addressing homelessness. The CoC seeks to improve coordination and integration with mainstream resources and other community programs for people experiencing or are at risk of becoming homeless. The CoC seeks to improve and expand the collection of data countywide, develop performance measurements, and allow each community to tailor its' program to the strengths and challenges within that community. The goal is to assist people in achieving stability through self-sufficiency.

**DISCUSSION:**

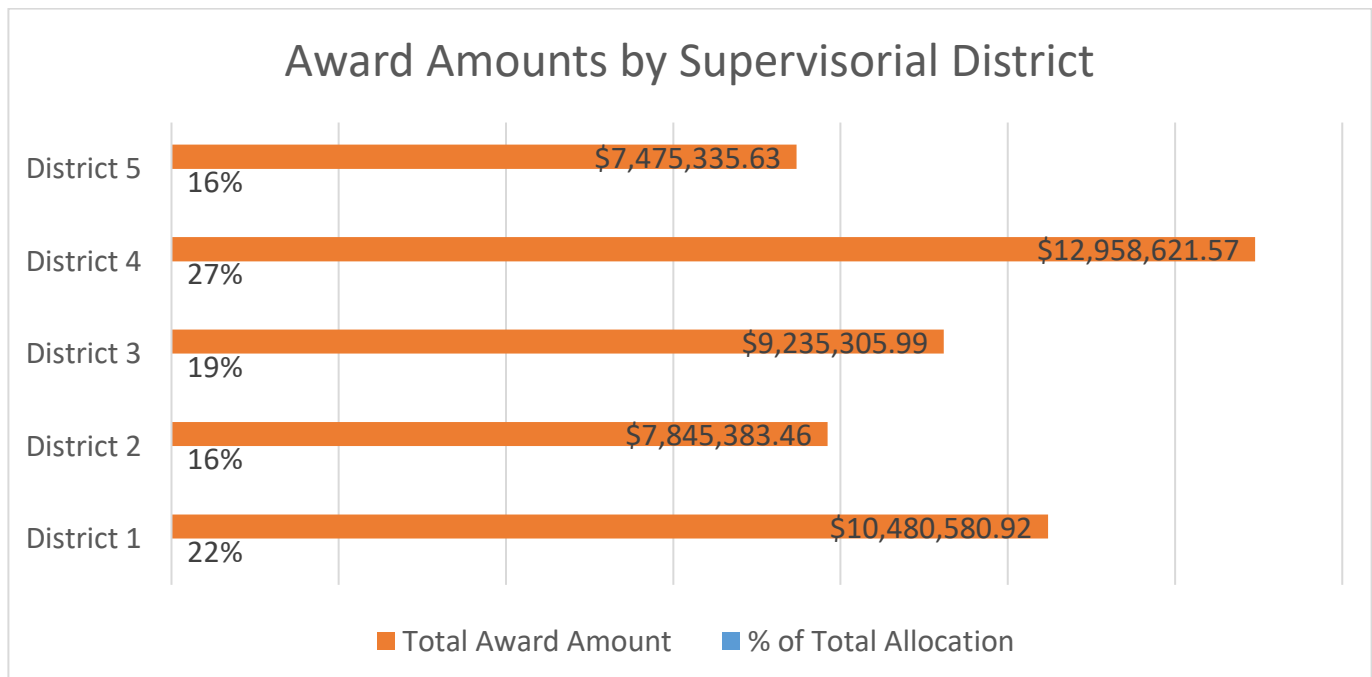
The CoC's mission is to plan, coordinate and implement housing and supportive services to move people experiencing homelessness toward stable housing and maximum self-sufficiency. The CoC is comprised of the following bodies:

- Board of Governance
  - Set funding priorities
  - Makes recommendations to the County of Riverside Board Of Supervisors and other elected officials

- Continuum of Care Membership
  - Planning
  - Community engagement
  - Enforce standards
  - Elect Board of Governance
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Council
  - Ensure compliance with HUD standards
  - Enforce privacy standards
- Subcommittees
  - Support special projects and initiatives such as Youth Homelessness, Coordinated Entry System, and Policy & Advocacy efforts

According to the 2020 Annual Homeless Point-in-Time Count, there were 2,884 individuals sheltered and 2,155 individuals unsheltered throughout Riverside County. In the City of Riverside, there were 587 individuals, or 20% of all individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness are in the City of Riverside.

The CoC funding distribution by the supervisorial District is as follows:



The CoC allocation by activity is as follows:

- Permanent Supportive Housing: 47%
- System & Capacity Building: 22%
- Rapid Re-Housing: 15%
- Emergency Shelter: 6%
- Street Outreach: 6%
- Short-term Rental Assistance: 3%

The City of Riverside has received CoC-funding for the following projects:

Name of City Project	Total Award Amount	Residency in Riverside Requirement?	# of Units	# of Beds
FY2020 HUD CoC City of Riverside PSH for Disabled	\$139,987.00	Yes	8	11
FY2020 HUD CoC City of Riverside PSH Chronically Homeless	\$140,611.00	Yes	8	8
State-BCSH HEAP (Capital project) – Bridge Housing at 2881 Hulen Place	\$606,575.00	Yes	23	23
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$887,173.00</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>42</b>

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This item contributes to **Strategic Priority 2 – Community Well-Being** and **Goal No. 2.2**, collaborate with partner agencies to reduce the incidence and duration of homelessness.

The item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The City is transparent and makes decisions based on sound policy and data. The City will continue to use data when identifying gaps in homeless programs and services.
2. **Equity** – Riverside is supportive of the City's racial, ethnic, religious, sexual orientation, identity, geographic, and other attributes of diversity and is committed to advancing the fairness of treatment, recognition of rights, and equitable distribution of services to ensure every member of the community has equal access to share the benefits of community progress.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – Riverside is a prudent steward of public funds and ensures responsible management of the City's financial resources while providing quality public services to all.
4. **Innovation** – Riverside is inventive and timely in meeting the community's changing needs and prepares for the future through collaborative partnerships. Data will be used to identify and create innovative ways to address the root cause of homelessness.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – Riverside is committed to meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future and ensuring the City's capacity to persevere, adapt and grow during good and difficult times alike.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact related to this report.

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Attachment: Presentation