



MODIFY SUPPLEMENTAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND REPROGRAM \$100,000 FROM HOMELESS OUTREACH

Housing and Human Services

Housing and Homelessness Committee

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SUPPLEMENTAL SENIOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Program was approved by City Council on April 23, 2024
- Funding allocation \$900,000
- Program eligibility
 - Assisting seniors at 70 years of age and older, and then expand program to seniors 62 and older
 - Must be on the Riverside County Section 8 waitlist
 - Income cannot exceed 50% of area median income
- Mailed out 1,881 post cards to seniors on the Section 8 waitlist



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FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 SECOND QTR FINANCIAL UPDATE

- Provided to City Council on April 8, 2025
- Requested City Council to approve proposed mid-year budget adjustments to address projected deficit
- **Senior Rental Assistance Program – HHS (-\$500,000):** Record a decrease of \$500,000 in the General Fund to account for the program being undersubscribed and to align funds with projected program needs. A total of \$900,000 was originally budgeted for this program; however, despite vigorous outreach, to date only 36 seniors have subscribed to the program, obligating \$211,895.
- **Homeless Outreach (-\$100,000):** Record a decrease of \$100,000 in the Measure Z fund associated with homeless outreach efforts to reflect anticipated year end savings in professional services.



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SUPPLEMENTAL SENIOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Modify program to:

1. Remove the requirement that applicants must be on the Section 8 waitlist.
2. Assist mobile homeowners in the City of Riverside with space rent for households with incomes between 50% of area median income (\$35,900 for a one-person household) and 80% of area median income (\$57,400 for a one-person household) who are paying more than 40% of their household expenses (rent, mortgage, utilities) on rent.
3. Assist seniors at or over the age of 62 in the Riverside Emergency Shelter and Bridge Housing Program with up to 12 months of rental assistance.



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HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM

- Reprogram \$100,000 of Measure Z funds from the Public and Safety and Engagement Team (PSET) Professional Services to improving the Riverside Access Center exterior with a new mural and paint and add exterior signage to the Riverside Access Center and Bridge Housing Program at 2881 Hulen Place



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Housing and Homelessness Committee

1. Conceptually approve modifying the Supplemental Senior Rental Assistance Program to remove the Section 8 waitlist participants requirement, assist mobile homeowners with space rental assistance and assist seniors in shelters with rental assistance; and
2. Conceptually approve reprogramming \$100,000 from the Homeless Outreach Program to the Riverside Access Center exterior improvements.



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