



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

**Housing and Human Services**

**City Council**

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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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## FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 SECOND QTR FINANCIAL UPDATE

- City Council removed the Senior Supplemental Rental Assistance Program and Homeless Outreach Program from the mid-year budget adjustments
- Requested Housing and Human Services staff to present recommendations on modifying the Senior Supplemental Rental Assistance Program and Homeless Outreach Program



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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; and
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

- Four of the six budgeted Public Safety and Engagement Teams are fully staffed and one PSET Outreach staff
- \$100,000 in funding available from Professional Services – Encampment Clean up Reprogram \$100,000 of Measure Z funds from the Public and Safety and Engagement Team (PSET) Professional Services to improve 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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## HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

- April 28, 202: Presented item to HHC
- HHC unanimously approved (1) **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) **reprogramming** \$100,000 from the Homeless Outreach Program to the Riverside Access Center exterior improvements.



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## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. 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. With at least five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or his designee to record an interfund transfer and supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 from the Measure Z Fund, Homeless Outreach account to the Measure Z Capital Fund, 23/24 Riverside Access Center Rehabilitation project account.



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