



SAFE PARKING PILOT PROGRAM

Housing & Human Services Department

Housing and Homelessness Committee
October 27, 2025

RiversideCA.gov

BACKGROUND

On January 27, 2025, the Housing and Homelessness Committee received a report providing an overview of Safe Parking Programs implemented by other cities.



2

RiversideCA.gov

DISCUSSION

Proposed Pilot Program highlights

- Framework
- Program locations
- Application process
- Eligibility requirements
- Background requirements
- Case management
- Site security
- Pet policy



3

RiversideCA.gov

PROGRAM FRAMEWORK

- 20 Parking Spaces
- Overnight parking only from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Families with students currently attending RUSD or AUSD campuses
- Referral program only
- Facility that features restrooms, showers, and a pet relief area



4

RiversideCA.gov

PROGRAM LOCATION

- Faith-based partners
- County Family Shelter
- Existing park locations with limited pool deck access



5

RiversideCA.gov

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Application identifying all members housed in vehicle
- Vehicle license and proof of insurance information
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) forms
- VI-SPDAT



6

RiversideCA.gov

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Operational vehicle
- Valid Driver's License
- No more than two animals per vehicle
- Standard vehicles only



7

RiversideCA.gov

BACKGROUND SCREENING

- Required for individuals 18 years or older
- Disqualified for arson and sex offenses resulting in 290 registration requirement

Staff also recommend disqualifying individuals convicted of a felony.



8

RiversideCA.gov

CASE MANAGEMENT

- Required for all participants
- Standard staffing level to service 20 potential families would include one part-time outreach worker and one part-time housing navigator.



9

RiversideCA.gov

SITE SECURITY

- Gated and secured parking
- Designated program stalls with restricted access
- On-site security guard during program operation



10

RiversideCA.gov

PET POLICY

- Limited to two small pets per vehicle
- Pets must remain on leash at all times when outside the vehicle
- Portable kennel option
- Pet owner is responsible for supplying food and water in addition to cleaning pet waste



11

RiversideCA.gov

PROGRAM OPTION ONE

- St. George Episcopal Church
- 950 Spruce Street
- Site amenities
 - Paved parking area
 - Children playground
 - Indoor meeting space
- Site needs
 - ADA-compliant restroom renovations
 - ADA pathways
 - Perimeter fence and gates
 - Showers trailer rental
 - Outdoor rest area
 - Solar-powered parking lot lighting
 - Solar-powered security camera

Estimated cost to address site amenities and site needs:
\$300,000 - \$674,250



PROGRAM OPTION TWO

- Islander Pool
- 3794 Mt. Vernon Road
- Site amenities
 - Fenced parking area
 - ADA-compliant restrooms
 - ADA-compliant shower
 - Picnic area
- Site needs
 - Interior perimeter fence
 - ADA pathways
 - Parking lot resurfacing
 - Hot water heater installation
 - Solar-powered parking lot lighting
 - Solar-powered security camera

Estimated cost to address site amenities and site needs:
\$95,000 - \$375,000



PROGRAM OPTION THREE

- Shamel Park
- 3650 Arlington Avenue
- Site amenities
 - Paved parking area
 - ADA-compliant restrooms
 - ADA-compliant shower
 - Hot water heater
 - Picnic area
 - Playground
 - ADA pathways
 - Office meeting space
 - Exterior lighting
- Site needs
 - Park perimeter fence
 - Solar-powered parking lot lighting
 - Solar-powered security camera



Estimated cost to address site amenities and site needs: \$215,000 - \$500,000



14

RiversideCA.gov

PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

Activity	Amount
Professional Services – Backgrounds	\$3,200
Professional Services – Case Management	\$70,000
Professional Services – Security Services	\$100,100
Program Coordinator (City staff)	\$56,700
Program Supplies	\$20,000
Total	\$250,000



15

RiversideCA.gov

ESTIMATED SITE COSTS AND OPERATING BUDGET

Site Options	Estimated Site Costs	Operational Budget	Total
Option One: St. George's Episcopal Church	\$674,250	\$250,000	\$924,250
Option Two: Islander Pool	\$375,000	\$250,000	\$625,000
Option Three: Shamel Pool	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$750,000



16

RiversideCA.gov

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Receive and file a report on a Safe Parking Pilot Program; and
2. Request staff to bring forth the Safe Parking Pilot Program for the City Council for approval.



17

RiversideCA.gov