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HUD ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY 2026/2027

**HUD CONSOLIDATED PLAN
2025-2030
YEAR 2 OF 5**



Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

As a designated entitlement jurisdiction, the City of Riverside receives an annual allocation of federal funding designated to assist in the development of viable communities by supporting projects that provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing that is both affordable and sustainable and expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons. The City is required to develop a Five-Year Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) and an Annual Action Plan (Action Plan) for the use of these funds. These Plans, specifically, the Action Plan serve as the means to meet the application and submission requirements for four entitlement formula programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME).

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The City of Riverside has identified six priority development areas to meet the greatest needs of residents in the city. Priorities are based on responses to the City's 2025-2026 Community Survey through Community Ward Meetings, Post Card Surveys, and online. The information was gathered in specific focus groups and interviews with various organizations and service providers in the housing and community development field. Based on these results, the City of Riverside will invest its Fiscal Year 2025-2026 CDBG funding to address needs in the priority areas listed below:

- Community Services
- Infrastructure
- Community Facilities
- Housing
- Businesses and Jobs
- Special Needs

Additional priorities and anticipated accomplishments for Housing, Community Development, Homeless, and Special Needs populations, and the HOPWA Program are presented in the appropriate narrative sections and tables within this document.

The city must also ensure that its HUD-funded activities carried out during Fiscal Year 2025-2026 described in this Annual Action Plan meet the identified priority needs identified in the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan needs assessment. The 2025-2026 Community Survey found that need rankings were rather consistent throughout the city. A uniform system of ranking was assigned according to the following HUD categories: No Need, Low Need, Medium Need, and High Need, to describe the relative need for assistance in each category.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Each year, the City is required to submit a Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) to HUD, which reports on the activities that were funded with CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG dollars. The CAPER reports the amount spent on each project activity and the number of beneficiaries assisted. The City has submitted the required reports each year, and HUD has accepted the reports each year. The City of Riverside evaluates past performance and adjusts as needed to better serve the needs of the community.

Additionally, all projects funded with CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA funds are subject to annual monitoring to ensure compliance with HUD standards. During the HUD Program Year 2025-2026, the City of Riverside utilized its CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG allocations appropriately and continued to make progress toward accomplishing the goals and objectives established in the Consolidated Plan.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

As the entitlement grantee for the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA programs, the City of Riverside Housing and Human Services Department (HHreS) is the lead agency for the development of this five-year consolidated plan as well as the Annual Action Plan that outline the proposed activities and expenditures under these programs. The HHS will also act as one of several public and private agencies that will administer programs and activities under the plan. During this Consolidated Plan period, the HSS will also work with other agencies and organizations that will assist in the administration of the Consolidated Plan programs. The City of Riverside has embraced a process for the development of this Action Plan that included broad

participation from the community. At each step in the process, care has been taken to ensure that low-and-moderate-income residents, members of minority groups, agencies involved in the provision of services to these populations, and others who are directly impacted by the programs and projects supported by the Consolidated Plan programs have been actively involved. The Housing and Human Services Department staff conducted extensive outreach to engage a wide range of agencies, groups, organizations, and residents in the process of developing the 2025-2030 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the 2025-2026 One-Year Action Plan. This process included widespread public participation and input through postcards, workshops, community meetings, and public hearings.

The following is the Funding Application and Citizen Participation schedule:

1. Community Meeting Notices mailed to all Riverside households
2. Community Meeting Advertisement published in the Press Enterprise
3. Seven Community Meetings were held (one for each of the seven Council Wards) to gather public input on funding priorities for FY 2026-2027
4. Letters sent to over 150 community-based organizations and agencies inviting CDBG funding proposals for FY 2026-2027
5. 2026-2027 CDBG Funding Applications made available electronically via the city website, e-mail, and hard mail
6. Public Notice-CDBG Funding Availability
7. Application Deadline for submission of CDBG funding proposals from community-based organizations and agencies
8. "Notice of Public Hearing and Public Comment Period" on draft Action Plan published in Press- Enterprise. Draft Action Plan with funding recommendations made available for public review
9. Public Hearing to solicit community input regarding Action Plan and Funding Recommendations and Approval.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

A Public hearing was held on _____, adopting the 2026-2027 HUD Annual Action Plan at the regular City Council meeting.

The following comments were received regarding the 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan: _____

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All comments formally submitted were accepted.

7. Summary

The City of Riverside will continue to utilize CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG funding allocations to benefit the low- and moderate-income residents in the community. This document includes projects with objectives and outcomes that address priority needs and help meet goals set forth in the Consolidated Plan's Strategic Plan section, which describes how federal funds and other resources will be utilized over the course of a five-year period. The City of Riverside will evaluate past performance and adjust as needed to better serve the needs of the community. As per the City's Citizen Participation Plan, community residents and providers will continue to be informed and invited to participate in the consolidated planning process to ensure projects and activities meet community needs. With declining resources from various sources, the City and non-profit organizations will be unable to serve all persons who need services. The FY 2026-2027 projects listed in "AP-35 Projects" have been developed with community input and reflect the needs of the City.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	RIVERSIDE	Housing & Human Services Department
HOPWA Administrator	RIVERSIDE	Housing & Human Services Department
HOME Administrator	RIVERSIDE	Housing & Human Services Department
ESG Administrator	RIVERSIDE	Housing & Human Services Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

In the coming year, the city will remain focused on serving vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness through collaboration with other funders and partnerships with essential public and private systems of care including health and behavioral health care; public safety; education; and employment providers. The city will continue to lead efforts in providing outreach to Veterans, seniors, unaccompanied youth, and families with children and other individuals experiencing chronic homelessness through participation in targeted initiatives and support to community-based providers.

The City conducts quarterly “Community Engagement Days” targeting high-intensity areas or “hotspots” aiming to connect unhoused individuals experiencing homelessness with essential services including Housing Navigation and Shelter referrals, Medical and Mental health screenings, Substance Disorder resources, Enrollment assistance for benefits (e.g., Medicaid, SNAP, VA Services) and Legal/Probationary Services. The City’s partners in such events include Riverside University Health System, Arlington Recovery Center, Sobering Center, Emergency Treatment Services and Mental Health Urgent Care, Riverside County Probation Department, Veteran’s Services, Path of Life (adult) and Safehouse (youth) shelter services.

The City participates in County Farm Road monthly calls with Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health to discuss performance outcomes of the Arlington Recovery Center, Sobering Center, Emergency Treatment Services and Mental Health Urgent Care and address any community concerns.

The City holds a monthly check-in meeting with Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions and Continuum of Care staff to discuss efforts in addressing the needs of our homeless population. The City, County and its collaborating partners continue to end homeless youth, and the teams are case conferencing on a bi-weekly basis to achieve this goal.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The County of Riverside Housing and Workforce Solutions is the Collaborative Applicant for the Continuum of Care (CoC) and has spearheaded the local effort to ensure compliance with HEARTH Act provisions. Therefore, there is continuous coordination between Riverside County, the City of Riverside, and the CoC as a whole, to address the needs of persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This includes discharge planning, identifying needs and gaps in the community, and researching project models for permanent supportive housing and funding sources. The County works closely with Adults Protection Services to provide support for our homeless seniors.

The City utilizes the Coordinated Entry System Community Queue when referring homeless individuals to the City's rental assistance and permanent supportive housing programs. The City leads the Homeless Youth Case Conferencing meetings to continue achieving functioning zero and working with the County of Riverside to achieve this same goal.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The City is to receive \$250,428 of ESG Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and released a Notice of Funding Availability for these funds. The City of Riverside received three proposals totaling \$250,428 in ESG funding to support emergency shelter operations, rapid re-housing, and administration. City staff is recommending funding all these activities at a funding level not to exceed \$250,428.

Rapid Re-Housing will fund rental assistance and security deposits to homeless individuals and families in the City of Riverside to locate housing units in Riverside County to provide a wider range of housing units for clients to select from. These recommendations were forwarded to the CoC for comments.

The City of Riverside will meet bi-annually with other ESG recipients in the County that include the Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions, and the City of Moreno Valley to review adopted ESG Policies and Procedures which were reviewed and adopted by the CoC.

In Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the ESG recipients will evaluate previous performance outcomes of projects and activities to ensure that funds are being directed to address the greatest needs and ensure that sub-recipients are entering client information in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) per the ESG and CoC Interim Rule (24 CFR 576 and 578). HMIS provides an opportunity to document homelessness and helps to ensure coordination between

service providers while avoiding duplication of services and client data. The HMIS data system is managed by the Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solution.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction’s consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

(INFORMATION TO BE INSERTED AT THE END OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.)

Agency/Group/Organization	Agency/Group/Organization Type	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?
Housing Authority of Riverside County			
Riverside County Continuum of Care			
City of Riverside Housing Authority			
Fair Housing Council of Riverside County			
Inland SoCal Housing Collective			

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

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Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Homelessness Action Plan	Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions, Continuum of Care	The goals are to address homelessness through rapid re-housing, emergency shelter, Outreach, and HMIS are overlapping goals. These services help strengthen the Continuum of Care Strategy.
City of Riverside Homelessness Action Plan	City of Riverside Housing and Human Services	Focuses on prevention, collaboration and coordination, and rapid housing placement.
General Plan – Housing Element	City of Riverside Community & Economic Development Department	Implements the model among permanent housing and rapid Re-housing programs and provides a roadmap for the development of affordable housing.
The Analysis to Impediments of Fair Housing	City of Riverside Housing and Human Services	The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing program provides a vital range of no-cost fair housing services to eligible clientele throughout the City that is victimized and affected by illegal housing practices. The value of this study is that it identifies and analyzes the most significant barriers affecting fair housing choices and outlines specific steps to address and overcome the effects of any impediments which were useful for the development of this Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

Public Housing Authority Annual Plan	Housing Authority of the County of Riverside	The Annual Plan is used to express the Public Housing Authority's quantifiable goals and objectives for the 5-Year period. The primary mission of the HACR is to provide affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary housing opportunities to low and moderate-income families including elderly and disabled persons while supporting programs to foster economic self-sufficiency
The Gap, A Shortage of Affordable Rental Homes	National Low-income Housing Coalition	The Gap, A Shortage of Affordable Rental Homes report analyzes the most recent American Community Survey (ACS) data to determine the availability of rental homes affordable to extremely low-income households with incomes at or below the poverty line or 30% of the area median income (AMI), whichever is greater and other income groups and helps to identify what housing needs should be included in our Housing First Plan.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

- 1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	City of Riverside Community Mailing	<p>Minorities Non-English Speaking-Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing All City of Riverside residents</p>	<p>Based on mailer distribution, over 122,020 throughout the community; each ward meeting had an approximate attendance of 20-25 participants. Calls and emails were received and responded to. Further information about the presentation was provided</p>	<p>Comments can be found in Appendix 1 Citizen Participation Comments</p>	<p>All comments accepted</p>	<p>N/A</p>
2	Public Meeting	<p>Minorities Non-English Speaking-Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing All City of Riverside residents</p>	<p>Each ward meeting had an approximate attendance of 20-25 participants. Calls and emails were received and responded to. Further information about the presentation was provided</p>	<p>Comments can be found in Appendix 1 Citizen Participation Comments</p>	<p>All comments accepted</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
3	Internet Outreach	Minorities Non-English Speaking-Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing All City of Riverside residents	Each ward meeting had an approximate attendance of 20-25 participants. Calls and emails were received and responded to. Further information about the presentation was provided	No comments received	N/A	N/A
4	Citywide Community Survey	Minorities Non-English Speaking-Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing All City of Riverside residents	Statistics and responses are attached	Comments can be found in Appendix 1 Citizen Participation Comments	All comments accepted	N/A

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

In order to receive the CPD funding, the City must develop and submit a Consolidated Plan every five years to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of Riverside anticipates receiving an annual allocation of CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA funds from HUD over the next five years for activities that provide decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanded economic opportunities for its residents. These funds are intended to help meet priority needs identified throughout the City. Detailed information on the resources the City expects to receive and the activities to be undertaken to meet the priority needs that are identified in this Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

One of the main obstacles to meeting community needs is inadequate resources. As with most of the priority goals, the needs far outweigh the City's available resources; that are not sufficient to address all of the needs of low- and moderate-income persons or special needs residents in the City. It is anticipated that Federal and private funding sources for housing and community development programs will remain limited until the current economic conditions eventually recover. Even under these circumstances, the City strives to make progress in implementing its public improvement and community service projects and programs as well as meeting the established objectives.

The following section summarizes the major sources of funding available to carry out housing and community development activities in the City and specifically identifies the City's first year and projected funding levels over the five-year plan period for formula grant

programs (CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG). Funds are available from the following categories.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	2,749,768.00	\$0	\$0	2,749,768.00	Expected amounts assumes annual allocation at level funding
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	\$5,068,975	\$0	\$0	\$5,068,975	Expected amounts assumes annual allocation at level funding
ESG	public - federal	Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Transitional housing	\$250,428	\$0	\$0	\$250,428	Expected amounts assumes annual allocation at level funding
						\$751,284	

HOME	public - federal	Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	\$981,734.55				\$2,945,203.65	
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Table 1 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

City staff, in its funding applications, emphasizes to applicants the need to leverage federal, state, and local resources. The leveraging of public and private funds is critical to the success of HOME projects. In order to provide sufficient financial support, most HOME projects require layered funding. Some of the possible funding sources that may be used in conjunction with HOME funds include Limited Partner Tax Credit Equity, California Housing Finance Agency (Cal HFA) funds, California Department of Housing and Community Development Multifamily Housing Program (MHP) funds, and Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Program (AHP) funds.

The HOME Program regulations, 24 CFR 92.218, require a 25% match. The City has an excessive HOME match of \$16,416,358 to cover the required HOME match.

ESG Program regulations, 24 CFR 576.201, require a dollar-for-dollar match. The City will use program administration as match from the general fund and the subrecipients will be required to provide a dollar-for-dollar match.

If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

During the program year, the City anticipates the following affordable housing activities to occur:

Eden Housing will complete the construction of Mulberry Gardens Senior Apartments consisting of 59 affordable housing units and the Mulberry Family Apartments consisting of 150 family affordable housing units on state-owned land.

Neighborhood Partnership Housing Services, Inc. Will complete the construction on the development of 22 permanent supportive housing units on land that was sold by the City's Housing Authority to Neighborhood Partnership Housing Services.

The City of Riverside has released to the public a map of city-owned properties available for development. If properties are not developed with affordable housing, they will be sold at market rate and 50% of the sale proceeds will be deposited into an Affordable Housing Trust Fund to be used in developing affordable housing.

Discussion

It is very clear that given the extent and magnitude of the need for housing, as well as other community and economic development needs in the City of Riverside, it is imperative that the limited resources made available through the CPD programs be leveraged with other resources. Many of the most successful affordable housing projects, community facilities, and public service programs use extensive leveraging.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Community Services	2026	2027	Non-Housing Community Development	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS	Community Services	CDBG: \$412,465.20	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 16,242 Persons Assisted
2	Infrastructure	2026	2030	Non-Housing Community Development	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS	Infrastructure	CDBG: \$1,787,349.20	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4,805 Persons Assisted
3	Special Needs	2026	2030	Non-Housing Community Development	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS	Special Needs Services	HOPWA: \$4,916,905.75	HIV/AIDS Housing Operations: 690 Household Housing Unit
4	Expand the Affordable Rental Housing Stock	2026	2030	Affordable Housing	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS	Housing	HOME: \$883,561.10	Rental units constructed: 11 households housing unit
5	Homelessness	2026	2030	Homeless	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS	Homeless	ESG: \$231,273.00	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 4 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 35 Youth Assisted Transitional Housing: 30 Youth Assisted

Table 2 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

Goal Name	Goal Description
Community Services	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 15128 Persons Assisted
Infrastructure	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4805 Persons Assisted

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

HUD requires a consolidated planning process for CDBG, HOME, HOPWA and ESG programs. This process consolidates multiple grant application requirements into a single submission. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan outlines proposed strategies for the expenditures of CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA for the purpose of providing a suitable living environment through safer, more livable neighborhoods and greater participation of lower-income residents throughout the City of Riverside. The consolidated plan also outlines how the expenditure of federal funds will increase housing opportunities; reinvestment in deteriorating neighborhoods; provide decent housing by preserving the existing affordable housing stock; increase the availability of affordable housing; reduce discriminatory barriers; increase the supply of supportive housing for those with special needs; prevent homelessness; and transition homeless persons and families into housing. Furthermore, the plan identifies the strategies to expand economic opportunities through employment opportunities that pay self-sufficiency wages; homeownership opportunities; development activities that promote long-term community sustainability; and the empowerment of lower-income persons to achieve self-sufficiency. In Program year 2025/2030, the City will address the above priorities by funding the following projects:

Projects

#	Project Name
1	2026-2027 City of Riverside – CDBG Administration
2	2026-2027 Arlington Temporary Assistance - Continuum of Care
3	2026-2027 Assistance League of Riverside - Snack Attack
4	2026-2027 Big Brothers Big Sisters of the IE- Support Services and Mentorship for Riverside
5	2026-2027 California Baptist University – Mobile Health Clinic
6	2026-2027 Catholic Charities San Bernardino & Riverside Counties - Outreach Caseworker Services
7	2026-2027 Diaper Bank of the Inland Empire - Diaper Bank Program
8	2026-2027 Fair Housing Council of Riverside County - Fair Housing Program
9	2026-2027 Girls on the Run Riverside County – Girls on the Run Low and Moderate-Income Youth Wellness
10	2026-2027 Human Migration Institute – Program for Employment Readiness and Literacy
11	2026-2027 Inspire Life Skills Training - Inspiring Hope
12	2026-2027 Janet Goeske Foundation - Senior Programming
13	2026-2027 Rebirth Homes - Freedom Shop Social Enterprise
14	2026-2027 Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center DBA NORA -Prevention & Intervention for Trauma Survivors
15	2026-2027 Riverside Community Services Foundation - Youth and Family Tuition Assistance and Senior Nutrition Services
16	2026-2027 Riverside County Public Defender – HOME Court Program
17	2026-2027 Riverside Meals on Wheels - Fresh Meals Program
18	2026-2027 Smile Unto Him - Smile Together
19	2026-2027 Springboard Nonprofit Consumer Credit Management – Riverside Housing Stability & senior Homeownership Support Program
20	2026-2027 Voices for Children - Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program
21	2026-2027 City of Riverside HOPWA Administration
22	2026-2027 Riverside County Housing Authority-HOPWA Services
23	2026-2027 Foothill AIDS Project-HOPWA Services
24	2026-2027 Tru Evolution-HOPWA Services

25	2026-2027 HOME Administration
26	2026-2027 HOME Affordable Housing Program
27	2026-2027 ESG Operations, Rapid Re-Housing and Administration

Table 3 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The primary objective of the City's federal programs is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent, safe, and sanitary housing, and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low and moderate-income. The mission of meeting and addressing these community, social and economic development needs of low-income persons and their communities is of importance to the City. Unfortunately, there are barriers and challenges that hinder the development and implementation of important programs intended to serve those most in need. One of the most important steps in addressing obstacles to community development is identification and evaluation. In the City of Riverside, obstacles for federally funded activities include language and culture, location and geography, limited resources, and program restrictions and regulations. Currently the primary obstacle to meeting all of the identified needs, including those identified as priorities is the general lack of funding resources available to public and private agencies that serve the needs of low- and moderate-income residents. As noted previously, the number of resources available to address social, community, and economic development goals pale in comparison to the recognized needs. To address this obstacle, the City strongly encourages sub-recipients to seek other resources, build new partnerships and collaboration, and to leverage additional funding whenever possible from local, State, Federal, and private sources. The City urges federally funded programs and services to be flexible, while at the same time to be as efficient and effective as possible to achieve expected performance outcomes.

The City developed its Five-Year Consolidated Plan in 2025. As part of the process for developing the Consolidated Plan, City staff conducted a survey that was distributed to the following locations seeking community input in establishing priority needs under the CDBG eligibility categories:

Resource Center for Non-Profit Management, City of Riverside Main Page Website, Housing and Human Services Department/CDBG Division website, social media, City of Riverside Community Centers, Manufacture Home Communities, City of Riverside Main Library, City of Riverside Police Department, City of Riverside Fire Administration Office, Community Ward Meetings (7), Riverside Neighborhood Partnership and Advocacy groups, Fair Housing Council, City Hall Concierge Desk, and Housing and Human Services Lobby. The results of that survey are as follows:

Community Services, Infrastructure, Community Facilities, Neighborhood Services, Special Needs Services, Housing, Business and Jobs.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	2026-2027 City of Riverside - Administration
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$412,465.20
	Description	City of Riverside CDBG Administration
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	City of Riverside, City Hall
	Planned Activities	Administration of the CDBG Program.
2	Project Name	2026-2027 Arlington Temporary Assistance - Continuum of Care
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$23,000

Description	Continuum of Care Program will target homeless, disabled, and impoverished persons residing within the western areas of the City of Riverside and provide temporary assistance in the form of food, clothing, utility assistance, and referrals to medical/dental/mental health services.
Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4000 Persons
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Food distribution for homeless or low-income families in the City of Riverside
Project Name	2026-2027 Assistance League of Riverside - Snack Attack
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Community Services
Needs Addressed	Community Services
Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
Description	The Snack Attack Program will target low-moderate-income youth identified as homeless and/or highly needy by Riverside Unified School District personnel and provide nutritious food items for their consumption over the weekend. The lunch bag will help 1,000 homeless and severely financially disadvantaged students. The funds will be used to purchase the nutritious snacks included in over 9,000 snack bags anticipated to be packaged and delivered this upcoming school year.
Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	12 schools and 1,000 students in the City of Riverside Title 1 schools

Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Snacks are made available for low to moderate-income children in the City of Riverside schools
Project Name	2026-2027 Big Brothers Big Sisters of the IE- Support Services and Mentorship for Riverside
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Community Services
Needs Addressed	Community Services
Funding	CDBG: \$13,000
Description	Support Services and Mentorship for Riverside Youth will provide assistance to 13 households (units of service) that will help families enroll in our program with wraparound support in the form of food assistance, mental health counselling, and other supportive services.
Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	13 households in the City of Riverside
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Support Services and Mentorship for Riverside Youth Program will provide wraparound support in the form of food assistance, mental health counselling, and other supportive services.
Project Name	2026-2027 California Baptist University – Mobile Health Clinic
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Community Services

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Needs Addressed	Community Services
Funding	CDBG: \$79,000
Description	Mobile Health Clinic-Nurse-led mobile health services to low-and-moderate - income residents of the City of Riverside. Services will include basic health assessments, preventative screenings, health education, and referrals. By delivering services directly in the community, the project will reduce barriers to health care.
Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 Persons
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Mobile Clinic will provide basic health assessments, preventative screenings, health education, and referrals.
Project Name	2026-2027 Catholic Charities San Bernardino & Riverside Counties - Outreach Caseworker Services
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Community Services
Needs Addressed	Community Services
Funding	CDBG: \$12,000
Description	Outreach Casework Services Program will provide casework services including intake and assessments, emergency assistance, case management, and linkages to other community service providers to residents of the City of Riverside.
Target Date	6/30/2027

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 Persons will be served
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Casework Services
Project Name	22026-2027 Diaper Bank of the Inland Empire - Diaper Bank Program
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Community Services
Needs Addressed	Community Services
Funding	CDBG: \$13,755
Description	The Diaper Bank Program will provide no-cost diapers and wipes to City of Riverside families.
Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	450 Persons
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Diaper and wipes available to vulnerable families in the City of Riverside.
Project Name	2026-2027 Fair Housing Council of Riverside County - Fair Housing Program
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Community Services
Needs Addressed	Community Services
Funding	CDBG: \$87,710.20

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Description	Comprehensive Fair Housing Program offers a full array of housing counseling services that affirmatively promote housing rights and obligations. It administers Anti-Discrimination and Landlord/Tenant counseling respectively. FHCRC proposes to serve 7,100 persons with the funding awarded. The components are Education, Training and Technical Assistance, and Enforcement.
Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	7,100 Persons
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Anti-Discrimination provided and housing counseling services for Landlord/Tenant and Anti-Discrimination complaints.
Project Name	2026-2027 Girls on the Run Riverside County – Girls on the Run Low and Moderate-Income Youth Wellness
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Community Services
Needs Addressed	Community Services
Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
Description	Girls on the Run Low-and-Moderate-Income Youth Wellness- Provides access to positive youth development programs that teach critical life skills to build confidence, character, and competence in girls (grades 3-8) culminating in a celebratory 5K event.
Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	125 Girls grades 3-8

Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Teach girls critical physical life skills that build confidence, character, and competence in girls (grades 3-8).
Project Name	2026-2027 Human Migration Institute – Program for Employment Readiness and Literacy
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Community Services
Needs Addressed	Community Services
Funding	CDBG: \$13,000
Description	Program for Employment Readiness and Literacy- Adult ESL, literacy, and employment readiness services for low-moderate income adults in the City of Riverside.
Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 Persons
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Teach English to English as a Second Language (ESL) adults.
Project Name	2026-2027 Inspire Life Skills Training - Inspiring Hope
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Community Services

Needs Addressed	Community Services
Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
Description	Inspiring Hope Program will provide safe and stable housing for former foster and homeless youth in three Riverside locations to serve 14-18 people.
Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	12 former foster youth between the ages of 14-18 in the City of Riverside
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Affordable housing and mentoring for former foster youth residing within the City of Riverside
Project Name	2026-2027 Janet Goeske Foundation - Senior Programming
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Community Services
Needs Addressed	Community Services
Funding	CDBG: \$14,000
Description	Comprehensive Senior Programming and Services will provide educational nutrition and fitness programs, interpreter services, and senior advisor services.
Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2000 seniors ages 50 and older in the City of Riverside
Location Description	Janet Goeske Senior Center
Planned Activities	Nutrition fitness program, interpreter services, and senior advisor for the 50 and up population.

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Project Name	2026-2027 Rebirth Homes - Freedom Shop Social Enterprise
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Community Services
Needs Addressed	Community Services
Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
Description	Freedom Shop (Social Enterprise) provides a residential program for survivors of human trafficking that includes various types of therapy, daily groups and classes, case management, and employment. The program will employ two low-income homeless human trafficking victims participating in the Victim to Survivor Program with part-time employment at Rebirth Homes.
Target Date	6/30/2027

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities

2 Persons

Location Description

CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS

Planned Activities

Long-term rehabilitation services to homeless victims of human trafficking.

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Project Name	2026-2027 Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center DBA NORA -Prevention & Intervention for Trauma Survivors
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Community Services
Needs Addressed	Community Services
Funding	CDBG: \$16,000
Description	The Prevention and Intervention for Trauma Survivors program will provide 24-hour crisis hotline response, hospital advocacy, court accompaniment, in-house

	clinical counseling, support groups, information, and referrals for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, and other forms of trauma.
Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	450 Persons
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Rape crisis services and aftercare services to victims of sexual assault and their families.
Project Name	2026-2027 Riverside Community Services Foundation - Youth and Family Tuition Assistance and Senior Nutrition Services
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Community Services
Needs Addressed	Community Services
Funding	CDBG: \$18,000
Description	The Youth and Family Tuition Assistance Program provides need-based financial aid to ensure children and families can access community programs such as sports, arts, and educational workshop. The Senior Nutrition Services supports meal services to seniors each day.
Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10,000 Youth and Seniors
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Tuition for youth in programs such as sports, arts and educational workshops as well as provide nutritional resources. Provide meals to seniors.

Project Name	2026-2027 Riverside County Public Defender – HOME Court Program
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Community Services
Needs Addressed	Community Services
Funding	CDBG: \$9,000
Description	HOME Court Program is a program that transitions justice-involved individuals into housing and funds their rehabilitative court-ordered classes.
Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 Persons
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Provide vouchers to rehabilitative court-ordered classes.
Project Name	2026-2027 Riverside Meals on Wheels - Fresh Meals Program
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Community Services
Needs Addressed	Community Services
Funding	CDBG: \$12,000
Description	The Riverside Meals on Wheels Fresh Meals Program provides delivery of affordable, nutritious, fresh meals 5 days a week to seniors and homebound individuals throughout the City of Riverside.

Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 Persons
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Provide meals to seniors.
Project Name	2026-2027 Smile Unto Him - Smile Together
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Community Services
Needs Addressed	Community Services
Funding	CDBG: \$19,000
Description	Smile Unto Him provides 100% free dental treatment to low-income Veterans and seniors, restoring oral health and preventing chronic systemic diseases, regain self-confidence, and better quality of life.
Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 Persons
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Smile Unto Him provides 100% free dental treatment to low-income Veterans and seniors.
Project Name	2026-2027 Springboard Nonprofit Consumer Credit Management – Riverside Housing Stability & senior Homeownership Support Program
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS

Goals Supported	Community Services
Needs Addressed	Community Services
Funding	CDBG: \$22,000
Description	Riverside Housing Stability & Senior Homeownership Support Program - Provides HUD-approved housing counseling, including foreclosure prevention services, pre-purchase education, rental/eviction prevention, and senior HECM counseling through the Reverse Mortgage Academy, to promote housing stability for low-to moderate-income Riverside residents.
Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 Persons
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Financial educational classes and counseling are provided to seniors.
Project Name	2026-2027 Voices for Children - Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Community Services
Needs Addressed	Community Services
Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
Description	Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program will provide foster care children with critical advocacy services to address their education, physical and mental health, housing, and overall wellbeing.
Target Date	6/30/2027

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Foster children in the City of Riverside approx. 6 foster children in the fiscal year
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Court Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA) - volunteers to speak up for the interest of children in court and in the community.
Project Name	City of Riverside HOPWA Administration
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Special Needs
Needs Addressed	Special Needs Services/Homelessness
Funding	\$152,069.25
Description	City of Riverside HOPWA Administration
Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
Location Description	City of Riverside, City Hall
Planned Activities	Administration of HOPWA Program
Project Name	2026-2029 Riverside County Housing Authority -HOPWA Services
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Special Needs
Needs Addressed	Special Needs Services/Homelessness

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Funding	\$2,006,452.88
Description	Riverside County Housing Authority HOPWA Services to assist approx. 200 HIV/AIDS patients and their families. The services include Tenant-Based Rental Assistance; Permanent Supportive Housing, Short-Term Assistance with rent, mortgage, and utility costs (STRMU), Short-term Term Emergency, Supportive Services, Housing Information Services, Permanent housing Placement which will be provided by local HIV/AIDS services providers through subcontracts, and Program Administration at 7% max
Target Date	6/30/2029
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	HIV/AIDS patients and their families approx. 200. The services include Tenant-Based Rental Assistance; Permanent Supportive Housing, Short-Term Assistance with rent, mortgage, and utility costs (STRMU), Short-term Term Emergency, Supportive Services, Housing Information Services, Permanent housing Placement which will be provided by local HIV/AIDS services providers through subcontracts, and Program Administration at 7% max
Location Description	Riverside County Housing Authority will provide services in the City of Riverside and County of Riverside
Planned Activities	Housing opportunities for persons with AIDS by the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside.
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Project Name	2026-2029 Foothill AIDS Project- HOPWA Services
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Special Needs
Needs Addressed	Special Needs Services/Homelessness
Funding	\$2,010,452.87

	<p>Description</p> <p>Foothill AIDS Project HOPWA Services for Riverside and San Bernardino Counties to assist approx. 395 HIV/AIDS patients and their families. The funds will be used for various eligible housing and related supportive services including, but not limited to Short-Term Rental, Mortgage, Utility Assistance (STRMU), Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Permanent Housing Placement (PHP), Facility Based Hotel/Motel, Housing Information Services, Resource Identification, Program Administration at 7% max and other related services, and program administration/oversight activities.</p>
<p>Target Date</p>	<p>6/30/2029</p>
<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p>Foothill AIDS Project HOPWA Services will assist approx. 395 HIV/AIDS patients and their families in the Riverside and San Bernardino County.</p>
<p>Location Description</p>	<p>Services will be provided in the Riverside and San Bernardino County.</p>
<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>Funding for various eligible housing and related supportive services, including, but not limited to Short-Term Rental, Mortgage, Utility Assistance (STRMU), Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Permanent Housing Placement (PHP), Facility Based Hotel/Motel, Housing Information Services, Resource Identification, Program Administration at 7% max and other related services, and program administration/oversight activities.</p>
<p>Project Name</p>	<p>2026-2029 TruEvolution -HOPWA Services</p>
<p>Target Area</p>	<p>CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS</p>
<p>Goals Supported</p>	<p>Special Needs</p>
<p>Needs Addressed</p>	<p>Special Needs Services/Homelessness</p>
<p>Funding</p>	<p>\$900,000.00</p>
<p>Description</p>	<p>TruEvolution HOPWA Services to assist approx. 65 HIV/AIDS patients and their families. The services include Supportive Services, Facility-based Housing</p>

<p>Assistance, and Housing Case management for people living with HIV/AIDS through the housing development program.</p>	
<p>Target Date</p>	<p>6/2029</p>
<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p>TruEvolution HOPWA Services to assist approx. 65 HIV/AIDS patients and their families.</p>
<p>Location Description</p>	<p>Services will be provided by TruEvolution in City of Riverside and County of Riverside</p>
<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>The services include Supportive Services, Facility-based Housing Assistance, and Housing Case Management for people living with HIV/AIDS through the housing development program.</p>
<p>Project Name</p>	<p>2026-2027 PRCS Bulkhead for Sippy Woodhead Pool at Bobby Bonds Park</p>
<p>Target Area</p>	<p>WARD 1 CDBG TARGET AREAS</p>
<p>Goals Supported</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>
<p>Needs Addressed</p>	<p>Infrastructure</p>
<p>Funding</p>	<p>\$396,000</p>
<p>Description</p>	<p>This project will replace an existing pool bulkhead that has reached the end of its service life. The bulkhead allows for the pool to be divided allowing more flexibility for different programming to take place in the pools simultaneously.</p>
<p>Target Date</p>	<p>05/2027</p>
<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p>Approximately 1,385 residents of the 305.01 Census Tract, Block Group 1, of which 955 are low to moderate income.</p>
<p>Location Description</p>	<p>Sippy Woodhead Pool at Bobby Bonds Park on University Ave.</p>
<p>Planned Activities</p>	

26	<p>Project Name</p> <p>2026-2027 ESG Administration, Shelter Operations and Rapid Re-Housing.</p>
	<p>Target Area</p> <p>CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS</p>
	<p>Goals Supported</p> <p>Special Needs</p>
	<p>Needs Addressed</p> <p>Homelessness</p>
	<p>Funding</p> <p>\$250,428</p>
	<p>Description</p> <p>ESG funds will be used to cover administration costs, shelter and transitional housing operations and rental assistance through the Rapid Re-Housing Program.</p>
	<p>Target Date</p> <p>06/30/2027</p>
	<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p> <p>Assist 34 homeless individuals through the Rental Assistance Program, 35 homeless youth through emergency shelter and 30 homeless youth with transitional housing.</p>
	<p>Location Description</p> <p>Citywide</p>
	<p>Planned Activities</p> <p>ESG funds to be used to support emergency and transitional housing operations, rapid re-housing and administration.</p>
27	<p>Project Name</p> <p>HOME Administration</p>
	<p>Target Area</p> <p>CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS</p>
	<p>Goals Supported</p> <p>Expand the affordable rental housing stock</p>
	<p>Needs Addressed</p> <p>Housing</p>

Funding	HOME: \$98,173.45
Description	Staff costs related to administering the HOME Program
Target Date	06/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	HOME funds will be used to pay for staff costs related to administering the HOME program
Location Description	3900 Main Street, 5th Floor, Riverside, CA
Planned Activities	HOME funds will be used to pay for staff costs related to administering the HOME program
Project Name	Affordable Housing Program
Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
Goals Supported	Expand the affordable rental housing stock
Needs Addressed	Housing
Funding	HOME: \$883,561.10
Description	Providing HOME funds for the development of affordable housing units.
Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Funds will be used to develop 11 HOME units
Location Description	Citywide

<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>Development of 11 HOME units, which 2 units will be rented to households earning at or below 50% of AMI and 9 units will be rented to households earning at or below 80% of AMI.</p>
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AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

See below.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS	35
WARD 1 CDBG TARGET AREA	14
WARD 2 CDBG TARGET AREA	0
WARD 3 CDBG TARGET AREA	0
WARD 4 CDBG TARGET AREA	0
WARD 5 CDBG TARGET AREA	36
WARD 6 CDBG TARGET AREA	15
WARD 7 CDBG TARGET AREA	0

Table 4 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

In addition, to projects and programs available to eligible participant's citywide, specific projects and programs will be targeted to the designated low/moderate income CDBG Benefit Service Areas described above. CDBG Benefit Service Areas are defined as geographic locations within the City of Riverside boundaries where 51% or more of the households residing in those areas are low- to moderate-income. The plan for the geographic distribution of resources and projects identified as serving an area benefit is based in part on the geographic distribution of low- and moderate-income households throughout the City. Exhibit C identifies the percentage of low- and moderate-income households throughout the City that reside within each City Council Ward. City Council members utilize this information as a guide for determining the annual distribution of funding for projects.

A community survey conducted by the Housing and Human Services Department in 2025 determined that the issues surrounding homelessness and public street improvements were of the greatest concern to the community. In order to meet these needs the City has decided to prioritize the funding of several public facility projects to address homelessness throughout the

City, in addition to capital improvement funding to improve several streets in the city. The majority of 2026-2027 funding will be allocated to projects which serve low-moderate income clientele throughout the City. The largest exception to this is the street improvement project in the Ward 6 Target Area. While this project is focused on a specific ward in the city, the funding will vastly improve several streets in the area, serving hundreds of low-moderate income residents in the area.

The City's HOME Investment Partnerships Program Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program and ESG Rapid Re-Housing Programs have been expanded countywide to support the Riverside County Continuum of Care's and City's goal of ending homelessness.

Discussion

For an activity or project to be eligible for CDBG funding, it must qualify as meeting one of the three national objectives of the program:

1. Principally benefit (at least 51%) low and moderate-income persons.
2. Aid in the prevention of slums or blight; or
3. Meet community development needs having a particular urgency.

Priorities that guide the allocation of CPD funds are derived from the following goals:

1. To provide decent housing;
2. To provide a suitable living environment; and
3. To expand economic opportunities.

In addition to national objectives and performance measurements, the city must weigh and balance the input from different groups and assign funding priorities that best bridge the gaps in the City's service delivery system. The city received input through outreach efforts helping to prioritize funding for community facilities, community services, homeless facilities and services, economic development, and public improvements. In summary, projects are reviewed, and funding allocations are made based upon the above criteria, including the project's ability to reach and serve the areas and people with the greatest need.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	69
Non-Homeless	11
Special-Needs	0
Total	80

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	4
The Production of New Units	11
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	15

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The City of Riverside will be able to assist a minimum of 15 households with affordable housing using HOME and ESG grant funds. The City will be able to assist 25 homeless youth and 30 homeless adults with rental assistance through the California Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) grants.

During Fiscal Year 2026/2027, the City of Riverside will complete the Mulberry Gardens Community which will consist of 59 affordable senior housing units and 150 affordable family housing units and the Sunrise at Bogart, the creation of 22 permanent supportive housing units.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

N/A

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

The Housing Authority converted all of its public housing stock to long-term project-based Section 8 contracts through the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. The conversion was completed during Fiscal Year 2016-2017, and as of October 1, 2016, the HACR no longer owns any public housing units.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The Housing Authority operates on the premise that affordable housing is not the end goal for a family but a steppingstone to reach full sufficiency in market-rate housing. The ultimate goal is for the agency's families to successfully graduate to homeownership. To actively engage residents in this goal, the agency has taken the following actions:

Resources and information are provided to residents who are looking into homeownership opportunities. Housing Choice Voucher participants are encouraged to enroll in the Family Self-Sufficiency Program. The FSS Program emphasizes the importance of achieving goals and obtaining regular full-time employment. As FSS participants earned income increases, they will pay a higher portion of their rent, and the Housing Authority will pay less. The cost savings by the Housing Authority is deposited into an interest-bearing escrow savings account. This escrow account is available to the FSS participant upon completion of the FSS Program. Some program graduates have used this escrow savings account as a down payment towards their first home.

All participants of the Housing Choice Voucher Program are eligible to join the HCV Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program. The FSS Program employs seven (7) full-time FSS Coordinators to work one on one with FSS Families in providing the guidance and referral services to assist them on their journey to self-sufficiency. In FY 2024/2025, there were twenty-five (25) FSS Graduates.

Providing outreach and information to all residents on community homeownership initiatives and credit counseling agencies.

Working collaboratively with our local Habitat for Humanity to provide residents with targeted homeownership opportunities.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be

provided or other assistance

N/A – HACR has been rated as a HUD High Performer for the past 21 years for the Section 8 (Voucher) Program.

Discussion

Refer to the above discussion.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

The City (the City), as with other jurisdictions across the country that receive federal funds for homeless assistance, is required to conduct a Point-In-Time Count (PIT) of homeless persons each year. The 2025 PIT count was conducted on January 22, 2025; the results of this count will be published in April 2025. The PIT Count for the City of Riverside is 1,087, which is a 11% increase from the previous year and represents 27% of the County's homeless population.

Riverside County conduct the PIT Count every other year. The next PIT Count will take place in January 2027.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

During the action plan period, the City will continue functioning zero in ending youth homelessness which the City achieved in FY 2024/2025. The City will assist 4 homeless individuals exit the streets through the rental assistance programs and assist 65 homeless youth through emergency shelter and transitional housing.

The City has leased a property to the County of Riverside for Riverside University Health Systems – Behavioral Health to operate a 33-bed transitional housing program for homeless individuals. The program will begin operations in FY 2026/2027.

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

During the action plan period, the City will continue focusing on ending youth homelessness, which the City achieved in FY 2024/2025 through coordinated outreach, housing placement, and supportive services. The City will assist 30 homeless individuals with exiting homelessness through rental assistance programs and will assist 20 households with homelessness prevention services funded through the State Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) grant.

The City will continue operating Homeless Street Outreach services seven days a week to engage unsheltered individuals throughout Riverside. Outreach teams work directly in encampments, parks, riverbeds, transportation corridors, and other areas where unsheltered persons are known to reside. Outreach staff provide individualized assessments to identify each person's immediate and long-term needs, including emergency shelter, permanent housing, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, medical care, employment assistance, and benefits enrollment. The

City utilizes a trauma-informed and housing-focused approach designed to build trust and encourage individuals to accept services and transition off the streets.

The City will continue holding quarterly saturation day events where outreach workers, service providers, healthcare professionals, behavioral health partners, and housing navigators are centrally located in high concentration areas to engage homeless individuals and connect them to available resources and coordinated entry services. These events provide opportunities for individuals to receive on-site assessments, identification assistance, referrals, basic necessities, and direct connections to shelter and housing programs.

In coordination with regional partners and the Continuum of Care, the City will continue participating in coordinated entry efforts to ensure homeless individuals are assessed using standardized tools and prioritized for housing and supportive services based on vulnerability and need.

Additionally, the City will work on establishing an outreach team outside the Robert Presley Detention Center to engage homeless individuals being released from the downtown jail and connect them immediately to housing resources, case management, behavioral health services, and other supportive programs intended to reduce returns to homelessness and recidivism.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City plays a vital role in addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness. Through various programs tailored to meet different circumstances, services aim to provide rapid assistance, support in securing permanent housing, and ultimately work towards ending homelessness and promoting housing stability within the community.

Operation Safehouse's shelter programs offers rapid exit from homelessness by relocating individuals ages 11-17 and 18-24 to the Youth Shelter and Young Adult shelter where they offer a safe and stable environment along with programs designed to promote self-sufficient and reunification.

The City will be providing ESG and HHAP grant funds to Operation Safehouse to cover their operation costs to help clients achieve successful outcomes.

The City is working on addressing shelter needs countywide and meeting with cities through subregional collaborations to discuss how cities can work together to fill the shelter needs gap.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families

with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

During the planning period, the City will create a resource list for chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, and veterans and their families so that service and outreach providers can quickly connect homeless individuals and families with resources to help them quickly exit the streets that will include resources countywide.

The City will continue to refer homeless families to the Riverside County Department of Social Services to be connected to benefits including housing resources.

The City has eight (8) supportive housing units, which are reserved for chronically homeless individuals. In relation to these units, the city has one full-time case manager who provides supportive services, addresses barriers to clients sustaining their housing and helps them achieve self-sufficiency.

The City will continue to operate a Homeless Prevention Program that helps households at-risk of becoming homeless with up to three months of past due rent and utilities. This program is funded through the State HHAP grant.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services,

The County of Riverside CoC Discharge Policy is mandated by the state and followed by the CoC. The CoC is in the process of reconvening the Discharge Planning Committee to update the CoC Discharge Policy. The Discharge Planning Committee is responsible for implementing policies and protocols as well as coordinating with various organizations to ensure that persons being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care are not discharged immediately into homelessness. The goals are to identify discharge needs including housing and supportive services and links the individual with community resources that will include mental health services, substance abuse support, and housing. Representing health care, the Discharge Planning Committee facilitates communication regarding the discharge planning needs of homeless persons from acute care hospitals. Representing mental health, the County of Riverside's Riverside University Health Systems -Behavioral Health collaborates with the Department of Public Social Services and the CoC in the coordination and implementation of

discharge planning for homeless individuals disabled by a serious mental health and/or substance abuse disorder(s). Foster Care and Extended Foster Care programs help transition dependent youth who are emancipating from foster care to independent living. Representing Corrections - The Department of Public Social Services and the Riverside Sheriff's and Probation Departments support the Continuum of Care's mission of working towards reintegrating persons leaving correctional facilities to community-based living and self-sufficiency.

Individuals discharged from the hospital and those discharged from correctional facilities are connected to the emergency shelter to assist with shelter, health care, housing, employment and educational needs.

Discussion

During the program year, the City will have completed the rehabilitation of the Riverside Access Center, homeless drop-in day center that assists our unhoused population. The City will also continue to fund three substance abuse counselors and three behavioral health peer support specialists through the County of Riverside to augment the City's Public Safety and Engagement Team (PSET) since substance abuse among our unhoused population is the largest barrier to getting people to accept shelter and services.

The City will continue to fund two additional TAY case managers to help connect unhoused TAY individuals to shelter and housing through the City's Rapid Re-Housing Program that is funded through the State Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention grant.

The City will continue to operate the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Homeless Prevention program to help reduce the number of people entering our homeless system of care.

The City will continue implementing the Supplemental Rental Assistance Program that assists seniors at or over the age of 70 who are on the Section 8 wait list and affordable housing wait lists that are at-risk of becoming homeless. This program will help seniors remain stably housed.

AP-70 HOPWA Goals– 91.220 (I)(3)

One-year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	188
Tenant-based rental assistance	85
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Total	273

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

There are several barriers to affordable housing that are continuing to contribute towards the shortage of affordable housing. In the private sector, the demand for affordable housing is larger than the supply, and as per basic economic principles, this is driving housing prices up. There are many more jobs being added to the area than there are housing units being added, further increasing the imbalance between supply and demand. Riverside has also seen construction costs and interest rates increase which has resulted in developers waiting for these variables to change to proceed with construction of developments that have been entitled.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

In the 2026/2027 year, the City will be exploring the following policies to lessen the impacts of regulatory, land use, and costs for affordable housing production.

1. Advertise the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) program that includes standard plans, streamlined processing and educational materials to facilitate ADU development.
2. Prepare a Zoning Code update to streamline the entitlement process and simplify development standards for new housing development.
3. Infill Residential/Small Lot Subdivisions Ordinance to facilitate and encourage infill housing development on underutilized, urban sites in transit-rich areas.
4. Prepare a Zoning Code update to further encourage mixed-use development with transit access that reduces automobile trips, vehicle miles traveled, and associated energy consumption; and
5. Develop design standards that will help reduce housing costs by promoting sustainable and resilient design and construction practices; promoting technological improvements such as increased energy efficiency, net-zero construction, solar, electric transportation; and encourage reduced water/energy consumption and reduced waste generation.

Discussion: N/A

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Riverside will use CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG to meet the needs of the community over the 2026-2027 Plan year. Please refer to the Project Summary in AP-38.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will be meeting with senior apartment property managers throughout the city to conduct a needs assessment with residents and based on the needs assessment pull in the organizations that can assist with residents needs to ensure they remain stably housed.

Please also refer to the Project Summary in AP-38 for public service activities to be funded over the plan year.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Riverside will continue to invest federal and State funds into affordable housing projects that provide rental for low-income households. The City of Riverside will also continue to seek collaborative partnerships with developers, nonprofit, and private institutions to construct new opportunities for affordable housing and develop the City of Riverside Housing Authority's properties.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The city will help reduce lead-based paint hazards through the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program that provides loan to low-income homeowners to assist with home repairs.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

To the extent possible, the City plans to reduce the number of households with incomes below the Federal poverty level (extremely low-income households earning less than thirty percent (30%) of the AMI) through a combination of direct assistance and indirect benefit from neighborhood improvement activities, and Social Services through Non-Profits granted through CDBG funds.

The City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan will focus primarily on supporting programs that raise household incomes and stabilize housing situations by supporting anti-poverty activities through the following: 1) Encourage economic development in low- and moderate-income areas; 2) Provide comprehensive homeless prevention housing programs from overnight shelters, to bridge housing, and paths to permanent housing through TBRA; and 3) Follow nationally

recognized Housing First best practices in reducing instances of homelessness in Riverside.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure??

The City of Riverside partners with the business community, other government agencies such as the County of Riverside, the Riverside County Housing Authority, non-profit organizations that provide housing assistance and public services, faith-based organizations, the Continuum of Care, and collaborates interdepartmentally to carry out goals and strategies of the Consolidated Plan. When possible, the City's Housing Authority writes down the land value of properties it owns for the purpose of providing affordable housing units.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The City will continue to strive to increase affordable housing collaborative efforts with public and private sector entities, numerous advisory agencies, lending institutions, as well as other service providers including the County Housing Authority, Department of Public Social Services, and County Department of Behavioral Health. Efforts to increase the participation of the CDBG, HOME, Low-income Housing Tax Credit, Federal, State and other local housing program sources will be directed at: 1. strengthening the housing service delivery system by working more closely with County housing agencies and by collaborating with non-profit organizations; 2. increasing the involvement of the Continuum of Care for Riverside County, and 3. working more closely with new developers and permanent supportive service providers.

Discussion:

During the program year, the City will be holding a Homeless Forum Subcommittee with cities in Riverside County to discuss identify collaboration opportunities and identify needs to addressing homelessness

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

**Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)**

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan.	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities CDBG TEAM	0
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**HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)**

- 1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:**

To further the development of affordable housing, the City will dedicate the City’s direct allocation of State Permanent Local Housing Allocation towards the development of affordable housing, and pursue private funding and grants.

- 2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:**

See the response under the next section on resale or recapture.

- 3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units**

acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The City will use the recapture provisions to enforce the period of affordability for homebuyers. All written agreements with the homebuyers will outline the period of affordability, principal residence requirement, and the resale or recapture provision that will be used to ensure the period of affordability. The City will secure all the HOME investments for homebuyer and rental activities with proper security instruments, such as promissory notes, deeds of trust, and declarations of restrictive covenants, placed upon the property to ensure the period of affordability. Upon the satisfaction of the period of affordability by the homebuyer, the homebuyer shall be entitled to all “net proceeds” for the sale of the property and/or will no longer be obligated to use the property as their principal residence. The City’s Resale-Recapture Policy is attached as Appendix 6 for review.

- 4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:**

The City of Riverside does not intend to sue HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds.

- 5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).**

N/A

- 6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).**

N/A

- 7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).**

N/A

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.220(l)(4)**

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

See Appendix # 6

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The CoC is responsible for establishing and operating a centralized or coordinated assessment system, a statutory requirement that provides an initial, comprehensive assessment of the needs of individuals and families and effectively matches each with the most appropriate resources available to address that individual or family's needs.

The County of Riverside CoC has established chronically homeless persons as the highest need priority. The CoC implements a targeted street-to-home outreach program/campaign that covers 100% of its area and takes a housing first approach for chronically homeless households and others with a disabling condition. Non-disabled persons are referred to emergency shelter or rapid re-housing programs and housed as quickly as possible. The CoC is in the process of implementing a coordinated assessment system in HMIS to ensure appropriate intervention through program admissions that will be marketed to community groups and outreach providers who coordinate outreach efforts with staff trained to guide households through the process regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, disability, etc. The CES policies and procedures were adopted by the CoC in January 2018.

ESG and CoC sub-recipients input client data into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which is a mandatory comprehensive and standardized assessment tool used to collect client level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness. The recipient must ensure that data on all persons served, and all activities assisted under ESG are entered the community wide HMIS in the area in which those persons and activities are located. Victim service providers cannot participate, and Legal Services Organizations may choose to not participate, in HMIS; however, they must instead report using a comparable database that produces unduplicated, aggregate reports.

As required, the city being an ESG recipient continues to coordinate and collaborate with the CoC and other key stakeholders to foster a comprehensive, community-wide planning process that ensures a seamless coordination of services and funding streams.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

The city solicits proposals for annual ESG allocations. A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is released to invite qualified non-profits, community groups, faith-based organizations, and governmental entities to apply. Pursuant to the City's application review process, an application is reviewed and evaluated for completeness, eligibility, and the project's ability to reach and serve the areas and persons with the greatest need.

Recommendations for eligible projects are based on the resources, capacity, knowledge, and experience of applicants to effectively implement and administer the ESG-funded program. Per HUD requirements, the city must consult with the CoC to provide recommendations of the funding allocation, trends, and needs of the community to work in collaboration with the efforts of CoC of eliminating and preventing homelessness.

ESG funds are awarded through a competitive process following federal guidelines. Funding is allocated as part of the Annual Year Action Plan approval process which includes a public hearing before the Riverside City Council. Further, funding approval is made by the City Council and allocated based on funding availability, number of clients proposed to serve, area need, recommendations of CoC, and public comments.

The city enters into one-year agreements with each sub-recipient of ESG funding, these agreements define:

- Key program components or activities (including benchmarks for success);
- The level of ESG funding;
- The anticipated source and amount of matching funds (24CFR 576.201) contributed by the agency/organization;
- Documentation or reporting requirements; and
- Receipt of Agreement and Terms
- Match Requirements and source of match

ESG allocations are available to private nonprofit organizations and will continue to be allocated based on the guidelines as provided in the outline process above.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions

regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The homeless participation requirement is met. Sub-recipients extend in their policy an invitation to previous homeless clients an opportunity to participate on the Board, provide feedback, and participate in surveys regarding services and policies of their facility. Sub-recipients consult with homeless or formerly homeless person in the consideration and making of policies and decisions regarding any ESG-funded facilities, services, or other assistance. An exit interview and survey are offered to existing clients and a suggestion box and or open-door policy to address any issues related to the operation of the facility and services to clients are available. It is the intent of the city in collaborating with the Continuum of Care and ESG sub-recipients to ensure that the perspective of homeless and formerly homeless individuals and families are incorporated into the City's ESG program and the Consolidated Plan.

The city will continue development of a comprehensive Homeless Participation Plan; at a minimum, the plan will:

Encourage all ESG non-profit sub-recipients to include a homeless or formerly homeless person on their board of directors and/or a policy making committees.

Assign a higher rating/ranking score to ESG applicants that demonstrate homeless participation.

Require all ESG sub-recipients to provide an exit survey to all persons that have exited from an ESG funded shelter or participated in an ESG-funded program. The survey will request input or seek the opinion of the participants on a variety of topics or issues including at a minimum:

1. The quality of effectiveness of the shelter or services provided
2. The unmet needs of homeless persons in the City of Riverside
3. How can services be improved or expanded
4. What are the gaps in shelter or homeless services?
5. The location and hours of shelters or services; and
6. Access to shelters, health care, food and clothing, legal services, etc.

The City will conduct onsite interviews with homeless individuals or groups at ESG-funded shelters throughout the program year to gather information from, and encourage the participation of, homeless persons to assist the City in the making of ESG policies.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

ESG performance standards are followed per 24 CFR Part 576, including, measures to evaluate the effectiveness of the program and measures to assess how well the program serves the targeted population. Sub-recipients receiving funding from the City are evaluated based on written standards and guidelines. This includes reductions in the number of homeless people living on the streets and in shelters, the number of people who do not re-enter the shelter or supportive housing system within one year, and the number of people exiting with permanent housing.

Performance standards for evaluating ESG activities were developed in consultation with the Continuum of Care lead agency, City of Riverside ESG recipient, providers, and other organizations and stakeholders. As part of tracking, evaluating, and reporting ESG Program services, Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) are used to collect Data Standards including three key indicators: (1) exits to permanent housing; (2) length of stay in emergency shelter and/or transitional housing; and (3) returns to homelessness from permanent housing. The CoC lead agency, responsible for HMIS, extracts ESG sub-recipient data from HMIS for review by the CoC HMIS Administrator Council to evaluate subrecipients for accuracy and performance based on services provided to their clients. In addition, the guidelines below have been set as part of the performance standards for evaluating ESG:

Performance of ESG recipients include:

- a. Ensure that ESG funds are used effectively to assist homeless individuals and families and that the basic ESG program goals are met.
- b. Ensure compliance with ESG regulations and program requirements in the usage of funds and in carrying out program activities; and
- c. Enhance and develop the management capacity of grantees or recipients.

Performance Measures for Homelessness Prevention

- a. A reduction in the number of homeless individuals and families seeking emergency shelter services.
- b. Expected Outcome: At least 35% of participants assisted will remain in permanent housing six (6) months after the last assistance provided under ESG.

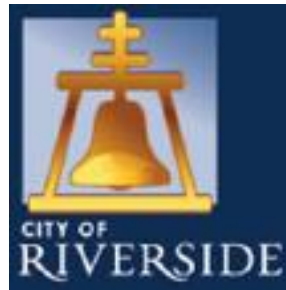
Performance Measures for Homeless Rapid Re-Housing

a. A reduction in the reoccurrence of homelessness for individuals and families who exit the shelter system.

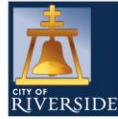
b. Expected Outcome: At least 35% of participants assisted will remain in permanent housing six (6) months after the last assistance provided under ESG.

- **APPENDIX 1- CITIZEN PARTICIPATION COMMENTS**
- **APPENDIX 2- FISCAL YEAR 24-25 PROOF OF PUBLIC HEARING (6-18-24)**
- **APPENDIX 3- FISCAL YEAR 24-25 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES (6-18-24)**

- **APPENDIX 4- CDBG COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION MEETINGS**
- **APPENDIX 5- CDBG CITY MAPS/INCOME ELIGIBLE AREAS**
- **APPENDIX 6- ESG PROGRAM WRITTEN STANDARDS**
- **APPENDIX 7- FISCAL YEAR 24-25 SF-424 FORMS & PROGRAM CERTIFICATIONS**



Grantee Unique Appendices



RIVERSIDE

HUD ANNUAL ACTION PLAN



2026-2027 HUD Annual Action Plan Meetings

Help Shape Future Housing and Community Development Projects

2026/2027 Community Participation Meetings

WARD 1

Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025
6 p.m.
Springbrook Clubhouse
1011 Orange St.

WARD 5

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025
6 p.m.
Hunt Park Community Center
4015 Jackson St.

WARD 7

Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025
6 p.m.
La Sierra Senior Center
5215 La Sierra Ave.

WARD 2

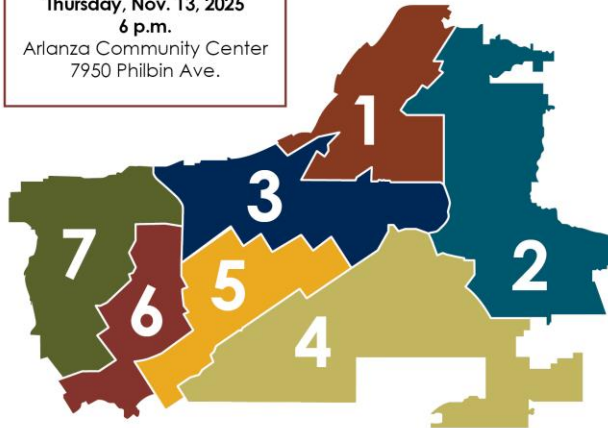
Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025
6 p.m.
Bordwell Park Community Center
2008 Martin Luther King Blvd.

WARD 6

Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025
6 p.m.
Arlanza Community Center
7950 Philbin Ave.

WARD 3

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025
6 p.m.
Janet Goeske Senior Center
5257 Sierra St.



WARD 4

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025
6 p.m.
Ysmael Villegas Community Center
3091 Esperanza St.

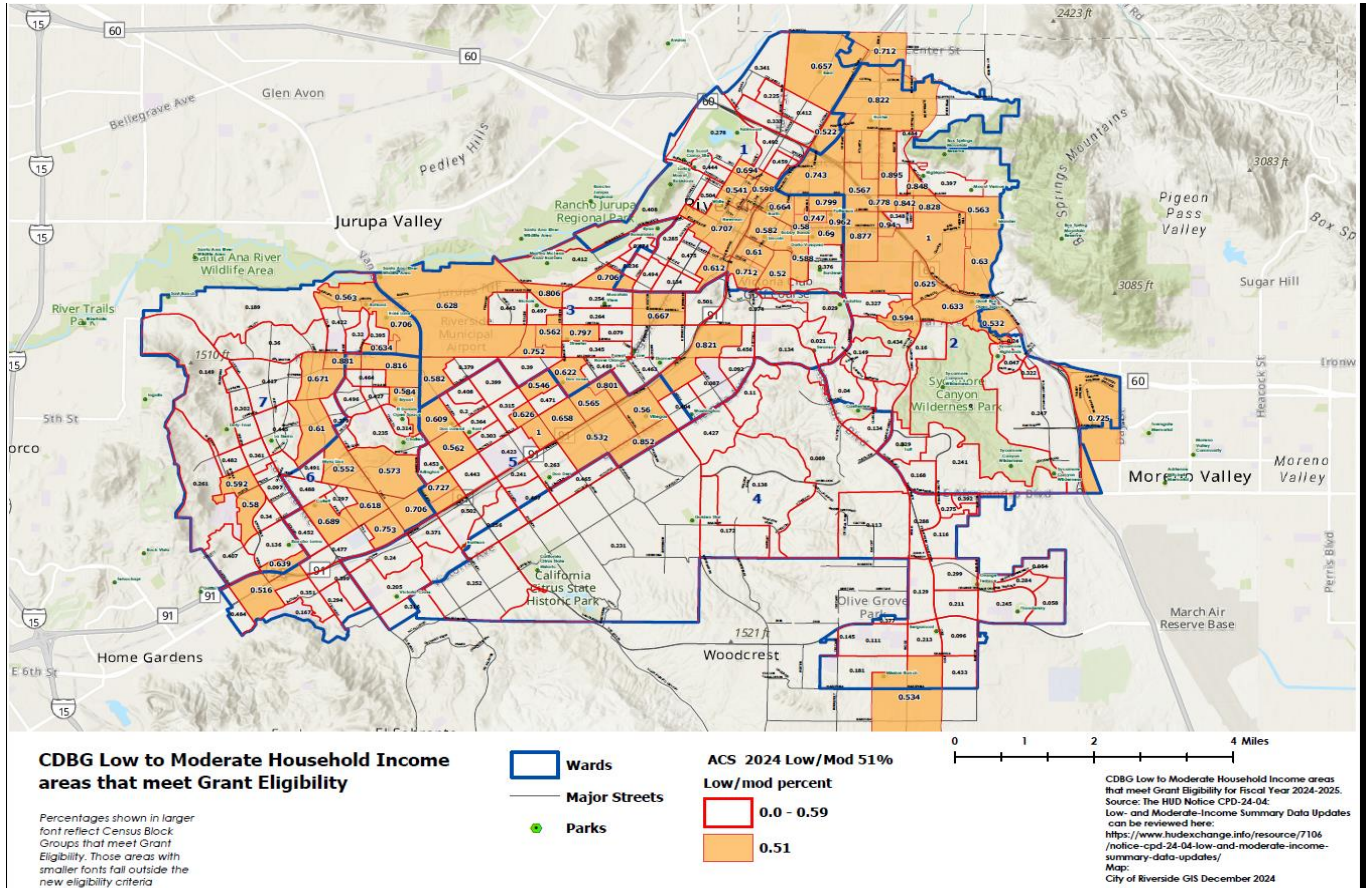
The same information will be presented at all meetings.

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Appendix 4

CDBG

Community Participation Meetings



Appendix 5

CDBG City Map/Income Eligible Areas

Appendix 6

ESG Written Standards

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(4)

Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)
Emergency Solutions Grant Standards

Overview of Hearth Act

The Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act on May 20, 2009 amends the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Changes allow for increased flexibility in who may be served and what activities may be carried out

The HEARTH Act consolidates three of the separate homeless assistance programs administered by HUD under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act into a single grant program and creates the Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

Focus change from Homeless Shelter to Homeless Prevention

Agreements

The City enters into one year agreements with each sub-Recipient of ESG funding. Recipients of 2015-2016 funds will enter into a one-year grant. In general, these agreements define:

Key program components or activities (including benchmarks for success);

The level of ESG funding;

The anticipated source and amount of matching funds (24CFR 576.201) contributed by the agency/organization; and

Documentation or reporting requirements. Receipt of Agreement and Terms Expenditure Limits

The City of Riverside will maintain expenditure limits for combined street outreach and emergency shelter expenditures from each fiscal year's ESG grant cannot exceed the greater of: 60% of that federal fiscal year's total ESG grant award

The amount of FY 2011 grants funds committed to homeless

Matching Funds Requirements

The recipient must make matching contributions to supplement the recipient's ESG program in an amount that equals the amount of ESG funds provided by HUD.

Matching contributions may be obtained from any eligible source, including any Federal source other than the ESG program, as well as state, local, and private sources. Additional requirements apply to matching contributions from a Federal source of funds.

Matching contributions must be provided after the date that HUD signs the grant agreement.

General Accounting System

Sub-recipients are required to maintain a general accounting system. Accepted general accounting system includes:

Cost Principals for State and Local Governments (Circular A – 87)

Cost Principals for Non – Profit Organization (Circular A – 122)

Independent Single Audits (Circular A – 133 - Recipients of individual or multiple Federal Awards that expend more than \$500,000 of federal funds with a one-year period

Records to be maintained for a minimum of four years.

Financial Management

Grantees and recipients in the ESG program must ensure compliance with regulations and requirements pertaining to the following key areas of financial management outlined in Financial Management Systems (24CFR 85.20 and 24CFR 84.20-28) for the following areas:

- Usage of funds Required funding match
- Internal controls Budget controls
- Cash management Accounting controls
- Procurement Property Asset controls
- Audits

Documentation of Homelessness

ESG sub-recipients are required to maintain adequate documentation of homelessness status to determine eligibility of persons served by the ESG program.

A copy of this documentation must be maintained by the sub-recipient in the client's or participant's file.

Qualifications of Homelessness

A person is considered homeless only when he/she resides in one of the following places:

In places not meant for human habitation such as a car, park, sidewalk, an abandon building, or on the street;

In an emergency shelter;

In transitional or supportive housing for homeless persons who originally came from the streets or emergency shelter; or

In any of the above but is spending a short time (up to 30 consecutive days) in a hospital or other institution

Monitoring and Site Visits

Monitoring can take a number of forms and can include review of progress reports, telephone consultation, and performance of on-site assessments. The three basic goals for oversight and monitoring of the progress and performance of ESG grantees/recipients include:

Ensure that ESG funds are used effectively to assist homeless individuals and families and that the basic ESG program goals are met;

Ensure compliance with ESG regulations and program requirements in the usage of funds and in carrying out program activities; and
Enhance and develop the management capacity of grantees or recipients.

Participation of Homeless Persons in Policy-Making and Operations

ESG regulation [24 CFR 576.405] require that recipients of Emergency Solutions Grant funds must provide for the participation of not less than one homeless or formerly homeless persons in a policy-making function within the sub-recipient's organization. If the recipient is unable to meet this requirement it must instead develop and implement a plan to consult with homeless or formerly homeless persons in a policy-making function regarding any facilities, services, or other assistance that received funding under ESG. All sub-recipients of ESG funds are required to involve or encourage involvement of participants in the operation of an ESG-funded program or facility. ESG sub-recipients will be required to provide documentation during the City's monitoring visits of their efforts to seek the participation of the homeless or formerly homeless.

Termination of Participation and Grievance Procedures

The City and sub-recipients may terminate assistance provided through ESG-funded activities to participants that violate program requirements. Written procedures must describe the specific program requirements and the termination process or the grievance or appeal process; this should include the procedures for a participant to request a hearing regarding the termination of their assistance. The federal regulation at 24 CFR 576.402 describes the termination provision:

Termination of Assistance 24 CFR 576.402: Grantees and recipients may, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 11375 (e), terminate assistance provided under this part to an individual or family who violates program requirements.

In general. If a program participant violates program requirements, the recipient or subrecipient may terminate the assistance in accordance with a formal process established by the recipient or subrecipient that recognizes the rights of individuals affected. The recipient or subrecipient must exercise judgment and examine all extenuating circumstances in determining when violations warrant termination so that a program participant's assistance is terminated only in the most severe cases.

Program participants receiving rental assistance or housing relocation and stabilization services. To terminate rental assistance or housing relocation and stabilization services to a program participant, the required formal process, at a minimum, must consist of:

Written notice to the program participant containing a clear statement of the reasons for termination;

A review of the decision, in which the program participant is given the opportunity to present written or oral objections before a person other than the person (or a subordinate of that person) who made or approved the termination decision; and

Prompt written notice of the final decision to the program participant.

Ability to provide further assistance. Termination under this section does not bar the recipient or subrecipient from providing further assistance at a later date to the same family or individual.

Reimbursement Responsibilities

Sub-recipients will be responsible to submit on a monthly basis a reimbursement request for qualified expenditures. The following must be included in the request as follows:

Cover page of request and summary page

Cancel check or Bank statement

Invoice or Bill

Late Charges are not eligible

HMIS reporting

Final reimbursement request must be submitted no later than the date specified on ESG agreement.

Five ESG Components

Component	Those who are Homeless	Those who are at risk of Homelessness
1. Street Outreach	X	
2. Emergency Shelter	X	
3. Homelessness Prevention		X
4. Rapid Re-housing	X	
5. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	X	X

Standards for Programs Components

Street Outreach

Eligible Participants: Unsheltered individuals and families, meaning those who qualify under paragraph (1)(i) of the definition of "homeless."

Eligible Activities: Essential services to eligible participants provided on the street or in parks, abandoned buildings, bus stations, campgrounds, and in other such settings where unsheltered persons are staying. Staff salaries related to carrying out street outreach activities is also eligible.

Eligible Costs:

Engagement

Activities to locate, identify, and build relationships with unsheltered homeless people for the purpose of providing immediate support, intervention, and connections with homeless assistance programs and/or mainstream social services and housing programs.

Case Management

Assessing housing needs and arranging/coordinating/monitoring the delivery of individualized services.

Emergency Health Services

Outpatient treatment of urgent medical conditions by licensed medical professionals in community-based settings (e.g., streets, parks, and campgrounds) to those eligible participants unwilling or unable to access emergency shelter or health care facility.

Emergency Mental Health Services

Outpatient treatment of urgent mental health conditions by licensed professionals in community-based settings (e.g., streets, parks, and campgrounds)

Transportation

Travel by outreach workers, social workers, medical professionals or other service providers during the provision of eligible street outreach services.

Services to Special Populations

Address the special needs of homeless youth, victims of domestic violence and related crimes/threats, and/or people living with HIV/AIDS who are literally homeless.

Emergency Shelter

Eligible Participants are individuals and families who are homeless. Essential services apply to persons in emergency shelters, renovating buildings to be used as emergency shelters, and operating emergency shelters. Staff costs related to carrying out emergency shelter activities is also eligible.

Eligible Costs Overview includes:

Essential Services

Renovation

Shelter Operations

Essential Services

Eligible cost for services provided to individuals and families who are in an emergency shelter are as follows:

Services provided to individuals and families who are in an emergency shelter

Case Management

Life Skills

Child Care

Education Services

Employment Assistance and Job Training

Outpatient Health Services

Legal Services

Mental Health Services

Substance Abuse Treatment Services

Transportation

Services for Special Populations

Rehabilitation and Renovation

There is a 10-year requirement for all rehabilitation and renovation funding. Eligible cost includes the cost of labor, materials, tools, other costs for renovation including soft cost, major rehabilitation of an emergency shelter, and renovating buildings to be used as emergency shelter for homeless families and individuals. The maximum funding allowed is \$5,000.

Operations

Funding will cover the costs to operate and maintain emergency shelters and also provide other emergency lodging when appropriate. Hotel or motel vouchers are only eligible when no appropriate emergency shelter is available. Eligible costs include the following:

Maintenance (including minor or routine repairs)

Food

Insurance

Rent

Furnishings

Security

Supplies necessary for the operation of the emergency shelter

Fuel

Utilities

Equipment

Hotel or motel voucher for family or individual when an emergency shelter is not available

Rapid- Rehousing

The purpose of Rapid Re-housing is to serve Individuals and families who are literally homeless, meaning those who qualify under paragraph (1) of the definition of homeless. Sub-recipients must maintain standards to help homeless persons living on the streets or in an emergency shelter transition as quickly as possible into permanent housing, and then, to help such persons achieve stability in that housing.

Eligible participants are individuals and families literally homeless currently living in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation. Eligible activities include the following services:

Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services

Short- and Medium-Term Rental Assistance

Homelessness Prevention

The purpose of Homelessness Prevention is to prevent persons from becoming homeless in a shelter or an unsheltered situation. Funding may also be used to help such persons regain stability in their current housing or other permanent housing. Eligibility for services applies to individuals and families who are at imminent risk, or at risk, of homelessness, meaning those who qualify under paragraph (2) and (3) of the homeless definition or those who qualify as at risk of homelessness. Individuals and families must have an income at, or below, 30% of AMI. Eligible activities include the following:

Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services

Short- and Medium-Term Rental Assistance

Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services

The following guidelines apply to both Rapid-Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, SERVICES

Moving costs, Housing search & placement

Rent application fees, Housing Stability Case Management

Last month's rent, Mediation

Utility payments –up to 24 mos. pts. or 6 mos. arrears, Credit repair

Security deposit –equal to no more than 2 mos. rent, Legal Services

Utility Deposits,

Short- and Medium-Term Rental Assistance: Rapid Re-housing/Homelessness Prevention

Types of Rental Assistance	Length of Assistance
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Short Term Rental Assistance up to 3 Months	
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Medium Term Rental Assistance	4 to 24 Months
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Payment of Rental Arrears (One-time payment up to 6 on the arrears months, including any late fees.)

Performance Standards

The recipient must describe the performance standards for evaluating ESG activities which must be developed in consultation with the Continuum of Care.

Based on standards and goals of the local Continuum of Care, the City of Riverside is proposing the following performance standards for the Emergency Solutions Grant:

Performance Measures for Homelessness Prevention

A reduction in the number of homeless individuals and families seeking emergency shelter services.

Expected Outcome: At least 35% of participants assisted will remain in permanent housing six (6) months after the last assistance provided under ESG.

Performance Measures for Homeless Rapid Re-Housing

A reduction in the reoccurrence of homelessness for individuals and families who exit the shelter system.

Expected Outcome: At least 35% of participants assisted will remain in permanent housing six (6) months after the last assistance provided under ESG.

Standard Policies and Procedures for evaluating individuals' and families' eligibility for assistance under Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

Building on Established HPRP Policies and Procedures

To the greatest extent possible, the policies and procedures established for the provision of HPRP assistance will be adopted. These policies will be employed initially for the provision of ESG assistance, but are will be refined as the new ESG program is implemented.

Centralized Assessment Available at Multiple Locations

Individuals and families applying for ESG assistance must complete a coordinated assessment survey to determine eligibility and the appropriate housing intervention. Interviews may be completed via phone, online, or at established locations which will include emergency shelter locations. Individuals and families who meet established the housing intervention pre-screening requirements will be assigned to a housing navigator/case manager to schedule an appointment for assessment and eligibility documentation.

Basic Eligibility Requirements

Initial Consultation & Eligibility Determination: The household must receive at least an initial consultation and eligibility assessment with a case manager or other authorized representative who can determine eligibility and the appropriate type of assistance needed. ESG clients must meet one of the following definitions of homelessness:

Literally homeless

At imminent risk of homelessness

Homeless under federal status

Fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence

Income: The household's total income must be at or below 30 percent of Area Median Income (AMI).

Housing Status: Case files must document the current housing status of the household at application. Housing status will be verified through third party verification whenever possible. Self-certification of housing status will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Riverside City Residency: All households receiving prevention or rapid re-housing assistance under ESG must be residents of the City of Riverside at time of application.

Lack of identifiable financial resources and/or support networks: In order to receive ESG rental financial assistance, applicants must also demonstrate the following:

No appropriate subsequent housing options have been identified;

The household lacks the financial resources to obtain immediate housing or remain in its existing housing; and

The household lacks support networks needed to obtain immediate housing or remain in its existing housing.

Policies and Procedures for coordination among emergency shelter providers, essential service providers, homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing assistance providers, other homeless assistance providers, and mainstream service and housing providers.

The ESG program requires coordination among participating agencies. All ESG subrecipients in the City are experienced homeless providers with a demonstrated track record in fiscal management and the provision of housing and supportive services targeted to homeless households. Additionally, the project administration agreement with ESG subrecipients will require coordination among agencies receiving ESG funds to administer emergency shelter,

essential services, homelessness prevention, re-housing services, and related assistance, and access to mainstream services and housing providers for clients.

Participation in the Continuum of Care

ESG funded agencies have easy access to membership in the Continuum of Care. The Continuum of Care has over 100 member organizations including homeless service providers, veteran service representatives, churches and government organizations. The Continuum of Care meets on a regular basis and shares information about services among participating agencies.

Required Client Information and Referrals

To further facilitate collaboration and information sharing, ESG funded agencies will be required to provide the following information and referrals to ESG program participants:

2-1-1 hotline for social services

Social security benefits

Cal-Works and other income security programs provided by DPSS

Cal-Fresh (formerly known as Food Stamps) assistance

Low Income Energy Assistance Programs

Affordable housing information

Employment assistance and job training programs

Health care and mental health services

Services for victims of domestic violence

Veteran services

Specialized services such as legal services, credit counseling

Policies and Procedures for determining and prioritizing which eligible families and individuals will receive homelessness prevention assistance and which eligible families and individuals that will receive re-housing assistance.

Once it is determined that the household meets the basic eligibility guidelines noted above the household will be assessed for the appropriate form(s), level, and duration of financial assistance. The results of this assessment will be formalized in a Housing/Financial Assistance Plan that is signed by both the applicant and the case manager.

Homeless Prevention Assistance

Homeless prevention assistance will be targeted to households who are at risk of losing their present housing and becoming homeless. While there are many people who are housed and have a great need for rental assistance, not everyone will become homeless without assistance. A risk assessment will be used to assess the household's level of crisis and prioritize those who are at greatest risk of becoming homeless. The assessment tool will include vulnerability criteria including but not limited to; income, housing history, food security, childcare, health care, life skills, and other special needs. Due to the limited amount of funding, assistance will be provided on a first come, first served basis, if the applicant meets the eligibility and risk assessment criteria.

Rapid Re-Housing Assistance

Homeless re-housing assistance is intended for individuals or families who meet the homeless definition described in Section 103, 42 USC 11302 of the McKinney Vento Act, as amended by the HEARTH Act. While there are many homeless individuals and families in the City at any given night, the re-housing assistance will be prioritized for households who are residing in emergency shelters and on the streets.

Standards for determining the share of rent and utilities costs that each program participant must pay, if any, while receiving homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing assistance.

Limitations on Assistance – Homeless Prevention

The City of Riverside's rental assistance is intended to stabilize individuals and families who have recently endured difficult financial circumstances that have led them into homelessness or who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless. For homeless prevention assistance, the rental assistance consists of short term rental assistance (3 months); extended under certain circumstances to medium term rental assistance (for an additional 3 months). The total maximum length of assistance is 6 months. Not every individual or family in need of rental assistance is a candidate for ESG homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing assistance. ESG rental assistance is not a substitute for Section 8 rental assistance or a permanent rental subsidy, but a tool to help stabilize families or individuals who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless and lack any other resources to help them stabilize their housing situation.

As a general rule, an individual or household should pay approximately 30% of their income towards rent. This requirement may be waived on a case-by-case basis for extreme circumstances. The ESG assistance will consist of the remaining portion of the rent, up to \$1,000 (excluding the clients' contribution towards the rent).

Clients are required to be reassessed at regular intervals to monitor progress and levels of self-sufficiency. If a client requires assistance beyond the three month mark, the ESG rental subsidy will be reduced and the client will be required to pay a larger portion of the rent. There is a maximum cap of prevention assistance per client, per twelve month period of \$5,000.

Limitations on Assistance – Rapid Re-Housing

Under re-housing assistance, a client's share of rent should be based on a client's ability to pay during their path to housing stabilization, with a minimum \$25 client contribution. Clients receiving re-housing assistance must be re-assessed regular intervals. The maximum length of re-housing assistance will be 6 months* and the total maximum ESG assistance. The assistance should not exceed \$1,000 per month per client, except for the first month of assistance if client requires assistance with other re-housing expenses such as rent deposits or utility deposits.

Limitations on Assistance – All Clients

Due to the limited amount of funds available, the ESG assistance will not exceed \$1,000 per client per month in combined ESG assistance, including rent and utility payments.* Generally, clients should be responsible for paying for their own utility costs while provided rental assistance with ESG, unless they are experiencing acute financial hardship, or are at risk of losing their housing due to utility shut off. Clients seeking utility only assistance may be eligible for ESG assistance if

it can be documented that they will lose their housing and become literally homeless if utility assistance is not provided; however, the household must meet other ESG eligibility requirements.

Standards for determining how long a particular participant will be provided with rental assistance and whether the amount of that assistance will be adjusted over time.

ESG assistance consists of short term (up to 3 months) to medium term (up to 6 months) rental assistance to allow individuals or families who have recently encountered a financial crisis that has led them into homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness, to gain housing stabilization. Since the program consists of temporary assistance aiming at rapid stabilization of households, clients are required to contribute a portion of their income towards rent. Clients with no potential to earn income may not be suitable candidates for this type of assistance, unless other subsidies can be accessed after the ESG assistance expires.

Clients assisted under ESG Prevention Assistance are eligible to receive the rental assistance for up to 3 months if they meet income eligibility during the 3 month period and comply with the case management requirements of the program. At the end of the third month, clients must be re-assessed to determine if the client's rental assistance needs to be extended for an additional 3 month period. If the ESG rental assistance is extended for an additional three (3) months, the ESG assistance will be reduced and/or adjusted over the remaining time.

Clients assisted under ESG Re-housing Assistance are eligible to receive rental and utility assistance for up to 6 months if they meet income eligibility during the 6 month period. Re-housing clients must be evaluated at regular intervals during the ESG assistance period. Monthly case management is highly recommended. The ESG rental assistance should be reduced gradually and the client's portion of the rent should be increased during the 6 month assistance period.

Standards for determining the type, amount, and duration of housing stabilization and /or relocation services to provide a program participant, including the limits, if any, on homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing assistance that each program participant may receive, such as the maximum amount of assistance; maximum number of months the program participant receives assistance; or the maximum number of times the program participant may receive assistance.

*Reasonableness Determination

The City will set the maximum amount of assistance to be provided to homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing clients on an annual basis. The City will also determine if the total benefit amount to be awarded to any one client is both reasonable and necessary.

Reporting – Centralized/Coordinated Assessment System

The HEARTH Act makes HMIS participation a statutory requirement for ESG recipients and sub-recipients. The City and its subrecipients work with the Continuum of Care to ensure the screening, assessment, and referral of Program participants are consistent with the written standards.

The recipient will ensure that data on all persons served and all activities assisted under ESG are entered into a community-wide HMIS in the area in which those persons and activities are located.

Victim service providers cannot, and Legal Services Organizations may choose to not participate in HMIS. Providers that do not participate in HMIS must use a comparable database that produces unduplicated, aggregate reports instead.

Eligible Cost include, but not limited to the following:

Hardware, Equipment and Software Costs

Staffing: Paying salaries for operating HMIS

Training and Overhead- Technical support, leasing space, and utilities for space used by HMIS staff

Comparable Database for Victim Services

If the sub-recipient is a victim services or a legal services provider that use a comparable database, it may use ESG funds to establish and operate a comparable database that collects client-level data over time and generates unduplicated aggregate reports based on the data. Information entered into a comparable database must not be entered directly into or provided to an HMIS.

ESG Homeless Definitions

Refer to reference information located at the following:

http://www.hudhre.info/documents/HEARTH_HomelessDefinition_finalRule.pdf

Consultation Process

The City of Riverside consulted with the Continuum of Care to discuss the FY 2015-16 allocation in ways that:

Coordinate across regional entitlement jurisdictions by developing and utilizing standardized eligibility and assessment tools;

Support federal and local goals for priority populations;

Allow for variations in the program design that responds to the needs and resources of the jurisdiction

Comply with eligibility and verification requirements (HMIS, housing status, homeless definitions, etc.)

The ESG program requires coordination among participating agencies. All ESG subrecipients in the City of Riverside are experienced homeless providers with a demonstrated track record in fiscal management and the provision of housing and supportive services targeted to homeless households. ESG funded agencies have easy access to membership in the Continuum of Care. The Continuum of Care has over 100 member organizations including homeless service providers, veteran service representatives, churches and government organizations. The Continuum of Care meets on a regular basis and shares information about services among participating agencies.

The City of Riverside also consulted with the Continuum of Care on the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness to ensure the alignment of proposed ESG activities as they relate to the goals and strategies outlined in the plan. This joint effort has worked successfully in the past and the City will continue to work closely with DPSS, the “umbrella” anti-poverty agency for the County of

Riverside and the program administrator for the Riverside County Continuum of Care, in servicing the needs of homeless.