



**SUBMITTAL TO THE RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM MEDICAL CENTER GOVERNING BOARD COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM 15.3 (ID # 10855)

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

**FROM :** RUHS-MEDICAL CENTER:

**SUBJECT:** RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM – POPULATION HEALTH: Adopt Resolution No. 2019-208, Authorizing the County to Participate in One-Time Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Clients; District: All. [\$1,999,856, State 100%]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2019-208, authorizing Riverside University Health System (RUHS), on behalf of the County of Riverside, to apply for and accept One-Time Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilots; and
2. Authorize Director of RUHS – Population Health to sign any future agreements for One-Time Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilots that includes signature of acceptance documents, agreements, and/or subsequent ministerial amendments and related documents that do not change the substantive terms of this authorization.

**ACTION:** Policy

*Jennifer Cruikshank*  
 Jennifer Cruikshank, Chief Executive Officer – Health System 9/5/2019

**MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

On motion of Supervisor Hewitt, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None  
 Date: September 17, 2019  
 xc: RUHS

Keqia R. Harper  
 Clerk of the Board  
 By: *Kathryn*  
 Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$1,999,856	\$0	\$1,999,856	\$0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: State 100%</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: No</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: 19/20 – 24/25</b>	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The California budget for 2019-20 included an allocation of \$100 million in the General Fund for active Whole Person Care (WPC) Pilot programs that provide housing services. This is one-time funding with multi-year spending authority through June 30, 2025. The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has established funding allocations for counties with WPC Pilot programs, including Riverside County, based on prevalence of homelessness, cost of living and other factors. Riverside County has been awarded an allocation of \$1,999,856.

This funding may be used by WPC Pilot programs for the costs of long-term and short-term housing, such as hotel vouchers and rental subsidies, as well as capital investment for housing projects for Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are mentally ill and are experiencing homelessness, or are at risk of homelessness. This funding may be used to match local county investments and shall not supplant existing funding for these services. This funding allocation does not require local matching funding.

The WPC Pilot program coordinates health, behavioral health and social services in a patient-centered manner with the goal of improved health and well-being of the population it serves, which is the population of Medi-Cal enrollees. The WPC Pilot program targets individuals who are mentally ill and are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness, and who have a demonstrated medical need for housing and/or supportive services, among other populations.

The Riverside County WPC Pilot program is led by and has the support of all County departments under Riverside University Health System (RUHS), which includes Riverside, Detention Health, Medical Center, eleven Federally Qualified Health Centers, Department of Behavioral Health, Department of Public Health, and numerous specialty clinics. In addition, a number of community partners are involved in the RUHS WPC Pilot program, including housing partners and Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) and Molina Healthcare (Molina), which are the Medi-Cal managed care providers for Riverside County. Other County Departments include Probation, Sheriff and Social Services. Community partners include non-profit social services

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providers, faith-based organizations, a developer of affordable housing, the California State University San Bernardino Reentry Initiative, and the Mayor's Office of the City of Riverside.

An application and a resolution of the Board of Supervisors must be submitted to DHCS by September 23, 2019 to access funds.

As housing plays a vital role in promoting community health and wellness, acquiring resources that address homelessness and increase the supply of housing provides valuable support to that effort. RUHS, on behalf of Riverside County, is requesting the Board of Supervisors to adopt Resolution 2019-208 authorizing the Director of RUHS – Population Health to apply for and accept the allocation of One-Time Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Clients and to execute all related documents in connection with those funds.

**Impact on Citizens and Businesses**

The RUHS WPC Pilot program is a component of the RUHS system of care and is directed at improving the health and wellness of Riverside County residents.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

The funding associated with One-Time Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilots is one hundred percent (100%) State funded. No additional County funds are required. It's undetermined how much will be spent per fiscal year, however, spending authority is available until June 30, 2025.

**Attachments:**

1. RUHS WPC Letter of Interest
2. Resolution No. 2019-208

  
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Gregory V. Priamos, Director County Counsel      9/5/2019

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 208

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5 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
6 THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE-TIME  
7 HOUSING FUNDS FOR WHOLE PERSON CARE PILOTS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY  
8 AVAILABLE AS A RESULT OF ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 74, THE BUDGET ACT OF 2019  
9 (CHAPTER 23, STATUTES OF 2019)

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11 WHEREAS, California’s Governor Gavin C. Newsom and the California Legislature have  
12 recognized the critical role Whole Person Care Pilot programs play in reducing homelessness for those with  
13 special needs; and

14 WHEREAS, the Governor, Legislature, and this County recognize the need for flexible state-only  
15 funding for new services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are living with mental illness who are also homeless  
16 or at risk of homelessness; as well as additional at-risk populations; and

17 WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature have allocated \$100 million dollars in one-time State  
18 General Fund housing funds for Fiscal Year 2019-20 to Whole Person Care Pilot programs; and

19 WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature have directed Whole Person Care Pilot programs to  
20 leverage other available funding for this purpose and prohibited any supplantation of existing funding or  
21 services in order to maximize the impact of Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs; and

22 WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature require Whole Person Care Pilot programs that receive  
23 Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs to expend the funding no later than June 30, 2025,  
24 and further stipulate that services provided with this funding must comply with all Housing First principles  
25 as defined in California Welfare and Institutions Code §8255-8256; and

26 WHEREAS, the County designates Judi Nightingale, DrPH, RN, Director of Population Health –  
27 Riverside University Health System, as the single point of contact to the Department of Health Care

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY:  BRTH.  
DATE: 9/5/19

1 Services for the Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs allocation; and

2 WHEREAS, the County affirms its commitment to combatting homelessness and improving  
3 housing options for residents living with mental illness and who are homeless or at risk of homelessness,  
4 or additional at-risk populations in our communities pursuant to the provisions of the Budget Act of 2019  
5 and the receipt of Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside,  
7 in regular session assembled on September 17, 2019, that the County of Riverside's participation in the  
8 Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs in Fiscal Year 2019-20 is authorized.

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12 ROLL CALL:

13 Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
14 Nays: None  
15 Absent: None

16 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly  
17 adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

18 Kecia R. Harper, Clerk of said Board

19 By 

20 Deputy



Reply to: Judi Nightingale  
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**Re: ONE-TIME HOUSING FUNDS FOR WHOLE PERSON CARE PILOTS**

This Letter of Intent serves to provide notice that Riverside County through the Riverside University Health System (RUHS) – Population Health is prepared to receive and manage an allocation from the Housing Funds for Whole Person Care (WPC) Pilots as outlined.

RUHS and Riverside County Executive Office have a resolution from our County Board of Supervisors as required. RUHS Population Health will function as the primary contact for the county for WPC housing funding. RUHS WPC intends to use these funds for the purposes outlined in the provisions of July 22, 2019 notice sent by DHCS. Riverside Economic Development Agency (EDA) will be the entity to purchase and hold the property to ensure its use for homeless individuals. EDA will lease the space to Department of Behavioral Health.

In order to provide on-site assistance to previously released incarcerated clients, RUHS is seeking to purchase property for the purpose of transitional/emergency housing for mentally ill clients during the period of time between release of incarceration and until they can obtain supportive permanent housing. Proposed services being considered may include, but not be limited to the following: RN care Management, education for resume building and interviewing, Behavioral health services, substance use services, Peer support services, and others. Local funding for this population from both AB 109 and other monies will be used to sustain operating costs long-term.

Care managers who assist these clients believe it will be of most benefit to these clients to have available housing during the vulnerable transitional time between release and obtaining permanent housing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zareh Sarrafian", is written over a horizontal line.

Zareh Sarrafian  
Assistant County Executive Officer  
Riverside University Health System