

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 3.36
(ID # 13168)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, August 25, 2020

FROM: HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS:

SUBJECT: HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS (HHPWS): Approve the Substantial Amendments to the 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan of the 2019-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan to include the Anza Community Hall COVID-19 Support, Desert Arc COVID-19 Support Program, Idyllwild Fire District – Emergency Alert System, Murrieta Back to Business Program, and The Grove-Mead Valley Senior Program, Districts 1, 3, and 4 [\$325,000 - Community Development Block Grant 100%]; CEQA Exempt

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the substantial amendments to the 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan of the 2019-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3);
2. Find that the substantial amendments to the 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan of the 2019-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan are exempt from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) pursuant to Title 24 Code of Federal Regulations Section 58.34(a)(1) and (a)(3);
3. Approve the substantial amendments to the 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan of the 2019-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan to add the new Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities of Anza Community Hall COVID-19 Support, Desert Arc COVID-19 Support Program, Idyllwild Fire District Emergency Alert System, and the Murrieta Back to Business Program, more fully described in Attachments A, B, C, and D attached hereto;

ACTION:

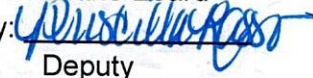

Heidi Marshall, Director 8/6/2020

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: Jeffries
Date: August 25, 2020
xc: HHPWS

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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4. Approve the substantial amendment to the 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan of the 2019-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan to designate The Grove Community Church as new project Sponsor (Subrecipient) for the Mead Valley Senior Program, more fully described in Attachment E, attached hereto; and
5. Direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk within five working days.

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$325,000	\$ 0	\$325,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Community Development Block Grant Funds, 100%			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	2020/2021

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that all substantial amendments to the County's Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the One Year Action Plans are subject to the Citizen Participation Plan and are approved by the Board of Supervisors and HUD. In accordance with the County of Riverside's Citizen Participation Plan for the 2019-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan (Citizen Participation Plan), all new activities added to a One Year Action Plan, any significant increases in funding or changes to an existing project, or other changes or amendments to the 2019-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan are considered to be substantial amendments.

The proposed new Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects have been determined by staff to be eligible activities that meet a National Objective of the CDBG program. Descriptions of the proposed amendments to the 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan are set forth in Attachments A through E, attached hereto. Staff recommends approval of the new CDBG projects listed below as substantial amendments to the 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan of the 2019-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan (Substantial Amendment):

Anza Community Hall COVID-19 Support	\$ 15,000	Add New CDBG Activity
Desert Arc COVID-19 Support Program	\$ 50,000	Add New CDBG Activity
Idyllwild Fire District – Emergency Alert System	\$ 10,000	Add New CDBG Activity
Murrieta Back to Business Program	\$250,000	Add New CDBG Activity

On May 19, 2020, the Board approved and adopted the 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan of the 2019-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan (Minute Order 3.20). In addition to the above listed projects, the Janet Goeske Foundation was awarded \$15,000 of CDBG funding for the Mead Valley Senior Program (Project 1.112-20). The Janet Goeske Foundation will not be carrying out the activities as proposed; consequently, The Grove Community Church has been selected as

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the new project Sponsor (Subrecipient). Staff recommend approval of the proposed Subrecipient designation (Attachment E).

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Substantial Amendment was reviewed and determined to be categorically exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule or "Common Sense" exemption. The project and the Substantial Amendment is an administrative planning document that will only have financial and administrative effects. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed Substantial Amendment may have a significant effect on the environment and will not lead to any direct or reasonably indirect physical impacts. The project identified in the Substantial Amendment will be subject to separate CEQA environmental review prior to taking any choice limiting action or discretionary action on that specific project. A Notice of Exemption will be filed by County staff with the County Clerk within five days of the approval of the Substantial Amendment.

Furthermore, the Substantial Amendment was determined to be exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) pursuant to Title 24 Code of Federal Regulations Sections 58.34 (a)(1) and (a)(3) since the proposed Substantial Amendment is an administrative activity. The project identified in the Substantial Amendment will be subject to separate NEPA environmental review prior to taking any choice limiting action or discretionary action on that specific project.

Pursuant to 24 CFR Section 91.105 and the Citizen Participation Plan, the Department of Housing, Homelessness Prevention, and Workforce Solutions published the required public notice notifying the public of the comment period for the proposed Substantial Amendment. No public comments have been received.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the substantial amendment to the 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan of the 2019-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan as to form.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Anza Community Hall COVID-19 Support: The Anza Community Hall, Inc., a non-profit organization serving the Anza area, will use \$15,000 CDBG funding to offset lost revenues and increased operating costs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible expenses will include utilities, supplies, and other program related expenses

Desert Arc COVID-19 Support Program: Desert Arc, a non-profit organization will use \$50,000 of CDBG funding to offset lost revenue and increased operating costs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Desert Arc serves people with developmental and intellectual disabilities including conditions such as Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, Epilepsy, and many others. In order for the Desert Arc to open all of their facilities and programs, they must implement many expensive changes to their program designs and facilities to meet the new guidelines of social distancing, PPE, transportation, and program activity areas.

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Idyllwild Fire District Emergency Alert System: The Idyllwild Fire District (IFD) will use \$10,000 of CDBG funding, together with other local funding, to install a new (\$30,000) emergency siren/alert system to replace the current alert system serving the Idyllwild and Fern Valley areas. The Idyllwild area recently experienced devastating wildfires and flooding. The IFD and other agencies determined it was necessary to upgrade the existing alert system to enhance emergency preparedness and public safety in this remote community. The CDBG funds will be used to pay the proportionate share of the alert system cost for the south western portion of the service area that is more than 51% Low/Mod income.

Murrieta Back to Business Program: The City of Murrieta will use \$250,000 of CDBG funds to pay for cost associated with their new *Back to Business Grant Program*. The program is intended to assist small businesses in the City that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The City will provide grants up to \$10,000 to eligible businesses to assist them in retaining or rehiring staff. Funds can be used for staffing, lease payments, and other eligible expenses. At least 51% of all employee retained or rehired must have family incomes at or below 80% of the median household income for Riverside County.

The Grove – Mead Valley Senior Program: The Grove Community Church (The Grove) will use \$15,000 of CDBG funds to provide a variety of services at the Mead Valley Senior Center. The services include nutrition programs, healthy cooking courses, wellness programs, fitness classes, and other activities.

Additional Fiscal Information

No impact upon County's General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A-E 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan Substantial Amendment
- Attachment F Public Notice and Proof of Publication
- Attachment G Notice of Exemption



Marcus Maltese

8/18/2020



Gregory L. Priamos, Director County Counsel

8/12/2020

**ENVIRONMENTAL
EXEMPTION DOCUMENTATION**

To: County Clerk and Recorder's Office
County of Riverside
2720 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507

From: HHPWS
County of Riverside
PO Box 1528
Riverside, CA 92502

Project Title: Substantial Amendment to the 2020-2021 One-Year Action Plan of the 2019-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan to add or modify the following projects: Anza Community Hall COVID-19 Support Program; Desert Arc COVID-19 Support Program; Idyllwild Fire District Emergency Alert System; Murrieta Back to Business Program; and The Grove - Mead Valley Senior Program; Districts 1, 3, and 4.

Grant No.: B-20-UC-06-0506

Description of Project: Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 570, 24 CFR Part 91, and the Citizens Participation Plan, the Board of Supervisors is authorized to approve and adopt substantial amendments to the 2019-2020 One Year Action Plan of the 2019-2024 Consolidated Plan for the HUD-funded CDBG , ESG, and HOME programs.

Project Location: Various locations in Riverside County

Project Proponent: Housing, Homelessness Prevention, and Workforce Development (HHPWS)

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Project Description: The project, the Substantial Amendment to the 2020-2021 One-Year Action Plan of the 2019-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, is an administrative planning document that will only have financial effect. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed substantial amendment may have a significant effect on the environment and will not lead to any direct or reasonably indirect physical impacts.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial (Section 21080 (b) (1); Section 15268);
- Declared Emergency [Section 21080 (b) (3); Section 15239(a)];
- Emergency Project [Section 21080 (b) (4); Section 15269 (b) (c)];
- Statutory Exemption (Section Number: _____)
- Categorical Exemption: Class 1 (Section Number: _____)
- These activities are not subject to CEQA [pursuant to Section 15061 (b) (3)]**
- Other

Environmental Specialist: _____ Date: **July 27, 2020**
Susana Orozco, Program Manager

Certifying Officer: _____ Date: **July 27, 2020**
John Thurman, CDBG/ESG Program Administrator

Original Negative Declaration/Notice of Determination was routed to County Clerks for posting on.
8/27/20 Date [Signature] Initial

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ATTACHMENT G

CEQA Notice of Exemption

ATTACHMENT A
2020-2021 One Year Action Plan Amendment

Project: Anza Community Hall COVID-19 Support Program
Eligibility: 24 CFR 570.201(e)
Sponsor: Anza Community Hall
Address: P.O. Box: P.O. Box 390091, Anza, CA 92539

Funding: \$15,000

Project Description: The Anza Community Hall provides food assistance, healthcare services, education classes, and other activities to residents in the rural Anza Valley area. The Community Hall will use CDBG funding to offset lost revenues and increased operating costs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible expenses will include utilities, supplies, and other program related expenses.

Site Location: 56630 CA-371, Anza, CA 92539

Benefit: 570.208 (a)(1)(i) - 66.9% Low/Mod Area

Number Served: 5225

ATTACHMENT B
2020-2021 One Year Action Plan Amendment

- Project: Desert Arc COVID-19 Support Program
- Eligibility: 24 CFR 570.201 (e)
- Sponsor: Desert Arc
- Address: 73255 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260

Funding: \$50,000

Project Description: Desert Arc, a non-profit organization will use \$50,000 of CDBG funding to offset lost revenue and increased operating costs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Desert Arc serves people with developmental and intellectual disabilities including conditions such as Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, Epilepsy, and many others. In order for Desert Arc to open all of their facilities and programs, they must plan and implement many expensive changes to their program designs and facilities to meet the new guidelines of social distancing, PPE, transportation, and program activity areas.

Site Location: 73255 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260

Benefit: 24 CFR Section 570.208 (a)(2)(i)(A)

Number Served: 700

ATTACHMENT C
2020-2021 One Year Action Plan Amendment

Project: Idyllwild Fire District Emergency Alert System
Eligibility: 24 CFR 570.201(c)
Sponsor: Idyllwild Fire District
Address: 54160 Maranatha Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549

Funding: \$10,000

Project Description: The Idyllwild Fire District (IFD) will use \$10,000 of CDBG funding, together with other local funding, to install a new emergency siren/alert system to replace the current alert system serving the Idyllwild and Fern Valley areas. The Idyllwild area recently experienced devastating wildfires and flooding. The IFD and other agencies determined it was necessary to upgrade the existing alert system to enhance emergency preparedness and public safety in this remote community

Site Location: 54160 Maranatha Drive, Idyllwild-Pine Cove, CA 92549

Benefit: 570.208 (a)(1)(i) - 54.01% (CT 444.04, BG 1) Low/Mod Area

Number Served: 1090

ATTACHMENT D
2020-2021 One Year Action Plan Amendment

Project: Murrieta Back to Business Grant Program
Eligibility: 24 CFR 570.203 Special Economic Development Activities
Sponsor: City of Murrieta
Address: 1 Town Square Murrieta, CA 92562

Funding: \$250,000

Project Description: The City of Murrieta will use \$250,000 of CDBG funds to pay for cost associated with their new *Back to Business Grant Program*. The program is intended to assist small businesses in the City that have been impacted by the COVID19 pandemic. The City will provide grants up to \$10,000 to eligible businesses to assist them in retaining or rehiring staff. Funds can be used for staffing, lease payments, and with other eligible expenses. At least 51% of all employee retained or rehired must have family incomes at or below 80% of the median household income for Riverside County.

Site Location: City of Murrieta

For more information:

smallbusinessgrant@MurrietaCA.gov, www.murrietaca.gov/960/Covid-19-Business

Benefit: 24 CFR Section 570.208 (a)(4)(i and ii) - Low/Mod Jobs

Number Served: 25-30

ATTACHMENT E
2020-2021 One Year Action Plan Amendment

Project: 1.112-20 - Mead Valley Senior Program
Eligibility: 24 CFR 570.201 (e)
Sponsor: The Grove Community Church
Address: 19900 Grove Community Drive Riverside, CA 92508

Funding: \$15,000

Project Description: The Grove Community Church provides senior services at the Mead Valley Senior Center. The services include nutrition programs, healthy cooking courses, wellness programs, and a community health fair that provides free vaccines, health screenings, and educational seminars. CDBG funds will be used for program-related costs.

Site Location: 21091 Rider Street, Suite 102, Perris, CA 92570

Benefit: 570.208 (a)(2)(i)(A) Low Mod Limited Clientele Presumed

Number Served: 200

Attachment F
Public Notice and Proof of Publication

Notice of Public Comment Period
Substantial Amendment of the 2020-2021 One-Year Action Plan
of the 2019-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan

The County of Riverside hereby notifies concerned members of the public, pursuant to *24 CFR 91.105*, *24 CFR 91.505*, and the County’s Citizens Participation Plan, of its intent to amend the 2020-2021 One-Year Action Plan of the 2019-2024 Consolidated Plan by the following actions:

Anza Community Hall COVID-19 Support	\$ 15,000	Add New CDBG Activity
Desert Arc COVID-19 Support Program	\$ 50,000	Add New CDBG Activity
Idyllwild Fire District – Emergency Alert System	\$ 10,000	Add New CDBG Activity
Murrieta Back to Business Program	\$250,000	Add New CDBG Activity
The Grove-Mead Valley Senior Center	\$ 15,000	Change Project Sponsor

A determination regarding the proposed amendment to the 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan of the 2019-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan has been scheduled on or about August 25, 2020, at the Riverside County Board of Supervisor’s meeting, located at 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the County can only accept comments in writing or through electronic means. If you wish to submit comments or obtain additional information regarding the proposed Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment, you may do so by contacting the Department of Housing, Homelessness Prevention, and Workforce Solutions (HHPWS) at the following: Susana Orozco, Principal Program Manager, PO Box 1528, Riverside, CA 92502; sorozco@rivco.org; or (951) 955-5933. Written comments for all of the above items must be received no later than 4:00 PM on August 24, 2020.

Important Notice: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Supervisors will permit public comments during the Board meeting via teleconference. If interested in presenting your comments in person, please select rivcocob.org/comments to complete an e-comment/speaker slip and receive further instructions.

Input and comments can also be received by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, CPD Division, 611 West Sixth Street, Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017. The telephone number is (213) 894-8000. Comments or objections received after August 24, 2020, will not be considered by HUD.

Accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act are available upon request. Requests must be made at least 72 hours prior to meeting. Later requests will be accommodated to the extent feasible. Please call the Clerk of the Board office at (951) 955-1069, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



PROOF OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA SS.
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE-EDA
3403 10TH ST STE 400

RIVERSIDE CA 92501

I am over the age of 18 years old, a citizen of the United States and not a party to, or have interest in this matter. I hereby certify that the attached advertisement appeared in said newspaper (set in type not smaller than non pariel) in each and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

07/23/2020

I acknowledge that I am a principal clerk of the printer of The Desert Sun, printed and published weekly in the City of Palm Springs, County of Riverside, State of California. The Desert Sun was adjudicated a Newspaper of general circulation on March 24, 1988 by the Superior Court of the County of Riverside, State of California Case No. 191236.

I certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct.. Executed on this 23th of July 2020 in Green Bay, WI. County of Brown.

[Signature]
DECLARANT

Ad#:0004295595

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of Affidavits: 3

Notice of Public Comment Period
Substantial Amendment of the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 One-Year Action Plans of the 2019-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan

The County of Riverside hereby notifies concerned members of the public, pursuant to 24 CFR 91.105 the County's Citizens Participation Plan, of its intent to amend the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 One-Year 2019-2024 Consolidated Plan by the following actions:

Table with 3 columns: Program Name, Amount, and Action. Includes items like Anza Community Hall COVID-19 Support (\$15,000), Desert Arc COVID-19 Support Program (\$50,000), Idyllwild Fire District - Emergency Alert System (\$10,000), Murrieta Back to Business Program (\$250,000), and The Grove-Mead Valley Senior Center (\$15,000).

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Vertical strip containing a smaller version of the notice of public comment period, including the table of programs and amounts, and contact information for Susana Orozco.