

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



ITEM: 3.73
(ID # 13372)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, August 25, 2020

FROM: SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ AND SUPERVISOR CHUCK WASHINGTON:

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ & SUPERVISOR CHUCK WASHINGTON:
Authorize the Department of Housing, Homeless Prevention and Workforce Solutions to apply for State Harvest Program funding reimbursement; Authorize the use of up to \$1,000,000 in County CARES Funding as matching funds to quarantine farmworkers impacted by COVID-19; All Districts [\$1,000,000 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act and State Harvest Program Funding]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Department of Housing, Homeless Prevention and Workforce Solutions to create a program to provide temporary housing options for essential farm and food processing employees who are either COVID-19 positive or exposed and who do not require hospitalization, to have safe and suitable places to isolate when they are unable to do so at home (Harvest Housing Program);
2. Authorize the use of an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 in federal funding under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Section 5001, Public Law 116-136; CARES Act) by the Department of Housing, Homeless Prevention and Workforce Solutions (HHPWS) for costs related to the Harvest Housing Program;
3. Expand the local program support to include comprehensive wrap around services and the establishment of a financial assistance fund to support farm and food processing employees who have lost income due to COVID-19 illness or quarantine;

ACTION:



Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Chairman 8/21/2020


Supervisor Chuck Washington, Supervisor 3rd District 8/21/2020

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Washington 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: August 25, 2020
xc: Supvr. Perez, Supvr. Washington, HHPWS

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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4. Provide funding to TODEC to serve as Program Lead to coordinate housing, services, wellness checks and to administer a financial assistance fund for economically impacted farm and food processing workers participating in the Harvest Program; and
5. Authorize the Director of HHPWS, or designee, to execute any agreement necessary to administer and implement the Harvest Housing Program and approving expenditures of funding in the not to exceed amount approved by the Board, and drafting, negotiating, and executing, essential and relevant documents, subject to approval by County Counsel.

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act Funding and State Harvest Program Funding			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 2020/21	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: [CEO use]

BACKGROUND:

On July 24, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the launch of the Housing for the Harvest program. The program is designed to provide temporary hotel housing options for essential farm and food processing employees who are either COVID-19 positive or exposed and who do not require hospitalization, to have safe and suitable places to isolate when they are unable to do so at home.

The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected rural communities and essential workers in the Eastern Coachella Valley. The farmworker communities of Thermal, Mecca and Oasis have the highest per-capita rates of infection and death in the County of Riverside. Thermal, Oasis and Mecca have had more than 1,200 cases, and this equates to roughly 10% of the overall population of these farmworker communities. In comparison roughly 2% of the entire County population has contracted COVID-19. The inability to socially distance, the inability to stop working and the inability to qualify for benefits due to their legal resident status continue to exacerbate the problem.

The County's farm worker community needs our help. We are recommending the County's Department of Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions work with the State to secure Harvest program funding to provide aid relief for farmworkers who need to quarantine due to COVID-19. The Riverside County program will include: state funded hotel/motel rooms for isolation/quarantine, expanded housing options including the use of previously allocated state travel trailers; an experienced lead program coordinator (TODEC) to coordinate outreach, housing services, wellness checks, and ancillary supportive services; and the establishment of a financial assistance fund for impacted workers.

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Impact on Residents and Businesses

This program is necessary to ensure farm workers living in the County have access to the supports necessary to quarantine/isolate to the spread of COVID-19.

Additional Fiscal Information

No impact upon the County's General Fund. Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act Funding and State Harvest Program will be used to fund this effort.

Proposed Budget

Cost Classification	Budgeted Amount
Housing	
Hotel/Motel Rooms (25% local match)	50,000
Space Costs & Utilities for Travel Trailers	35,000
Total Housing Costs	85,000
Program Coordination & Outreach	
Program Manager	25,111
Program Coordinator	40,000
Case Worker (5)	78,000
Fringe Benefits	30,802
Total Personnel Costs	173,913
Operational Costs	
Telecommunications	600
Call Center	11,925
Consumable Supplies	2,000
Software	312
Postage	1,250
Indirect Costs	12,098
Total Operational Costs	16,087
Direct Services	
Meals & Food	200,000
Transportation	15,000
Medical Relate Supplies	5,000
Misc. Supplies (hygiene kits, etc.)	5,000
Client Financial Assistance Fund	500,000
Total Direct Services	725,000
Total Program Costs	\$ 1,000,000

From: Maribel Nunez <maribel@inlandequitypartnership.org>

Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:02 AM

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Subject: Public comments: Support # 3 Policy Calendar Items #38 and #73

I am a Riverside County Board of Supervisors District 2 Resident and from Inland Equity Partnership, representing over 30 organizations through Riverside county. I am emailing in support of both Items #38 and #73.

Item 38. (yes)

13042 : HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION, AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS (HHPWS): Approve and Direct the Auditor Controller to Establish a New Fund for FY 20/21 as Shown on Schedule A for the Agreement Between the Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions and the Executive Office for COVID-19 expenses related to county-wide response and preparation activities; All Districts, [\$55.0 Million-100% Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES ACT Funds)]; (4/5th Vote Required)

Item 73. (yes)

13372 : SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ & SUPERVISOR CHUCK WASHINGTON: Authorize the Department of Housing, Homeless Prevention and Workforce Solutions to apply for State Harvest Program funding reimbursement; Authorize the use of up to \$1,000,000 in County CARES Funding as matching funds to quarantine farmworkers impacted by COVID-19; All Districts [\$1,000,000 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act and State Harvest Program Funding] to go to TODEC. Farm workers are on the front lines feeding us and risking their lives. It's time for us to take care of them.

Desert Sun Article highlighting the contributions of farm workers

article link: https://www.desertsun.com/story/news/2020/08/21/riverside-county-could-provide-housing-financial-aid-farmworkers-covid-19/3413200001/?fbclid=IwAR1kHk-8c83RSIpZFQIgbddXv-04kWB3Q8TePOXS_p7XLLx298fGAcLCsT8

Out of the \$431,091,226 (CARES Funding comes from federal and state)

Yes we support item agenda item #38 and #73

Includes rental assistance, non profit support, transportation, meals, wellness checks, farm workers housing and homeless support etc.

We need to still use the remainder of the \$431 million of CARES Funding Riverside University Health System and the Department of Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions Budget Adjustment for rental assistance and funding for homeless shelters. People also need help with child care so I hope some of the CARES funding can be used to support First 5 Riverside and CalWorks.

Best,

Maribel Nunez

Riverside County Board of Supervisors District 2 Resident
Inland Equity Partnership

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From: Maxwell, Sue

Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 12:10 PM

To: George Johnson (GAJohnson@RIVCO.ORG) <GAJohnson@RIVCO.ORG>; Young, Alisa <AYoung@RIVCO.ORG>; District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez <District4@RIVCO.ORG>; District2 <District2@Rivco.org>; District3 <District3@Rivco.org>; District5 <District5@Rivco.org>; Supervisor Jeffries - 1st District (district1@rivco.org) <district1@rivco.org>

Cc: Marshall, Heidi <HMarshall@rivco.org>; Mahayni, Cheryl <CMahayni@rivco.org>; Oviedo, Esmeralda <EsOviedo@rivco.org>; DeArmond, Michelle <MDeArmond@RIVCO.ORG>

Subject: August 25 2020 Item No 3.38 Public Comment via Web on Homelessness Prevention and Farmworker Assistance (Maribel Nunez)

Good morning,

Please see Public Comments below received via COB email and related to August 25 2020 Item No 3.38 (13042) and Item No 3.73 (13372).

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Thank you kindly,

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Cc: DeArmond, Michelle
Subject: August 25 2020 Item No 3.73 Public Comment on CARE Farmworker Assistance (Darrell Peeden)

Greetings,

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From: Darrell Peeden <darrellpeeden@sigmabetaxi.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:30 AM
To: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>
Subject: CARES Funding - Support

We support financial aid going to our farm workers

Darrell Peeden, MPP

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Cc: Marshall, Heidi; Mahayni, Cheryl; Oviedo, Esmeralda; DeArmond, Michelle
Subject: August 25 2020 Item No 3.38 Public Comment via Web on Homelessness Prevention and Farmworker Assistance (Kim Floyd)

Greetings,

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From: kimffloyd@fastmail.com <kimffloyd@fastmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:14 AM
To: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>
Subject: August 25, 2020 Agenda: 3. Policy Calendar Item 38 13042 and #73 13372

I support Items 38-13342 & 73-13372 These are important actions to support our under served communities.

Kim F Floyd
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From: COB

Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 4:40 PM

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Subject: August 25 2020 Item No 3.38 Public Comments on Homelessness Prevention and Item No 3.73 Farmworker Assistance (Yolanda Esquivel, LULAC)

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From: yolanda esquivel <yesquivel36@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 2:43 PM

To: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>

Cc: Gilberto Esquivel <gilberto2939@yahoo.com>

Subject: SUPPORT AGENDA ITEMS: #38 and #73

Honorable Riverside County Board of Supervisors,

LULAC OF RIVERSIDE COUNCIL 3190 supports item agenda item #38 and #73

Includes rental assistance, non profit support, transportation, meals, wellness checks, farm workers housing and homeless support etc.

We need to still use the remainder of the \$431 million of CARES Funding Riverside University Health System and the Department of Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions Budget Adjustment for rental assistance and funding for homeless shelters. People also need help with child care so we hope some of the CARES funding can be used to support First 5 Riverside and CalWorks.

Thank you,

Yolanda Esquivel, President
LULAC OF RIVERSIDE
COUNCIL 3190
951-334-7863 Cell

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From: Eduardo Garcia <egarcia@latinocf.org>

Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 4:46 PM

To: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>

Cc: Christian Arana <carana@latinocf.org>

Subject: Public comment: In support of temporary housing options for essential farm and food processing workers



August 24, 2020

Riverside County Board of Supervisors:

Mr. Kevin Jeffries

Ms. Karen Spiegel

Mr. Chuck Washington

Mr. V. Manuel Perez

Mr. Jeff Hewitt

Dear Riverside County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the Latino Community Foundation, **I write in support of providing temporary housing options for essential farm and food processing workers who have tested positive for COVID-19 or have been exposed and do not require hospitalization.** Providing these workers with safe and suitable places to isolate when they are unable to do so at home is critical to helping reduce the spread of the virus in the county.

Today, Riverside County's coronavirus case count is at 49,482 cases, six times higher than it was in June. Farm and food processing employees continue to be at high risk for becoming infected. These frontline, essential workers labor long hours in close proximity to other workers, and often live in multifamily housing that facilitates the rapid spread of the virus. Many are also without a legal status, which means they were excluded from the federal relief offered to millions of families earlier this year.

This past March, LCF created the Love Not Fear Fund to support grassroots Latino-led organizations serving Latino and immigrant communities across California. TODEC Legal Center is one of the organizations in the region that we've supported through our philanthropic efforts. In addition to helping the organization maintain its regular services, these funds were used to provide community members with food assistance, immigration and legal services, and other COVID-19 critical resources across the county.

It is for these reasons that I respectfully ask the Riverside Board of Supervisors to work with TODEC Legal Center to create and implement a program that is able to provide farm and food processing workers with temporary housing options in the case they become infected or exposed to COVID-19 and do not require hospitalization.

LCF is the premier statewide foundation focused on unleashing the civic and economic power of Latinos in California. The foundation has the largest network of Latino philanthropists in the country and has invested \$10 million to build Latino civic and political power and leadership in the state.

Sincerely,

Eduardo García
Senior Policy Fellow

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From: COB

Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 8:21 AM

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Cc: DeArmond, Michelle <MDeArmond@RIVCO.ORG>

Subject: August 25 2020 Item No 3.73 Public Comment via COB web Re: Farmworker Assistance (Fernanda Mercado)

Greetings,

Forwarding Public Comment received via COB website related to August 25, 2020 Item No 3.73 (13372).

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From: cob@rivco.org <cob@rivco.org>

Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 6:25 PM

To: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>; fmercado@leadershipcounsel.org

Subject: Board comments web submission



First Name: Fernanda

Last Name: Mercado

Phone: 7604099298

Email: fmercado@leadershipcounsel.org

Agenda Date: 08/25/2020

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State your position below: Support

Thank you for submitting your request to speak. The Clerk of the Board office has received your request and will be prepared to allow you to speak when your item is called. To attend the meeting, please call (669) 900-6833 and use Meeting ID # 202-181-857. Password is 289645. You will be muted until your item is pulled and your name is called. Please dial in at 9:00 am with the phone number you provided in the form so you can be identified during the meeting.

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