

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HOUSING AUTHORITY
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 10.1
(ID # 13272)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

FROM: HOUSING AUTHORITY:

SUBJECT: HOUSING AUTHORITY: Adopt Resolution No. 2020-005, A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside Authorizing an Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Participation in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Mobility Demonstration; the Execution of any Related Documents Necessary to Participate in the HCV Mobility Demonstration, Including Amendments Thereto; All Districts [\$0]; CEQA Exempt (Clerk of the Board to file the Notice of Exemption).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Commissioners:

1. Find that the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) mobility demonstration is not a project and is categorically exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(5) and 15061(b)(3);
2. Find that the HCV mobility demonstration is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) pursuant to Title 24 Code of Federal Regulations Sections 50.19(c)(5), 58.34 (a)(1) and (a)(3);
3. Approve and Adopt Resolution No. 2020-005; A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside Authorizing an Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Participation in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Mobility Demonstration; the Execution of any Related Documents Necessary to Participate in the HCV Mobility Demonstration, Including Amendments Thereto;

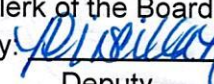
ACTION:


Heidi Marshall, Director, Housing, Homelessness Prevention 8/13/2020

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Hewitt 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 15, 2020
xc: Housing Authority

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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4. Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to sign all related documents pertaining to the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) mobility demonstration application; and
5. Direct the Clerk of the Board to file a Notice of Exemption within five (5) business days of the approval of the resolution with the County Clerk.

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	2020/21

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Housing Authority of the County of Riverside (Housing Authority) is a Public Housing Agency (PHA) as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is authorized by HUD to administer the Housing Choice Voucher, Project-Based Voucher and Homeownership programs throughout the County of Riverside. On July 15, 2020, HUD issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to implement the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) mobility demonstration authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 and the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020. The notice defines PHA eligibility criteria; establishes the application process, including setting forth the factors HUD will employ in rating and ranking PHA applications; and explains the special rules and requirements applicable to PHAs selected for participation in the demonstration. Furthermore, the notice identifies the specific waivers and alternative requirements established by HUD for the demonstration.

The HCV program provides tenant-based rental assistance to low-income families and allows them to rent units within the jurisdiction of the Housing Authority. However, many of the voucher-assisted families live in relatively high-poverty, low-opportunity neighborhoods. The HCV mobility demonstration aims to bridge this gap by providing mobility-related services to families with children and encourage such families to move to lower-poverty areas, to expand their access to areas that provide more opportunity, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies pursued under the demonstration. There is a growing interest in identifying effective strategies to help families move to higher-opportunity areas. Mobility-related services may diminish residential segregation by increasing the share of families who move to higher-opportunity areas and diminish barriers to housing choice. The application due date for the demonstration is October 13, 2020.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the application to the NOFA 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 application is for HCV Mobility Demonstration Vouchers and mobility-related services, and it can be seen with certainty

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that there is no possibility that the proposed application may have a significant effect on the environment, and will not lead to any direct or reasonably indirect physical environmental impacts. Furthermore, the application is not a project as defined by State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378, because the application is an administrative activity. The application will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment and as such are not project pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. A Notice of Exemption will be filed by the Clerk of the Board within five days of the approval of the application.

The application was also reviewed and determined to be exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and does not alter the environmental requirements of, Title 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 982. Accordingly, under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(5), this NOFA is categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, (42 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.). Furthermore, the application is exempt from the provisions of NEPA pursuant to Title 24 Code of Federal Regulations Sections 58.34 (a)(1) and (a)(3), since the application is an administrative and planning/strategy activity.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved as to form Resolution 2020-005. Staff recommends that the Board formally approve and adopt Resolution No. 2020-005 and authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to submit an application to HUD for the HCV Mobility Demonstration Vouchers (MDVs).

Impact on Residents and Businesses

County of Riverside residents are generally positively impacted by the rental assistance programs the Housing Authority provides. The award of the HCV Mobility Demonstration Vouchers (MDVs) will continue to expand housing choice opportunities to families and continue to provide affordable housing opportunities throughout the County of Riverside.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

There is no general fund cost associated with this agenda item.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution No. 2020-005
- Notice of Exemption and Letter



Marcus Maltese

9/9/2020



Gregory H. Priamos, Director County Counsel

9/2/2020



Original Negative Declaration/Notice of Determination was routed to County Clerks for posting on.

9/17/20
Date

JRG
Initial

Notice of Exemption

To:

Office of Planning and Research

For U.S Mail:
P.O. Box 3044
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

Street Address:
1400 Tenth St.
Sacramento, CA 95814

From:

Public

Agency: County of Riverside
Address: 4080 Lemon Street, Suite 400
Riverside, CA 92501

Contact: Jennifer Graham
Phone: (951) 343-5437

County Clerk

County of: Riverside
2724 Gateway Drive
P.O. Box 751
Address: Riverside, CA 92502-0751

Lead Agency (if different from above):
Address: _____

Contact: _____
Phone: _____

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): _____

Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside Authorizing an Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Participation in the

Project Title: Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Mobility Demonstration

Project Location (include county): County of Riverside

Project Description:

The Housing Authority of the County of Riverside (Housing Authority) is a Public Housing Agency (PHA) as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is authorized by HUD to administer the Housing Choice Voucher, Project-Based Voucher and Homeownership programs throughout the County of Riverside. On July 15, 2020 HUD issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to implement the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) mobility demonstration authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 and the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020. The notice defines PHA eligibility criteria; establishes the application process, including setting forth the factors HUD will employ in rating and ranking PHA applications; and explains the special rules and requirements applicable to PHAs selected for participation in the demonstration.

Project Sponsor: Housing Authority of the County of Riverside

This is to advise that the County of Riverside Board of Commissioners approved the above project on

Lead agency or Responsible Agency

September 15, 2020 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:
(tentative date)

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the application to the NOFA 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 application is for HCV Mobility Demonstration Vouchers and mobility-related services, and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed application may have a significant effect on the environment, and will not lead to any direct or reasonably indirect physical environmental impacts.

Signature: (Public Agency) Jennifer Graham Title: Principal Development Specialist

Date: _____ Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Riverside County Clerk-Recorder

Authorization to Bill by Journal Voucher

To be completed by submitting Agency

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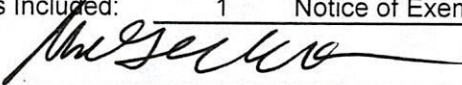
Authorization # _____
Date: 8/24/2020
Agency/Division: Housing Authority of the County of Riverside - Attn: Jennifer Paz
Accounting String:

	FUND	DEPT ID	ACCT
(Interfund)	523230-40600	5600	100000
(Non-Interfund)			

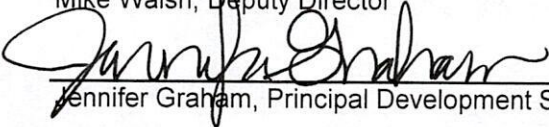
This authorizes the "County Clerk & Recorder Office" to issue a Journal Voucher for payment of all fees for the accompanying documents.

Number of Documents Included: 1 Notice of Exemption - HCV Mobility Demonstration

Authorized by:


Mike Walsh, Deputy Director

Presented by:


Jennifer Graham, Principal Development Specialist

To be completed by County Recorder

Accepted by: _____

Date: _____

Document no(s)/invoice no(s): _____

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-005

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR THE PARTICIPATION IN THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (HCV) MOBILITY DEMONSTRATION; THE EXECUTION OF ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HCV MOBILITY DEMONSTRATION, INCLUDING AMENDMENTS THERETO

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside (“Authority”) is a Public Housing Agency (“PHA”) as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”); and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized by HUD to administer the Housing Choice Voucher, Project-Based Voucher and Homeownership programs (collectively the, “Authority’s Affordable Housing Programs”) throughout the County of Riverside; and

WHEREAS, HUD issued a Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”) to implement the Housing Choice Voucher (“HCV”) mobility demonstration authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 and the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the notice defines Public Housing Agency (“PHA”) eligibility criteria; establishes the application process, including setting forth the factors HUD will employ in rating and ranking PHA applications; and explains the special rules and requirements applicable to PHAs selected for participation in the demonstration; and

WHEREAS, the HCV mobility demonstration aims to provide voucher assistance and mobility-related services to families with children to assist such families to move to lower-poverty areas, to expand their access to opportunity areas, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies pursued under the demonstration; and

WHEREAS, the application due date for the mobility demonstration is October 13, 2020;

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: APD 8/25/2020
AMRIT P. DHILLON DATE

1 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director, or
2 designee, to submit and sign all related documents pertaining to the application of the HCV
3 mobility demonstration;

4 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED** by
5 the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside, State of
6 California ("Board"), in regular session assembled on September 15, 2020, in the meeting room
7 of the Board located on the 1st floor of the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street,
8 Riverside, California, as follows:

- 9 1. That the Board hereby finds and declares that the above Recitals are true, correct and
10 incorporated herein;
- 11 2. That the Board hereby expresses its interest in participating in the HCV mobility
12 demonstration, and its willingness to comply will all applicable requirements and the
13 evaluations, including, but not limited to, the reporting requirements set forth in the
14 NOFA in Section XII entitled "Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements"; and
- 15 3. The Executive Director of the Authority, or designee, is authorized to submit an
16 application to HUD for the HCV mobility demonstration, and is further authorized to
17 execute any related documents to the application, including amendments thereto,
18 necessary to participate in the HCV mobility demonstration.

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20 ROLL CALL:

21 Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
22 Nays: None
23 Absent: None

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

26 Kecia R. Harper, Clerk of said Board

27 By 
28 Deputy



HOUSING AUTHORITY of the County of Riverside

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Indio, CA 92201
(760) 863-2828
(760) 863-2838 FAX
TDD (760) 863-2830

Website:harivco.org

Date: August 24, 2020

To: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
4080 Lemon St, 1st Floor, Suite 127
Riverside CA 92501

From: Jennifer Graham, Principal Development Specialist
Housing Authority of the County of Riverside
5555 Arlington Ave
Riverside, CA 92504

Subject: Notice of Exemption (NOE) – Hearing for Resolution No. 2020-005, A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside Authorizing an Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Participation in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Mobility Demonstration; the Execution of any Related Documents Necessary to Participate in the HCV Mobility Demonstration, Including Amendments Thereto; All Districts [\$0]; CEQA Exempt

The Housing Authority of the County of Riverside is requesting the Clerk of the Board post the attached Notice of Exemption. Authorization to bill by journal voucher is included for your posting fee.

After posting, please return the document to:

Mail Stop #3760
Attention: Jennifer Graham, Principal Development Specialist
Housing Authority of the County of Riverside
5555 Arlington Ave
Riverside, CA 92504

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Graham at 951-343-5437.

Attachment

Cc: file