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



ITEM: 3.17 (ID # 14862)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

FROM: HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS:

SUBJECT: HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS/COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP (HHPWS/CAP): Approve and Direct the Auditor Controller to Make Budget Adjustments for FY 20/21 as Shown on Schedule A for the Use of Additional Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding (Agreement #20F-3671) with the California Department of Community Services and Development. All Districts [\$752,694- CSBG CARES Act Funds 100%]; (4/5th Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- Approve and direct the Auditor Controller to make budget adjustments increasing appropriations and estimated revenues for the Housing, Homelessness Prevention, and Workforce Solutions (HHPWS)/Community Action Partnership by \$752,694 for fiscal year 2020/2021 as shown on Schedule A attached; and
- 2. Authorize the Director of HHPWS/Community Action Partnership, or designee, to take all necessary steps to administer and implement the budget adjustment, including but not limited to: (a) signing subsequent necessary and relevant documents, subject to approval as to form by County Counsel.

ACTION:4/5 Vote Required

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, 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

Navs:

None

Absent:

None

Date:

April 13, 2021

HHPWS, Auditor

Deputy

Kecia R. Harper Clerk of the Board

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$752,694	\$0	\$752,694	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: CSBG Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act 100%			Budget Adjus	tment: Yes
			For Fiscal Yea	ar: 20/21

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Founded in 1980, the Community Action Partnership (CAP) Riverside is part of a national network of more than 1,000 Community Action agencies throughout the United States. CAP Riverside works to strengthen, promote, represent, and serve its community to ensure that priority needs are identified and addressed. CAP Riverside was federally created as part of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, commonly referred to as the "War on Poverty," for the purpose of tailoring services to meet the needs of individuals and families by helping achieve economic stability. CAP Riverside partners with hundreds of public and private entities across the county and administers a wide array of programs designed to train and educate individuals while eliminating poverty in the County Riverside.

On March 27, 2020, Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Pub.L. 116-136) – a \$2.2 trillion economic stimulus bill to address the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. On July 1, 2020, the County of Riverside's Community Action Partnership (CAP) was awarded a 2020 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) contract funded by the CARES Act through the State of California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) for \$3,635,779 with a contract end date of May 2022.

In order to efficiently address the needs of the most vulnerable communities hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, CAP programs were expanded to assist more individuals, families and small businesses throughout Riverside County with the additional funding awarded from CSD. During 1st Quarter, the CARES Act funding was initially budgeted to be distributed equally between Fiscal Year 2020/2021 and Fiscal Year 2021/2022. The \$1.8 million set aside for this fiscal year has been fully expended in the following programs: Energy, Cool & Warm Centers, Mediation, Asset Building, and Youth Programs. There has been an increase in demand for services for the Energy program. The Energy program provides a one-time assistance to low and moderate-income individuals and families to pay for utility services such as water, trash, sewer, and internet as well as technology needs such as laptops and wireless internet. In order to continue to respond to the community without residents experiencing a delay or break in programs and services, a budget adjustment in the amount of \$752,694 for FY 20/21 is requested.

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Staff recommends that the Board approve the request to increase the budget for FY 20/21 to continue to administer the Energy Program.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

Individuals and families living in poverty and/or that have been negatively impacted by COVID will significantly benefit from the CSBG CARES funding. The funds will be used for the Energy program that provides relief to Riverside County residents unable to pay their utility bills.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

There will be no impact on the County's general fund. 100% of the funding is provided by the State.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Schedule A - Budget Adjustments

Gregory . Prianos, Director County Counsel 4/6/2021

SCHEDULE A Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions Budget Adjustment Fiscal Year 2020/2021

Increase in Appropriations:

21050-5500500000-527780

Special Program

\$752,694

Increase in Estimated Revenues:

21050-5500500000-767200

Fed-Block Grants

\$752,694

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