

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



**ITEM: 3.31
(ID # 26125)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, November 05, 2024

FROM : HOUSING AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

SUBJECT: HOUSING AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS (HWS): Adopt Resolution No. 2024-219, Approving an Additional Funding Allocation for the County of Riverside's Home Rehabilitation Program ("HRP Program"); and Approve an Allocation up to \$1,700,000 in ARPA Funds for the HRP Program with 5% set aside for program administration; District 5. [\$1,700,000 – 100% Federal ARPA Funds]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-219, Approving an Additional Funding Allocation for the County of Riverside's Home Rehabilitation Program (HRP Program) administered by the Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS);
2. Reallocate and approve \$1,700,000 in funding previously allocated to the Hire District 5 Program approved on June 27, 2023 to the HRP Program derived from the Fifth Supervisorial District's ARPA Allocation;
3. Approve and Authorize the Director of Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS), or designee, to reallocate an additional not to exceed amount of \$5,000,000 of ARPA funds for the HRP Program, from funds previously allocated to housing and workforce related programs within the Fifth Supervisorial District's ARPA Allocation, if funds become available; and
4. Authorize the use of up to 5% of allocated ARPA funds to pay direct County staff related and delivery costs for the HRP Program.

ACTION:Policy


Heidi Marshall, Director 9/30/2024

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: November 5, 2024
xc: HWS

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$1,700,000	\$ 0	\$1,700,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	24/25

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On October 19, 2021, the Board of Supervisors allocated \$50,000,000 for the purpose of addressing homelessness through development of affordable housing and providing shelter. The \$50,000,000 allocation was further divided into five \$10,000,000 investments to each Supervisorial District. The funding allocated by the Board was the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) allocated to the County as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 (Pub. L 117-2). The ARPA funds are to focus on projects and/or programs that will increase the supply of permanent supportive housing which are critical to addressing homelessness. On February 27, 2024 (agenda item 3.50), the Board allocated \$6,200,000 in ARPA funds for various housing and workforce related programs within the Fifth Supervisorial District of County of Riverside (Fifth District), of which \$1,000,000 was allocated for this proposed housing rehabilitation program.

On March 5, 2024 (Minute Order 3.9), the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 2024-052, approving an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 in ARPA funds derived from the Fifth District's allocation, to be used by the County's Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS) to administer the Home Rehabilitation Program (HRP Program); and Resolution 2024-053, delegating to the Director of HWS, or designee the authority to: (i) approve, issue, and modify grants to qualified Fifth District households in an amount not exceeding \$50,000, in accordance with the HRP Program guidelines, and (ii) draft, negotiate, approve and execute essential and relevant documents, including but not limited to, program Grant Documents for qualified households, such as grant agreements, covenant agreements, and other agreements, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions precedent for the benefit of the County, and further subject to approval as to form by County Counsel.

The HRP Program offers grant funds, derived from the Fifth District's ARPA Allocation, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to eligible residents of the Fifth District making at or below 65% of the Area Median Income for purposes which include, but are not limited to, energy efficiency measures, health and safety of the occupants, and other items necessary to bring their homes into code compliance. A priority was placed on mobile homes that are located within mobile home parks that are not currently eligible for the Riverside County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded Home Enhancement Program.

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To directly address substandard housing units, maintain and extend the life of existing affordable housing inventory, correct health and safety hazards in deteriorated housing units, and improve the quality of life for the homeowner population of the Fifth District, Staff recommends approval of the additional ARPA funds and direct project staffing and delivery costs in an amount not to exceed 5% of ARPA funds as follows:

HRP Program – Programmatic	\$ 1,615,000	ARPA Project Funding
HRP Program – Admin.	\$ 85,000	Direct Project Staffing and Delivery Costs (5%)
Total	\$ 1,700,000	

If additional funds are available from the previously allocated \$6,200,000 in ARPA funds for various programs within the Fifth District, Staff recommends approval to accept an additional allocation of these ARPA funds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 for the HRP Program.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The additional ARPA funds for the HRP Program will at a minimum, reduce the number of substandard units by approximately 52, rather than 20, within the Fifth District of the County of Riverside, generate temporary rehabilitation construction jobs, maintain, and extend the life of the existing affordable housing inventory, and improve the quality of life for the homeowner population. Furthermore, the rehabilitation improvements may increase property values and provide additional property tax revenue to the local jurisdictions.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution 2024-219


Brianita Lontajo, Principal Management Analyst 10/16/2024


Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 10/1/2024

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-219
APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE COUNTY OF
RIVERSIDE’S HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, to address the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, President Joseph R. Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (“Act”), and on January 6, 2022, the U.S. Treasury adopted a Final Rule implementing the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds “SLFRF”;

WHEREAS, state, territorial, local and tribal governments must comply with the Final Rule by April 1, 2022, when the Final Rule took effect;

WHEREAS, the Act, the regulations promulgated in 31 CFR Part 35, and the Final Rule (collectively, the “ARPA Rules”) provide that SLFRF may be used for homeownership assistance, investing in affordable housing preservation and repairs, and rehabilitation or demolition of blighted or abandoned properties;

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2021, via Minute Order 3.5, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside approved allocating \$50,000,000 in ARPA funds to increase shelter capacity, permanent supportive housing units and affordable housing to help address homelessness. The \$50,000,000 allocation was further divided into five (5) \$10,000,000 investments to each supervisorial districts; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2024, via Minute Order 3.9, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside adopted Resolution No. 2024-052, approving an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 in ARPA funds derived from the Fifth Supervisorial District’s allocation, to be used by the COUNTY’s Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions (“HWS”) to administer the Home Rehabilitation Program (“HRP PROGRAM”). The HRP Program provides home rehabilitation and enhancement services to directly address substandard housing units, maintain and extend the life of existing affordable housing inventory, correct health and safety hazards in deteriorated housing units, and improve the quality of life for the low-income homeowner population of the Fifth District of County of Riverside.

*RESOLUTION NO. 2024-219
Housing and Workforce Solutions*

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: PAULA S. SALCIDO
DATE: 10-31-2024

1 **WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2024, via Minute Order 3.9, the Board of Supervisors of the
2 County of Riverside adopted Resolution No. 2024-053, delegating to the Director of HWS, or
3 designee the authority to: (i) approve, issue, and modify grants to qualified Fifth District
4 households in an amount not exceeding \$50,000, in accordance with the HRP Program
5 guidelines, and (ii) draft, negotiate, approve and execute essential and relevant documents,
6 including but not limited to, program Grant Documents for qualified households, such as grant
7 agreements, covenant agreements, and other agreements, subject to the satisfaction of certain
8 conditions precedent for the benefit of the County, and further subject to approval as to form by
9 County Counsel.

10 **WHEREAS**, on June 27, 2023, via Minute Order 3.53, the Board of Supervisors of the
11 County of Riverside approved and allocated \$846,000.00 to Hire District 5 Program from the
12 Fifth Supervisorial District’s ARPA allocation, and now \$1,700,000 of previously allocated
13 funds shall be reallocated for the Riverside Home Rehabilitation Program.

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED** by
15 the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, (“Board”), in regular
16 session assembled on November 5, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. or soon thereafter, in the meeting room of
17 the Board located on the 1st floor of the County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street,
18 Riverside, California, that this Board does hereby determine and declare as follows:

- 19 1. That the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated as though set forth herein.
- 20 2. Subject to any restrictions on the use of ARPA funds and Department of Treasury
21 regulations, the Board of Supervisors agrees to allocate an additional \$1,700,000 from
22 the Fifth Supervisorial District’s ARPA allocation, for a total of \$2,700,000, to fund the
23 Home Rehabilitation Program administered by HWS.
- 24 3. Approve and Authorize the Director of Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS), or
25 designee, to accept an additional allocation of ARPA funds in an amount not to exceed
26 \$5,000,000 for the HRP Program derived from Fifth Supervisorial District’s ARPA
27 Allocation, if available;
- 28 4. HWS will administer the HRP Program in accordance with Resolution No. 2024-052,

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Resolution No. 2024-053, and the HRP Program guidelines, approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 5, 2024, via Minute Order 3.9.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Jeffries, Washington, Spiegel, Perez, and Gutierrez

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

By:  _____
Deputy