

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



ITEM: 3.33
(ID # 26835)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, January 14, 2025

FROM : RUHS-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Ratify and Approve Agreement #25-26-025-00 with the Riverside County Transportation Commission for the Western Riverside County Measure A Specialized Transit Program Grant, in the amount of \$1,969,070, for FY 2024/2025 through FY 2026/2027 Districts 1,2,3,5, [Total Grant Amount \$1,308,997, Total Match Fund Amount \$660,073, Total Cost \$1,969,070, 66% RCTC, 34% State]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and approve Agreement #25-26-025-00 with the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) for the Western Riverside County Measure A Specialized Transit Program Grant for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$1,308,997; and
2. Authorize the Director of Behavioral Health or designee to accept and sign documents related to Agreement #25-26-025-00 and administer the grant. This authority shall include the signature of necessary acceptance documents, exhibits, certifications, reports, and amendments that stay within the intent of the agreement, as approved by County Counsel.

ACTION:Policy

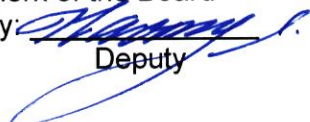

Matthew Chang, Director 12/17/2024

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: January 14, 2025
xc: RUHS-BH

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	\$ 649,601	\$ 646,799	\$ 1,969,070	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 66% RCTC, 34% STATE			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 24/25 – 26/27	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Riverside University Health System - Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH) operates a continuum of care system that consists of County-operated and contracted service providers delivering a variety of mental health treatment services within each geographic region of Riverside County.

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) specialized transit program is grant-funded by the Measure A initiative, which was voter-approved in 1988. The Measure A initiative is Riverside County's first half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements in Riverside County. This program aims to offer public transportation programs for older adults, persons with disabilities, and low-income individuals in Western Riverside County.

On March 14, 2024, RUHS-BH applied for the Western Riverside County Measure A Specialized Transit Program Grant with the Transporting Change Project. RUHS-BH was subsequently awarded \$1,308,997 for three fiscal years and received the final agreement in October of 2024, after a period of negotiations, to provide door-to-door non-emergency transportation for eligible clients of RUHS-BH to attend mental health and medical appointments, pharmacy pick-up, court appointments, and appointments to apply for State aid. Transportation is a critical component in promoting access to necessary services.

RUHS-BH uses the program to support mental health consumers who have no personal transportation option, and limited access to public transportation due to the limitations imposed by their mental illness. As such, the lack of transportation severely impedes the consumer's ability to participate in group and/or individual therapy sessions that are the foundation of recovery. Providing consumers with doctor and clinic appointments and medication pickup enables them to achieve and maintain their optimal level of healthy personal and social functioning.

Therefore, RUHS-BH is requesting that the Board of Supervisors approve Grant Award #25-26-025-00 to accept funds from RCTC, in the amount of \$1,308,997 and authorize the Director of Behavioral Health to sign any future related documents and amendments.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

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These transportation services are a key component of the RUHS-BH system of care, aimed at improving the health and safety of our clients and the community.

Additional Fiscal Information

No additional County Funds are required, and grant funds will be paid to RUHS-BH Monthly and in arrears via invoice submission.

CLERK'S COPY

to Riverside County Clerk of the Board, Stop 1010
Post Office Box 1147, Riverside, Ca 92502-1147
Thank you.

Agreement No. 25-26-025-00

**Riverside County Transportation Commission
Western Riverside County Measure A Specialized Transit Program
FY2024/2025, FY2025/2026 and FY2026/2027**

**FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM –
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

1. Parties and Date. This Agreement is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2024, by and between the Riverside County Transportation Commission, hereinafter referred to as "RCTC", and County of Riverside, a political subdivision of the State of California, on behalf of Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health, hereinafter referred to as "Recipient". The term of this Agreement shall not commence until the Effective Date, as set forth below.

2. Recitals.

2.1 In 1988 the voters of Riverside County approved Measure A, imposing a one-half (1/2) percent sales tax within Riverside County to fund transportation programs and improvements.

2.2 In 2002 the voters of Riverside County approved a thirty (30) year extension of the one-half (1/2) percent Measure A sales tax within Riverside County for the continued funding of transportation programs and improvements.

2.3 RCTC has developed a specialized transit program to provide discount fares and expanded transit services for seniors, persons with disabilities, and the truly needy, as mandated by Measure A, under which RCTC has contracted with other entities to develop and implement transportation services and programs for these specialized groups.

2.4 Recipient has prepared and submitted to RCTC a grant application, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", to provide transportation services (the "Proposal").

2.5 The Proposal submitted by Recipient describes certain priority projects which RCTC has determined merit funding.

2.6 Funding for the Project shall be provided pursuant to the terms contained in this Agreement in the form of Measure A funds.

2.7 Recipient shall utilize the funding allocated and distributed by RCTC solely for the Project.