

ITEM: 3.18 (ID # 27150) MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 18, 2025

FROM : HOUSING AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

SUBJECT: HOUSING AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS (HWS): Adopt Resolution No. 2025-067, Ratifying and Approving an Application for the 2024 Emergency Solutions Grant Program, Continuum of Care (CoC) Allocation, and Authorize the Director of HWS to Execute the Standard Agreement and any Amendments thereto, Funding Requests, and relevant documents with the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development, and to Accept funds and Administer the 2024 ESG Program CoC Grant as the Administrative Entity for the Riverside City & County CoC; All Districts. [Potential Funding up to \$1,653,297 - 100% State]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-067, Ratifying and Authorizing the Director of Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS), or designee, to:
 - a. Apply for the 2024 Federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, Continuum of Care (CoC) Allocation grant for FY 2024-2027;
 - b. Accept the 2024 ESG Program CoC grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,653,297;
 - c. Execute all Applications, the Standard Agreement, Funding Request, and any subsequent amendments thereto, with the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development for the 2024 ESG Program CoC grant, as well as any other documents related to the 2024 ESG Program for the CoC allocation of the 2024 ESG CoC grant award, as approved as to form by County Counsel and consistent with the Board's approval; and
 - d. Administer the 2024 ESG Program CoC grant, in collaboration with and as the Administrative Entity for the Riverside City and County CoC.

ACTION:A-30, Policy

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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:	March 18, 2025
XC:	HWS

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	То	tal Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$551,099	\$ 551,099	\$1,653,297		\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$ 0	\$0 \$0		
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% State – Emergency Solutions Grant Budget Adjustment No					
			For Fiscal Y	'ear: 24/25 – 26/27	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

<u>Summary</u>

On December 26, 2024, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced the availability of approximately \$12 million in new federal funds for Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program. Funding for this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is made available pursuant to Subtitle B of the Title IV of the McKinney-Veto Homeless Assistance Act. HCD administers the ESG program with funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Grant funds are allocated to eligible Continuum of Care (CoC) service areas.

ESG funding may be used to: (1) engage individuals and families experiencing homelessness; (2) rapidly re-house individuals and families experiencing homelessness; (3) help operate and provide essential services in emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families: and (4) prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless.

The Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS) services as the Administrative Entity and Collaborative Applicant for the Riverside City and County Continuum of Care (CoC), and in this role, prepares grant applications and administers homeless assistance programs like ESG. Per HCD's ESG CoC NOFA requirements, HWS requests that the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 2025-067, which includes approval for an award amount three times the 2024 ESG CoC estimated allocation to the Riverside City and County CoC. Award amounts are frequently recalculated and are subject to change, and this will allow HWS to accept a higher amount of funds in case the Riverside City & County CoC are eligible to receive an increased allocation.

Fiscal Year	Cost
24/25	\$551,099
25/26	\$551,099
26/27	\$551,099
Total	\$1,653,297

As part of the application process, HWS is required to complete a fair and open competition, submit the award package, and obtain a resolution authorizing the Director of HWS to execute all documents related to the application for ESG funds and submittal of fund requests, including

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the Standard Agreement with HCD, it will enter into contracts with eligible service providers, as approved by the Board of Supervisors. These subrecipient agreements will come before the County of Board of Supervisors for approval.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

In collaboration with the CoC for the Riverside County service area, the County of Riverside along with its service providers will continue to improve the lives of men, women, and children experiencing homelessness through local planning efforts and through the direct housing and services program funded under the FY 24/25 – FY 26/27 competition.

ATTACHMENT:

Resolution No.2025-067

3/12/2025

3/11/2025

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-067

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE 2024-2027 FUNDING YEAR OF THE STATE ESG PROGRAM, HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION ("HP") ACTIVITY NOFA.

A necessary quorum and majority of the Board of Supervisors ("Governing Board") of the County of Riverside in the State of California, hereby consent to, adopt and ratify the following resolution:

- A. WHEREAS, the State of California (the "State"), Department of Housing and Community Development ("Department") issued a Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA")
- B. dated December 31, 2024 under the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program (Program and ESG Program); and
- C. WHEREAS Applicant is an approved Subrecipient or Contractor.

Section 1. Applicant is an approved Governing Board by their Continuum of Care and is hereby authorized and directed to receive an ESG Program grant, in an amount not to exceed one million, six hundred fifty three thousand, two hundred and ninety seven dollars (\$1,653,297), in accordance with all applicable rules and laws.

Section 2. Applicant hereby affirms that if ESG Program funds remain available for allocation after the deadline for submitting an application, and if the Department advises Applicant that Applicant is eligible for an additional allocation from these remaining funds, Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to accept this additional allocation of funds ("Additional ESG Allocation") up to the amount authorized by Department but not to exceed \$275,550

Section 3. Applicant hereby affirms that the ESG Program funds and allocation amounts published under the NOFA represent three consecutive Annual Funding Cycles; the second and third Annual Funding Cycles are estimated amounts only, and actual amounts, if any, are contingent upon the Department receiving an annual grant agreement from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Section4. The Department may approve funding allocations for the ESG Program, subject to the terms and conditions of the NOFA, Program regulations, Program guidelines, and the Standard Agreement. The Applicant acknowledges compliance with all state and federal public participation requirements in the development of its applications.

Section 5. If Applicant receives a grant of ESG Program funds from the Department pursuant to the above referenced ESG Program NOFA, it represents and certifies that it will use all such funds in a manner consistent and in compliance with all applicable state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, laws, and guidelines, including without limitation all rules and laws regarding the ESG Program, all as may be subsequently amended from time to time, as well as any and all other contracts Applicant may have with the Department.

Section 6. The Applicant hereby authorizes and directs the Director, or designee, to execute and deliver all applications and act on the Applicant's behalf in all matters pertaining to all such applications.

Section 7. If an application is approved, the Director, or designee, is authorized and directed to act on behalf of Applicant in connection with the ESG Allocation Award and any Additional ESG Allocation enter into, execute and deliver the grant agreement (*i.e.*, Standard Agreement) and any and all subsequent amendments thereto with the State of California for the purposes of the grant.

Section 8. If an application is approved, the Director, or designee*, is authorized to sign and submit Funds Requests and all required reporting forms and other documentation as may be required by the State of California from time to time in connection with the grant

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside held on March 18 2025 by the following vote:

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V. MANUEL PEREZ , Chair County of Riverside Board of Supervisors

AYES: <u>5</u> NOES: 0

ABSTENTIONS: D

OR. Clerk

ABSTAIN: 🜔

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6	OF THE STATE ESG PROGRAM, HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION ("HP") ACTIVITY NOFA.				
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8	ROLL CALL:				
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10	Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez				
11	Nays: None				
12	Absent: None				
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15	The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of				
16	Supervisors on the date therein set forth.				
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18	KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board				
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1	I, Kimberly Rector, Clerk of the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors, State of California, here certify the above and foregoing to be a full true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board				
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6	: Kunber Spectes				
7	/ Signature				
8	By: Clerk of the Board				
9	Date Attested: MAR 1 8 2025				
10	Date Attested.				
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12	I, Paula S. Salcido, am a Deputy County Counsel for County of Riverside State of California, and as such,				
13	am familiar with the facts herein and do hereby certify as follows:				
14	1. That the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors, duly formed, validly existing and duly qualified to transact business in the State of California, with full power and authority to enter into agreements				
15	with the Department of Housing and Community Development ("Department").				
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19	By: Paula S. Salcido, Deputy County Counsel				
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