

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



ITEM: 3.45  
(ID # 28639)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Monday, September 22, 2025

**FROM :** RUHS-PUBLIC HEALTH

**SUBJECT:** RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM- PUBLIC HEALTH: Ratify and Approve the Riverside University Health System (RUHS) Foundation Funding Agreement for the Community Health Workers (CHW) and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Programs Support for the Period of Performance of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. All Districts [Total amount \$485,025; 100% Local] [4/5 vote; Budget Adjustment]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and approve the Riverside University Health System (RUHS) Foundation Funding Agreement for the Community Health Workers (CHW) and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Programs Support for the period of performance of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026 for a total amount of \$485,025;
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the agreement on behalf of the County;
3. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustment as detailed on the attached Schedule A; and
4. Authorize the Director of Public Health, or designee, based on the availability of fiscal funding and as approved as to form by County Counsel, to: (a) sign all reports, certifications, forms, and subsequent amendments to the Funding Agreement that exercise the options of the agreement, including modifications of the statement of work that stay within the intent of the Agreement.

**ACTION: Policy**

**ACTION: 4/5 Vote Required, A-30, Consent, Policy**

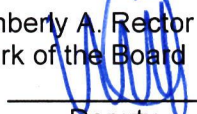
  
Kim Saruwatari, Director of Public Health 9/4/2025

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Washington 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: September 22, 2025  
xc: RUHS-PH, Auditor

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$485,025	\$0	\$485,025	\$0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 100% Local			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> Yes	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 25/26	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

Riverside University Health System (RUHS) Foundation has various funded programs across Behavioral Health, Public Health, child abuse prevention, Community Health Clinics, and the Medical Center infrastructure in Riverside County. RUHS Foundation was awarded the Roots and Wings Foundation funding and agreed to transfer funds to RUHS-Public Health (RUHS-PH) to fulfill the objectives of the grant.

Roots & Wings is a family foundation established in 2020 by Judy and Gordon Faulkner, dedicated to helping children grow strong from their roots up. The foundation invests in four key areas: basic needs, early learning, safety & justice, and health by funding nonprofit organizations that support low-income children and families. Their focus is on preventive, intensive programming designed to help children reach their full developmental potential.

The funding will specifically support the Community Health Workers (CHWs) and administrative staff within the Supplemental Nutrition Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program which provides services to children ages 0-3 years old throughout Riverside County. RUHS-PH will implement the program and deliver services directly to residents with all grant funds allocated to cover the program's operational costs. This collaboration reflects a shared commitment to early childhood development and the long-term well-being of children and families in our community.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

Through the preventive care services provided by the CHWs, Riverside County residents will be supported, helping the population of children from birth through age three (0-3) reach their full developmental potential and improve their health outcomes.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

There is no impact to County General Funds. 100% of funds received will be local. Funding received from the RUHS Foundation will be used to support the program costs for FY25/26, including salaries, benefits, supervision, operating, and overhead costs.

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ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A. Funding Agreement with Riverside University Health System Foundation

ATTACHMENT B. Schedule A

  
Brett Austin, Supervising Accountant

9/4/2025

  
Douglas Cordonez Jr.

9/15/2025

  
Gregg Gu, Chief of Deputy County Counsel

9/9/2025

**July 1, 2025**

Riverside University Health System Foundation is pleased to inform you that it has approved payment disbursement in the amount of \$485,025.00 (Roots & Wings Foundation Funds) to Riverside County, a political subdivision of the State of California, on behalf of Riverside University Health System - Public Health (Riverside County Department of Public Health). This Funding Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the **Riverside University Health System Foundation** (“RUHS Foundation”) and **Riverside University Health System – Public Health** (“Recipient” or “RUHS-PH”), collectively referred to as the “Parties.”

### **1. Purpose of the Roots & Wings Foundation Funding**

RUHS Foundation agrees to transfer funds in the amount of **\$485,025.00** (“Funds”) to RUHS-PH for the sole purpose of supporting **Community Health Workers (CHW) and administrative staff within the WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Program**. The funded activities must focus on serving children from **birth through age three (0-3)** and helping them reach their full developmental potential. Program costs include salaries, benefits, supervision, operating, and overhead.

### **2. Term and Use of Funds**

The Funds must be used during the period of **July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026**, unless otherwise extended in writing. All funds shall be used solely for the purposes outlined in this Agreement and as described in the attached Exhibit A.

RUHS-PH shall not:

- Use funds to support political activities or lobbying.
- Redirect funds to other departments or third-party agencies.
- Use funds for any purpose not directly tied to the stated purpose without prior written approval from RUHS Foundation.

### **3. Reporting Requirements**

RUHS-PH agrees to provide:

- A **mid-term progress summary** by January 15, 2026 providing staffing updates on the CHWs funded.
- A **final report** by July 10, 2026 summarizing how funds were used and overall outcomes or milestones achieved related to child development.

### **4. Oversight and Records**

RUHS-PH agrees to maintain complete and accurate records of how funds are spent and will make such records available upon request for review by RUHS Foundation or its auditors.

**Foundation**

**5. Unspent Funds and Termination**

Any unspent funds at the conclusion of the funding period must be returned to RUHS Foundation unless otherwise agreed in writing. RUHS Foundation reserves the right to terminate this Agreement and/or request return of funds if:

- Funds are misused or not aligned with the stated purpose.
- Reports are not submitted in a timely manner.
- There is non-compliance with county or legal regulations.

**6. Compliance and Legal Obligations**

RUHS-PH shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws, including HIPAA, and county policies and procedures. The parties agree that this Agreement does not create an employment, joint venture, or partnership relationship.


**7. Amendments**

This Agreement may be amended only by written agreement signed by authorized representatives of both Parties.


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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

**Riverside University Health System  
Foundation**

**Signature**   
**Name** Berangere Robertson-Tucker  
**Title** Director of Operations  
**Date** July 30, 2025

**Riverside University Health System -  
Public Health**

**Signature**   
**Name** **V. MANUEL PEREZ**  
**Title** **CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Date** SEP 22 2025

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVE AS TO FORM:**

ATTEST:  
Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board

By: 

**DEPUTY**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Minh C. Tran  
County Counsel

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Deputy County Counsel

### **Exhibit A: Program Description and Funding Details**

- **Program Name:** WIC Program CHW Expansion
- **Target Population:** Children ages 0–3 and their caregivers
- **Description:** Funds will support the salaries of Community Health Workers and administrative staff embedded in WIC clinics throughout Riverside County who provide early developmental support, screenings, health education, and connections to resources for families with young children.
- **Total Amount:** \$485,025.00
- **Funding Period:** July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026
- **Reports due:** January 15, 2026 and July 10, 2026
  - A **mid-term progress summary** by January 15, 2026 should include staffing updates (CHWs funded)
  - A **final report** by July 10, 2026 summarizing how funds were used and overall outcomes or milestones achieved related to child development.

**SCHEDULE A**  
**RUHS - Public Health**  
**Fiscal Year 25/26**

**INCREASE IN APPROPRIATION(S):**

FUND	DEPTID	ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESC	AMOUNT
10000	4200100000	510320	Temporary Salaries	\$331,873
10000	4200100000	510040	Regular Salaries	\$23,265
10000	4200100000	518100	Budgeted Benefits	\$12,796
10000	4200100000	523680	Office Equip Non Fixed Assets	\$12,554
10000	4200100000	523700	Office Supplies	\$12,554
10000	4200100000	524500	Administrative Support-Direct	\$91,983
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<b>TOTAL INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS:</b>				<b>\$485,025</b>

**INCREASE IN ESTIMATED REVENUE:**

FUND	DEPTID	ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESC	AMOUNT
10000	4200100000	781360	Other Misc Revenue	\$485,025
<b>TOTAL INCREASE IN ESTIMATED REVENUES:</b>				<b>\$485,025</b>

Variance \$-