

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #:

DATE: 7/21/22

SUBJECT: 2022 CSBG Contract MT#17928

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the 2022 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Funding in the Amount of \$2,672,059 and Ratify and Approve Agreement Number 22F-5032 from the State of California's Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) to Provide Community-Based Services for Community Action Partnership (CAP) Clients throughout Riverside County; All Districts. [\$2,672,059 - 100% State of California Department of Community Services and Development Funds]

BACKGROUND: Community Action Partnership (CAP Riverside) originated from President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty and from the advocacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. CAP Riverside is part of a network of national organizations of more than 1,000 Community Action Agencies (CAAs) that are designed to lift residents out of poverty and promote upward mobility. CAAs are funded through the federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program which is distributed to the State of California's Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) and then on to CAP Riverside. Funding levels are determined by a formula process which utilizes national, state and local poverty data.

CAP Riverside utilizes the annual CSBG allocation to provide anti-poverty programming and services to Riverside County residents. These programs and services are determined by the Community Needs Assessment and Community Action Plan which are conducted every two years. In response to the latest identified needs assessment results, CAP Riverside will utilize the 2022 CSBG allocation and leverage with other funding sources to provide immediate stabilizing supports to low-income residents and programming that promotes economic mobility. These services and programs include youth mentoring and employment, asset building programs, access to technology, cool and warm centers, nonprofit capacity building, as well as funding for delegate agencies that address specifically identified needs such as access to affordable childcare, food assistance, housing, and employment opportunities.

The following table provides outcomes based on current funding levels:

Services Provided	Outcomes
Youth Employment	Provide youth employment opportunities to low-income high school juniors and seniors.
Asset Building	Provide opportunities for residents to save toward education, business, and home ownership and receive matching funds.
Access to Technology	Partner with county agencies to provide hundreds of laptops to residents to bridge the digital divide.
Cool & Warm Centers	Provide a safe space for up to 40,000 residents to escape extreme temperatures and save on their utility bills.
Nonprofit Capacity Building	Fund at least ten (10) nonprofit startups to help them with costs associated with establishing their nonprofit status.
Delegate Agencies	Fund five (5) delegate agencies that address community needs such as access to childcare, food assistance, housing, and employment serving hundreds of low-income residents countywide.

CAP Riverside will also utilize the 2022 CSBG allocation for new initiatives. CAP Riverside will create and coordinate long-lasting collaborations that connect partners, resources, and ideas that can lead to initiatives with collective impact models and pool multi-level, cross sectoral funding. Additionally, CAP Riverside will hire grant writing services to help CAP secure more funding that partners can utilize on the ground that can leverage other funding CAP receives.

CONTRACTING AND PRICE REASONABLENESS: N/A

COMMUNITY IMPACT/ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN: The Agreement between CSD and CAP sets forth the terms for administration of the CSBG funds from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, and an extension period (if requested) from January 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023 for fiscal year 2022-2023, that will directly fund all operations and programming.

IMPACT ON CURRENT CAP OPERATIONS: The 2022 CSBG allocation will allow CAP Riverside to continue funding operational support with a staff that consists of 59 full-time employees. Staff is strategically deployed across Riverside County at offices located in Riverside, Hemet, Mecca, Desert Hot Springs, and Blythe to meet the geographical needs of the community.

<p>PE&F COMMITTEE REVIEW: Date: Approval: Yes/No</p> <p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REVIEW: Date: Approval: Yes/No</p>	<p>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCURRENCE</p> <p>Required: Yes/No</p>
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