

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #:

DATE: 7/21/22

SUBJECT: LIHWAP 2022 Grant Award MT#18637

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-114, Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside Authorizing the Director of the Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions/Community Action Partnership to Apply for, Accept and Administer the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Grant Received from the California Department of Community Services and Development; and Accept the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) 2022 Grant Award from the State of California's Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) to Provide Utility (Water & Sewer) Assistance for Qualified Low-income Residents Throughout Riverside County; All Districts. [\$4,348,367 - 100% State of California Department of Community Services and Development Funds]

BACKGROUND: The State of California's Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) sponsors the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) grant program. This program provides local agencies with the financial resources to assist with water and sewer utility costs for dwellings belonging to low-income individuals.

CSD has awarded the County of Riverside's Community Action Partnership (CAP) an initial award of \$822,664 and CAP anticipates a total of \$4,348,367 in funding to serve as the Project Sponsor for Riverside County. CAP has previously administered other CSD utility assistance programs for many years. As Project Sponsor, CAP qualifies, coordinates, and approves utility assistance payments to County of Riverside residents from this fund; however, the payments are made directly from CSD to the various utility companies. CAP does not have access to that portion of the grant money.

The total 2022 LIHWAP award shall be expended as follows:

Outreach/Eligibility Determination 10%	\$470,094
Administration 15%	\$352,570
Utility Assistance (sewer & water) 75%	\$3,525,703
Total Agency Contract	\$4,348,367

CONTRACTING AND PRICE REASONABLENESS: N/A

COMMUNITY IMPACT/ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN: CAP has previously administered other CSD utility assistance programs for many years. As Project Sponsor, CAP qualifies, coordinates, and approves utility assistance payments to County of Riverside residents from this fund; however, the payments are made directly from CSD to the various utility companies. CAP does not have access to that portion of the grant money.

IMPACT ON CURRENT CAP OPERATIONS: The LIHWAP 2022 contract will provide \$4,348,367 in funds for outreach, eligibility determination, administration, and direct payments to utility companies on behalf of qualified low-income applicants for utility assistance (sewer and water).

<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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