

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #:

DATE: 01/19/23

SUBJECT: 2023 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Contract

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and File the 2023 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Contract between CAP Riverside and the State of California's Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; All Districts; [\$3,006,351]

BACKGROUND: Founded in 1980, the Community Action Partnership of Riverside County (CAP Riverside) is part of a national network of more than 1,000 Community Action agencies throughout the United States. CAP Riverside works to strengthen, promote, represent, and serve its community to ensure that priority needs are identified and addressed. CAP Riverside was federally created as part of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, commonly referred to as the "War on Poverty," for the purpose of tailoring services to meet the needs of individuals and families by helping achieve economic stability. CAP Riverside partners with hundreds of public and private entities across the county and administers a wide array of programs designed to train and educate individuals while eliminating poverty in the County Riverside.

The State of California's Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) sponsors the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) grants that provides local agencies with the financial resources to provide community service programs low-income individuals.

CAP Riverside will provide direct and indirect 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 2023 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, mediation, tax preparation, 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. CAP Riverside will also utilize the 2023 CSBG allocation for new initiatives to 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.

CONTRACTING AND PRICE REASONABLENESS: N/A

COMMUNITY IMPACT/ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN: The Agreement between CSD and CAP Riverside sets forth the terms for administration of the CSBG funds from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, and an extension period (if requested) from January 1, 2024, through May 31, 2024, for fiscal year 2023-2024, that will directly fund all operations and programming.

IMPACT ON CURRENT CAP OPERATIONS: The 2024 CSBG allocation will allow CAP Riverside to continue funding operational support with a staff that consists of 52 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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