



**STAFF REPORT**  
**4/26/2023**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Jacob Alvarez, Assistant to the City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Approve a contribution to Coachella Valley Association of Governments' CV Housing First program in the amount of \$100,000 for current Fiscal Year 2022-23 and MOU

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that Council approve the \$100,000 contribution to the Coachella Valley Association of Governments CV Housing First Program for FY 2022/23 and establish an MOU with a 2 year term FY 2023/24 and FY 2024/25 with funding in the amount of \$100,000 for each year.

**BACKGROUND:**

**CVAG Homelessness Request for Funding-**

The City of Coachella as well as other communities within the Coachella Valley have collaborated on homelessness with CVAG since the opening and operation of Roy's Desert Resource Center, which has since closed its doors. This facility closed as of July 2017 and as a result, CVAG and its Homelessness Committee considered other options. As a result, CVAG is in its second year of operating the CV Housing First Program

The CV Housing First Program is focused on the CV200, which is a list of chronically homeless individuals residing in Coachella Valley cities that have frequent contacts with law enforcement and who are likely to be shelter resistant or who have already fallen out of housing. This list was developed with the help of CVAG's member jurisdictions and local law enforcement.

CVAG Housing First staff help with overcoming barriers that keep people from attaining housing. These barriers include identification paperwork to: qualify for benefits, attain housing, seek mental health and substance abuse support, apply for employment, and mainstream benefits. Additionally, CVAG's crisis stabilization units all CV200 individuals to housing. These units can be apartments and local hotel rooms where clients can stay up to 90 days that keep them off the streets.

The last payment the City of Coachella provided to CVAG for homelessness was issued August 2022 for Fiscal Year 2021/22. Therefore, CVAG is looking for a CV Housing First program

payment for the current Fiscal Year 2022/23. Additionally, CVAG is looking to execute a new MOU (see Exhibit 1) to seek funding for up to the next two years.

Currently, three (Indian Wells, Palm Desert, and Palm Springs) cities have paid for the Fiscal Year 22/23. The other cities along with their MOU status are as follows:

City	Paid for FY 22/23	MOU Status
Cathedral City	Awaiting Payment	Approved
Coachella	Awaiting Payment	Underconsideration
Desert Hot Springs	Awaiting Payment	Pending with City Staff
Indian Wells	\$100,000	Approved
Indio	Awaiting Payment	Approved
La Quinta	Awaiting Payment	Calendar-year MOU pending with City
Palm Desert	\$100,000	Approved
Palm Springs	\$100,000	Pending with City Staff
Rancho Mirage	Awaiting Payment	Pending with City Staff

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This will cause a fiscal impact of \$100,000 for fiscal year 2022-23 that will come from fund balance reserves. The additional \$100,000 per year could be budgeted as a General Fund expenditure over the next two years.

**EXHIBIT(S):**

1. DRAFT CVAG Multiyear MOU