



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
June 08, 2021**

Directors Present via Video Conference	District Staff Present via Video Conference	Absent
Chair Evett PerezGil Vice-President Karen Borja Director Carmina Zavala	Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, Chief Executive Officer Chris Christensen, Chief Administration Officer Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Director of Outreach Meghan Kane, Programs and Research Analyst Erica Huskey, Administrative and Programs Assistant Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board	

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair PerezGil.	
II. Approval of Agenda	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	Moved and seconded by Vice-President Borja and Director Zavala to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
III. Meeting Minutes 1. May 11, 2021	Chair PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the May 11, 2021, meeting minutes.	Moved and seconded by Vice-President Borja and Director Zavala to approve the May 11, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
IV. Public Comment	There were no public comments.	
V. Old Business 1. Funding Requests Schedule	Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained the most recent letters of intent from Alianza for \$149k related to the Salton Sea and fostering an equitable economy with an upcoming proposal conference to discuss the preliminary details. The additional grant request from the University of California Riverside (UCR) – \$2.9 million over three years for land acquired on the Palm Desert campus for a clinic buildout and a future FQHC look-alike.	



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<p>a. Strategic Planning Retreat – 09/09 & 09/11</p>	<p>Communities (HARC) due to the lack of elevation on the Coachella Valley inequities, and the response to those inequities as the strategic plan will use the report for grant funding that should be updated and complete in the coming weeks in time for the September 9 and September 11 Strategic Planning Retreat.</p>	
<p>VIII. Grant Funding Requests</p> <p>1. Consideration to forward to the Board, IN CONCEPT, for approval: Grant #1188 Coachella Valley Housing Catalyst Fund: A Bold Housing Investment Solution, Lift to Rise & Riverside County Housing Authority; reserve \$1 million from the District's FY 20/21 grant budget to the Coachella Valley Housing Catalyst Fund for allocation over two years. The CEO and Legal Counsel will negotiate and execute a service/grant agreement.</p>	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, provide the background and details on the request for the committee to approve, in concept, a \$1M reserve for Lift to Rise's Coachella Valley Housing Catalyst Fund with a two-year allocation that includes contingencies, such as implementing a health action plan in the predevelopment process for shovel ready project sites as illustrated in the staff report, and authorization for Legal Counsel and the CEO to negotiate and execute a service/grant agreement.</p> <p>Chair PerezGil inquired on a Memorandum of Understanding as opposed to a grant request with Ms. Craig explaining that legal counsel reviewed the various types of funding and investments recommending the usual grant process for transparency and suitable use of taxpayer's resources.</p> <p>Vice-President Borja described the various amounts in the grant</p>	



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	<p>request and the difficulty in comprehending the use of the \$2.5M, which Ms. Craig explained will be revised to \$1M for strengthening the goals and evaluations. Additionally, Mrs. Borja inquired about the details of the fund investment in the budget.</p> <p>Heather Vaikona, President and CEO, Lift to Rise, described the way funding will be distributed from the Housing Catalyst Fund and a community pipeline of projects from contributions across the Coachella Valley, including a lens of equity. The Housing Catalyst Fund has partnered with the Low Income Investment Fund that has managed other pools of funding, and working with their underwriting department will track the five projects moving forward with entire 522 units, with the start of the fund opening at the beginning of July with \$50M in leveraged resources by next year.</p> <p>Ms. Vaikona provided details of additional funders, such as Wells Fargo, REAP funding allocated through the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, the Southern California Association of Governments, Inland Empire Health Plan, First 5, and private contributions totaling \$1.2M, a request to the State of California for \$2M, and five additional</p>	
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	<p>fundors with applications pending.</p> <p>Director Zavala requested a list of the current funders to include with the grant application.</p> <p>Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez, described the Housing Authority's role, Supervisor Perez's support to move the fund forward, a great opportunity for the District to fund a bold housing solution from a national and state model approach, a pipeline of projects that are ready to launch, and where the access of capital is available. Mr. Rodriguez explained the direct impact of housing as a social determinant of health, and the need for permanent housing a outlined in Barbara Poppe's homelessness report – The Path Forward.</p> <p>Vice-President Borja recommended moving forward with the \$1M request after the strategic planning retreat in September to determine the remaining Board members' input and after additional funding from other entities for the project is available.</p> <p>After much debate, examination, and consideration by the committee, Director Zavala motioned to reserve the \$1M,</p>	<p>Moved and seconded by Director Zavala and Director PerezGil to table the matter, forward to the July Program Committee meeting, and for staff to provide the additional details</p>
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	<p>but to continue conversations with Lift to Rise.</p> <p>Director Zavala motioned to move forward with the grant request to reserve the \$1M, continue conversations with Lift to Rise.</p> <p>Director Zavala amended her motion to table the matter, forward to the July Program Committee meeting, for staff to provide the additional details as outlined by Ms. Craig, such as the health action plan, revising the funding request in the application, and carrying over the \$1M from the grant budget to the next fiscal year.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, explained that at the June Board meeting, staff will recommend an allocation to carry over the remaining grant funding in the budget from this fiscal year to the next fiscal year.</p>	<p>as outlined by Ms. Craig, such as the health action plan, revising the funding request in the application, and carrying over the \$1M from the grant budget to the next fiscal year for the Coachella Valley Housing Catalyst Fund: A Bold Housing Investment Solution, Lift to Rise & Riverside County Housing Authority Motion passed 2-1.</p>
IX. Committee Members Comments		
X. Adjournment	<p>Chair PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.</p>	<p>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p>

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 Evett PerezGil, Chair/Director
 Program Committee

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board