

# HOMELESSNESS TASKFORCE

## CITY OF PALM DESERT

### STAFF REPORT

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MEETING DATE: June 23, 2025

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SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (CVAG) FOR THE CV HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend that the City Council approve a One-Year Memorandum of Understanding with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) for the CV Housing First Program, including a funding allocation of \$125,000 for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

#### **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

For the past four years, the City of Palm Desert has partnered with CVAG through its CV Housing First program to address chronic homelessness. The program centers around the CV 200, a by-name list of chronically unsheltered individuals in the Coachella Valley. These individuals are often resistant to traditional shelter placement, have experienced multiple housing losses, and have frequent interactions with public safety personnel.

The list is developed collaboratively by CVAG member jurisdictions and local law enforcement. Each year, CVAG convenes with code enforcement officers, local police departments, and other stakeholders to review the CV 200 list, determining which individuals should remain or be removed. The updated list is then issued for the following calendar year.

Below is a summary of the CV Housing First program accomplishments over the four years.

Calendar Year	CV 200 PD Allotment	Permanently Housed	Percentage Achieved
2021	30	10	33.33%
2022	30	5	16.67%
2023	30	5	16.67%
2024	30	9	30%

The proposed MOU is a one-year agreement that will expire on June 30, 2026, unless extended. A 60-day written notice is required for early termination. The City would fund its \$125,000 contribution through its Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) program. While the current PLHA funding cycle concludes this year, a new five-year cycle will become available next calendar year. However, the City anticipates reduced allocations due to declining statewide

PLHA revenues. If funding delays or reductions occur, staff may recommend reallocating resources from other programs to ensure continuity.

This agreement reflects the City's continued commitment to regional collaboration in addressing chronic homelessness throughout the Coachella Valley. By maintaining its participation in the CV Housing First program, the City reinforces its support for a coordinated, data-driven approach that prioritizes housing solutions for the region's most vulnerable residents.

This contribution reflects the first increase in over 15 years, up from the prior annual commitment of \$100,000, and acknowledges the rising costs associated with housing, staffing, and service delivery. Moving forward, annual contributions may be subject to modest inflationary adjustments based on the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), as reviewed and recommended by the CVAG Homelessness Committee

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. CVHF 1-YR MOU
2. CV 200 Palm Desert Presentation