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Introduction

The Housing Element of the Riverside County (County) General Plan identifies and establishes the County's policies with respect to meeting the housing needs for residents in unincorporated Riverside County. It establishes policies that guides County decision-making and sets forth an action plan to implement its housing goals for the 6th Cycle Housing Element update, through 2029.

Housing Element Requirements

California Government Code Section 65583 requires the Housing Element to include the following components:

- A review of the previous element's goals, policies, programs, and objectives to ascertain the effectiveness of each of these components, as well as the overall effectiveness of the Housing Element.
- An assessment of housing needs and an inventory of resources and constraints related to meeting these needs.
- An analysis and program for preserving assisted housing developments.
- A statement of community goals, quantified objectives, and policies relative to the maintenance, preservation, improvement, and development of housing.
- A program that sets forth an eight-year planning period schedule of actions that the County is undertaking, in implementing the policies set forth in the Housing Element.

Housing Element Organization

The Housing Element is divided into two documents. The Housing Element **Policy Document** and the Housing Element **Background Report**.

The **Policy Document** includes the following sections:

Introduction: This section provides information on the State of California's housing requirements, the purpose and requirements of the Housing Element, the organization of the document, the regional housing needs allocation, and General Plan consistency.

Goals, Policies, and Actions: This section sets forth the County's goals, policies, and actions that are designed to address the housing needs in unincorporated Riverside County. The Goals, Policies, and Actions section identifies housing goals and actions the County will take to meet local housing goals, quantified objectives, and address the housing needs in unincorporated Riverside County.

The **Background Report** includes the following sections:

Efforts to Achieve Citizen Participation: Describes the opportunities the County provided for public participation during the preparation of the updated Housing Element.

Evaluation of the Previous Housing Element: This section contains an evaluation of the prior Housing Element and its accomplishments and analyzes differences between what was projected and what was achieved.

Community Profile: This section focuses on demographic information, including population trends, age, household composition, income, employment, housing characteristics, housing needs by income, and housing needs for special segments of the population. This section also outlines the characteristics of the community and identifies those characteristics that may impact housing need and availability.

Housing Resources: This section describes the County's housing resources, historic development patterns, and housing opportunities as well as the County's existing housing stock and the potential areas for future housing development. This section also discusses opportunities for energy conservation, which can reduce costs to homeowners and infrastructure costs to the County.

Housing Constraints: This section analyzes potential governmental and non-governmental constraints to housing development in unincorporated Riverside County. This includes the County's planning, zoning, and building standards that directly affect residential development patterns as well as influence housing availability and affordability. Potential non-governmental constraints include the availability and cost of financing, the price of land, and the materials for building homes, as well as natural conditions that affect the cost of preparing and developing land for housing, and the business decisions of individuals and organizations.

Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Allocation

The first step in addressing California's housing needs is the Regional Housing Needs Plan, which is mandated by the State of California (California Government Code Section 65584) and requires regions to address housing issues and needs based on future growth projections for region. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) allocates regional housing need numbers to regional councils of governments throughout the state. The Regional Housing Needs Plan for Riverside County is developed by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), who allocates to cities and the unincorporated county their "fair share" of the region's projected housing needs, also known as the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Allocation. The Regional Housing Needs Plan allocates the RHNA based on household income groupings over the eight-year planning period for each specific jurisdiction's Housing Element.

On March 4, 2021, SCAG adopted the 6th Cycle Final RHNA Plan for the 2021-2029 planning period. The allocation for the unincorporated County of Riverside is a total of 40,647 housing units. The County must identify sites to accommodate these units in the Housing Element. The breakdown of this allocation by income category is shown in **Table H-1**.

Income Category	Income Range*	2021-2029 RHNA
Extremely Low	\$0 - \$26,200	5,185
/ery Low	\$26,201 - \$37,650	5,186
ow	\$67,651 - \$60,250	6,627
/loderate	\$60,251 - \$90,350	7,347
bove Moderate	\$90,351 or more	16,302
otal		40,647

Table H-1 2021-2029 Unincorporated Riverside County Regional Housing Need

*Based on a four-person household

General Plan Consistency

State law requires that "the general plan and elements and parts thereof comprise an integrated, internally consistent, and compatible statement of policies." The purpose of requiring internal consistency is to avoid policy conflict and provide a clear policy guide for the future maintenance, improvement, and development of housing within the county.

The Housing Element has been reviewed for consistency with the County's other General Plan Elements, which were last comprehensively updated in December 2015. The policies and programs in this Housing Element are consistent with the policy direction contained in other parts of the General Plan. The County will continue to review and revise the Housing Element, as necessary for consistency, when amendments are made to the General Plan.

Per Assembly Bill (AB) 162 (Government Code Section 65302.g.3), upon the next revision of the Housing Element on or after January 1, 2014, the Safety Element shall be reviewed and updated as necessary to address the risk of fire for land classified as state responsibility areas, as defined in Section 4102 of the Public Resources Code, and land classified as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, as defined in Section 51177. Senate Bill (SB) 379 (Government Code Section 65302.g.4) requires that the Safety Element be reviewed and updated as necessary to address climate change adaptation and applicable resiliency strategies. SB 1035 (Government Code Section 65302.g.6) requires that the Safety Element be reviewed and updated as needed upon each revision of the Housing Element or local hazard mitigation plan, but not less than once every eight years. SB 99 (Government Code Section 65302.g.5) requires that on or after January 1, 2020, the Safety Element includes information to identify residential developments in hazard areas that do not have at least two evacuation routes. The County is currently (2021) working to review and update the County's current Safety Element incorporating all State law changes, including applicable laws and any additional requirements and General Plan guidelines from the State of California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). Additionally, in compliance with Senate Bill (SB) 244, the County is in the process of conducting an analysis of disadvantaged unincorporated communities, defined as a community in which the median household income is 80 percent or less than the statewide median household income.

Housing Element Goals, Policies, and Actions

This Housing Element includes five goal statements. Under each goal statement, the element sets out policies that amplify each goal statement. Implementation actions are listed in **Table H-2** at the end of the corresponding group of policies and briefly describe the proposed action, the County agencies or departments with primary responsibility for carrying out the program, the funding source, and the time frame for accomplishing the program. Several of the implementation programs also identify quantified objectives.

Housing Goals

The Housing Element includes the following five goals.

Goal 1, New Construction: Facilitate new housing opportunities to meet the needs of existing and future unincorporated Riverside County residents in all income categories.

Goal 2, Innovative Housing Types: Encourage construction of innovative housing types that are affordable and promote mixed-income neighborhoods.

Goal 3, Affordable Housing: Encourage construction, maintenance, improvement, and preservation of safe, decent, and sound affordable housing in unincorporated Riverside County.

Goal 4, Special-Needs Groups: Work towards meeting the housing needs of special groups of unincorporated County residents, including but not limited to a growing senior population, large families, female headed households, farmworkers, persons with disabilities, persons with developmental disabilities, and persons and households in need of emergency shelter.

Goal 5, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing: Promote affirmative further fair housing opportunities throughout the unincorporated County for all persons regardless of age, race, religion, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, familial status, or sexual orientation.

Housing Policies

Goal 1, New Construction: Facilitate new housing opportunities to meet the needs of existing and future unincorporated Riverside County residents in all income categories.

- H 1.1: Maintain an adequate supply of appropriately zoned land to accommodate housing needs of existing and future residents.
- H 1.2: Encourage innovative housing development that promotes and facilitates development of new affordable housing.
- H 1.3: Continue efforts to streamline and improve the development review process to eliminate any unnecessary delays in the development of housing.
- H 1.4: Strive to remove barriers to new housing production, including advancing adaptive policies, regulations, and procedures.

H 1.5: Encourage the development of higher-density, multifamily housing in locations where adequate infrastructure and public services are planned or are available.

Goal 2, Innovative Housing Types: Encourage construction of innovative housing types that are affordable and promote mixed-income neighborhoods.

- H 2.1: Incentivize and encourage the construction of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and other similar types of residential accommodations through various methods, including but not limited to public education, fee modification, and making necessary resources available.
- H 2.2: Encourage missing middle housing types, such as duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, courtyard buildings, bungalow courts, cottage housing, townhouses, multiplexes, and live/work buildings to provide for workforce housing compatible with single-family neighborhoods.

Goal 3, Affordable Housing: Encourage construction, maintenance, improvement, and preservation of safe, decent, and sound affordable housing in unincorporated Riverside County.

- H 3.1: Encourage housing developers to produce affordable units by providing assistance and incentives for projects that include new affordable units available to lower-/moderate-income households or special-needs housing.
- H 3.2: The County should advocate for revisions to State laws that will make affordable housing easier to achieve, including but not limited to issues related to requiring the payment of prevailing wage, burdensome California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements adversely affecting housing production, tax code reform, and tools and funding for affordable housing while recognizing the need to maintain the integrity of existing residential communities.
- H 3.3: The County should allow housing developments with at least 20-percent affordable housing and onsite inventory housing sites that have been counted in previous Housing Element cycles as a by-right use.
- H 3.4: The County should continue to provide Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher assistance to eligible households and pursue funding for additional vouchers.
- H 3.5: The County should prioritize opportunities for providing low and very low-income housing in multifamily development projects through individual project negotiation, through the preparation of inclusionary housing requirements, or through other means, whichever may be deemed most effective.
- H 3.6: The County should evaluate the availability of publicly owned land for the development of affordable housing, in cooperation with the County's Housing Authority and coordination with affected communities and non-profit and for-profit developers.
- H 3.7: The County should pursue all available federal, state, and local funds to assist in housing rehabilitation and preservation of at-risk units.
- H 3.8: Promote the rehabilitation and preservation of farmworker housing.
- H 3.9: The County should strive to preserve all deed-restricted affordable dwelling units in the unincorporated County that are at risk of converting to market-rate.

H 3.10: The County's code enforcement officers should continue to require the abatement of unsafe housing conditions while giving property owners adequate time to correct deficiencies.

Goal 4, Special Needs Groups: Work towards meeting the housing needs of special groups of unincorporated County residents, including but not limited to a growing senior population, large families, female headed households, farmworkers, persons with disabilities, persons with developmental disabilities, and persons and households in need of emergency shelter.

- H 5.1: Facilitate the development of new employee or farmworker housing, including Palanco Parks.
- H 5.2: Support self-help housing programs.
- H 5.3: The County should encourage developers to provide more accessible housing for seniors and persons with disabilities.
- H 5.4: The County should continue to streamline County procedures related to accessibility and adaptability of housing for persons with disabilities in accordance with the Reasonable Accommodation section of Riverside County Ordinance No. 348.
- H 5.5: The County should support efforts of individuals, private organizations, and public agencies to provide safe and adequate housing for farmworkers in agriculturally zoned areas where it has minimal impact on productive farmland.
- H 5.6: The County should continue to assist various organizations that provide emergency shelter and other support services, including warming/cooling centers and disaster shelters, to homeless persons.

Goal 5, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing: Promote affirmative further fair housing opportunities throughout the unincorporated County for all persons regardless of age, race, religion, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, familial status, or sexual orientation.

- H 5.1: The County shall continue to support fair housing laws and organizations that provide fair housing information and enforcement.
- H 5.2: The County shall provide housing information and counseling to low-income households and households with special housing needs.
- H 5.3: The County shall promote housing opportunities for all persons, regardless of race, religion, color, ancestry, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, family status, income, sexual orientation, or other barriers that prevent choice in housing.
- H 5.4: The County shall strive to disperse affordable housing projects throughout the county, while ensuring that affordable housing development occurs in areas with appropriate access to infrastructure, services, and necessary community amenities, wherever feasible.
- H 5.5: The County shall increase access to opportunities for lower-income households by encouraging affordable housing development in high-resource areas and improving resources near affordable housing sites located in low-resource areas. (*Refer to Assessment of Fair Housing Section in the Background Report for the definition of resource areas*)
- H 5.6: The County shall collaborate with community partners to increase residential low-resource areas access to transit, environmental, economic, and educational opportunities.

Housing Actions

Table H-2 Eight-Year Housing Action Plan

Action#	Action	Implementation
H-1	Sites to Accommodate the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Allocation	Implementing Resource: General Fund
	In an effort to maintain an inventory of sites to accommodate the Regional Housing Needs Allocation and the needs of the unincorporated County, the County will provide the following:	Responsible Agency: Transportation and Land Management Agency (TLMA)
	• Ensure adequate sites to be available at all times throughout the planning period to meet the County's RHNA for each income category capacity consistent with Government Code Section 65863.	Time Frame: Ongoing, throughout the planning period
	• Continue to identify existing and potential community cores that can, through regulations and policies, evolve into new communities or Specific Plans, or modification of existing community plans or Specific Plans, which would allow sufficient densities and intensities of residential and non-residential products to meet the socioeconomic needs of the communities, including those designated as economically and environmentally disadvantaged communities.	
H-2	Infrastructure Availability and Coordination	Implementing Resource: General Fund
	The County shall work with service districts or purveyors to identify and overcome constraints to providing water and sewer service for housing, prioritizing improvements for lower-income housing, and in low-resource areas to further place-based revitalization efforts. To this end, the County will:	Responsible Agency: TLMA, Planning and Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions (HHPWS)/Housing Authority
	• Coordinate every two years with service providers to assess the needs for infrastructure and services and discuss plans for expansion based on future proposed developments.	Time Frame: Identify infrastructure constraints by May 15, 2024; Fund and conduct infrastructure improvements dependent on
	 Apply for funding from the Community Development Block Grant, Infill Infrastructure Grant Program, or other funding programs, annually, as NOFAs are released, to fund design plans and infrastructure improvements for affordable housing. 	grant funding availability. Explore NOFAs annually.
	• Explore and pursue funding opportunities and concentrate efforts for area plan updates for specific communities, annually. as NOFAS are released to promote development, active transportation and access to services and amenities.	
	• Provide a copy of the adopted Housing Element to the various service providers serving the unincorporated communities and assist service providers with establishing procedures to grant priority service to the development of housing with units affordable to lower-income households.	

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H-3	Large Lot Development	Implementing Resource: General Fund
	To facilitate the development of large lots for affordable housing and provide for development phasing for development of 50 to 150 units, the County will give high priority to processing housing developments that include affordable housing units on lots larger than 10 acres and provide incentives on a case-by-case basis for development of high-density residential on large sites. Additionally, to ensure the program is successful, the County will reach out to developers annually, and as projects are processed, of affordable housing and incorporate necessary strategies such as ministerial lot splits or other incentives.	Responsible Agency: TLMA Time Frame: Ongoing, as projects are processed through the Planning Department and incentives will be adopted within one year of adoption of the Housing Element. Annually meet with developers. Quantified Objective: 700 low-income; 700 very low-income; 332 extremely low-income units. Of these, 200 extremely low- and 350 very low-income units in areas of concentrated poverty, 300 units in areas of high opportunity.
H-4	Legislative Initiatives The County shall consider on an annual basis with each state legislative session, advocating for affordable housing issues through its legislative platform. Such items may include, but are not limited to, funding for affordable housing, housing on religious institution sites – Yes in God's Backyard (YIGBY) construction financing, building codes, prevailing wage, tax code reform, CEQA reform, and other regulations that restrict affordable housing, but not promoting legislation that would adversely affect the integrity of existing residential neighborhoods or communities.	Implementing Resource: General Fund Responsible Agency: County Executive Office, TLMA Time Frame: Ongoing
H-5	 Support Affordable Housing Development The County shall work with housing developers to expand opportunities for affordable lower-income and special needs housing by creating partnerships, providing incentives, and pursuing funding opportunities. Specifically, the County shall: Support affordable housing development for special-needs groups, including seniors; persons with disabilities, including developmental disabilities; female-headed households; farmworkers; and homeless persons to reduce the displacement risk for these residents from their existing homes and communities. Provide technical assistance with site identification, site acquisition, and permit processing procedures. Encourage selection of sites in high resource areas and/or near services. 	Implementing Resources: HOME and other HUD, HCD and state grants as they become available, County tax allocation bonds; California Debt Limit Allocation Responsible Agency: Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions (HHPWS) Department / Housing Authority/TLMA Time Frame: The County is an entitlement community for CDBG funds. Annually apply for LIHTC, CHFA multifamily housing assistance programs, HCD Multifamily Housing Loans, etc. County tax allocation bonds; California Debt Limit Allocation Quantified Objective: 500 low-income; 500 very low-income; 250 extremely low-income units. 30 percent of these in areas of high

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	 Conduct annual workshops with for-profit and nonprofit housing developers, local and regional funding agencies, and other organizations to review and promote available housing programs. 	opportunity, 20 percent in areas of concentrated poverty or low resource.
	 Promote the use of the density bonus regulations, application processing fee modifications, and impact fee modifications to encourage affordable housing, with an emphasis on encouraging affordable housing in high-resource areas. 	
	 Facilitate the consideration process for land divisions or alterations to lot lines resulting in parcel sizes that enable affordable housing development, and consider processing fee modifications related to the subdivision for projects providing for affordable housing to lower- income households. 	
	 Continue to give priority to permit processing for projects providing affordable housing for special-needs groups. 	
	• Partner with nonprofit and for-profit affordable housing developers to support their financing applications for State and federal grant programs, tax-exempt bonds, and other programs that become available.	
	 Pursue Federal, State, and local funding for low- and moderate-income housing by applying for State and Federal monies for direct support of lower-income housing construction and rehabilitation, specifically for development of housing affordable to extremely low-income households. 	
	 Pursue partnerships with the Inland Regional Center to identify funding opportunities and promote housing for persons with disabilities. 	
	 Where feasible, the County shall work with nonprofits in the development of County-owned sites in planning areas where affordable housing is needed to reduce displacement risk or address disproportionate housing need. 	
	• Provide housing suitable for the mentally disabled as part of affordable housing projects and promote the integration of other special-needs housing into affordable housing communities.	
H-6	New Mechanisms for Achievable Housing	Implementing Resources: General Fund
	The County shall continue to meet with local regional housing entities, stakeholders, and surrounding jurisdictions in the County to discuss housing issues and develop cooperative strategies that address	Responsible Agency: TLMA Time Frame: Annually meet with stakeholders.

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	identified housing needs. The County shall investigate additional mechanisms to facilitate achievable production of housing affordable to lower- and moderate-income households.	
H-7	Land Use (zoning) Ordinance Amendments (Riv. Co. Ordinance No. 348)	Implementing Resources: General Fund
	The County will complete the following amendments to Ordinance No. 348, to comply with State law:	Responsible Agency: TLMA
	• Employee Housing : To comply with Health and Safety Code Section 17021.5, allow employee/farmworker housing that serves six or fewer persons as a single-family structure and permit it in the same manner as other single-family structures of the same type within the same zone across all zones that allow single-family residential uses.	Time Frame: Within one year of adoption of the Housing Element
	• Low-Barrier Navigation Centers: Allow the development of Low-Barrier Navigation Centers to be developed as a use by-right in zones where mixed-uses are allowed or in non-residential zones that permit multifamily housing consistent with Government Code Section 65662.	
	• Residential Care Facilities: To comply with Health and Safety Code Sections 1267.8, 1566.3, 1568.08, the County will review the definition of community care facilities and allow for community care facilities with six or fewer persons by right in the R-7, R-D, MU, and SP zones subject only to the same restrictions in that zone and allow residential care facilities for seven or more persons only subject to those restrictions that apply to residential uses in the same zone Residential care facilities would still be subject to state licensing.	
	• Reasonable Accommodation : Review and revise the County's findings for approving reasonable accommodation requests, including, but not limited to, potential impact on surrounding uses, physical attributes of the property and structures, and any other findings that may be potential barriers to housing for persons with disabilities.	
	• Parking Standards: Upon receipt of an application for an emergency shelter, the County will accommodate parking requirements for the shelter in compliance with Government Code Section 65583(a)(4)(A)(ii) and will review and revise county parking standards, as needed, to accommodate future applications for emergency shelters.	
H-8	Review County Processes and Procedures (housing development)	Implementing Resources: General Fund
	Continue biannual review of the building code, zoning ordinance, subdivision ordinance, and processing	Responsible Agency: TLMA
	procedures to identify and modify process requirements, approval of criteria, and/or fees that could create an impediment to the cost of housing.	Time Frame: Biannually review. Consider hiring a permanent staff person by 2024, review and revise approval findings by September 2022

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	Specifically, the County will review the processes and procedures in the Desert Office and consider hiring a permanent staff person(s) to ensure that processing and procedures are not a constraint on development or permitting.	
	The County will also review and revise approval findings, specifically the County's finding to conform to the logical development of the land and to be compatible with the present and future logical development of the surrounding property, to ensure they are consistent with State Law.	
H-9	Accessory Dwelling Unit Program	Implementing Resources: General Fund SB2 and other planning
	The County shall promote accessory dwelling units as an affordable housing option and an economic mobility opportunity in Riverside County through the following actions.	grants Responsible Agency: TLMA
	 Identify stakeholders from the eastern and western portions of the county to develop ADU prototypes that meet the needs of the different regions. These prototypes will offer free of charge preapproved plans for accessory dwelling units to bring down permit costs and expedite the permitting process. 	Time Frame: Meet with stakeholders to develop ADU prototypes within one year of adoption of the Housing Element. Evaluate effectiveness of ADU approvals and affordability by 2023, rezone if necessary, by 2024, and continue to monitor every two years
	• Create and promote ADU prototypes in high-resource areas and communities with complete services to facilitate mobility between low- and high-resource areas.	Quantified Objectives: 764 lower-income units. 250 of these in areas of high opportunity.
	• Provide guidance and educational materials for building ADUs on the County's website, including permitting procedures and construction resources. Additionally, the County shall present homeowner associations with the community and neighborhood benefits of accessory dwelling units, inform them that covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CC&Rs) prohibiting ADUs are contrary to State law, and ask homeowner associations to encourage such uses.	
	 Assess the feasibility of establishing a loan program to help homeowners finance the construction of ADUs. The County shall consider incentives to encourage homeowners to deed restrict ADUs for lower-income households. 	
	 Actively market ADU guidance and materials and preapproved plans in areas with high access to resources to encourage the development of new affordable housing in areas of opportunity as a strategy to enhance mobility and reduce displacement of low-income households seeking affordable housing options. 	
	 Develop and implement a monitoring program. The program will track ADU approvals and affordability. The County will use this monitoring program to track progress in ADU development and adjust or expand the focus of its education and outreach efforts through the 2021-2029 planning period. The County will evaluate ADU production and affordability two years into the planning period (2023) and if it is determined these units are not meeting the 	

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	lower-income housing need, the County shall ensure other housing sites are available to accommodate the unmet portion of the lower-income RHNA. If additional sites must be rezoned, they will be consistent with Government Code Sections 65583(f) and 65583.2(h).	
H-10	Innovative Housing Options	Implementing Resources: General Fund
	The County shall promote innovative and alternative housing options that provide greater flexibility and	Responsible Agency: TLMA
	affordability in the housing stock to provide a variety of housing options to reduce displacement risk. This includes ADUs, junior ADUs, tiny houses, inclusionary housing, container housing, Polanco parks, Ranchettes, MOG (Multi-Owner Group Unit) and other alternative housing types. The County will also	Time Frame: Ongoing. Annually distributive educational and promotional materials to developers
	explore a variety of densities and housing types in all zoning districts.	Quantified Objectives: 300 lower income units, 200 moderate- income units. Of these, 50 lower-income units and 50 moderate-
	The County will emphasize promoting innovative housing in high resource areas to reduce displacement of residents and promote mixed-income communities by actively distributing educational and promotional materials to developers interested in developing in these areas.	income units in high opportunity areas, 50 lower-income units in areas of concentrated poverty.
H-11	Development of Housing for Extremely Low-Income Households	Implementing Resources: HOME and other HUD and HCD
	The County will encourage the development of housing for extremely low-income households through a variety of activities such as outreach to housing developers on an annual basis, providing financial assistance (when feasible) or in-kind technical assistance or land writedowns, providing expedited processing, identifying grant and funding opportunities, applying for or supporting applications for funding on an ongoing basis, reviewing and prioritizing local funding, and/or offering additional incentives beyond the density bonus.	grants as they become available.
		Responsible Agency: HHPWS and Housing Authority Time Frame: Ongoing, as projects are processed, and annual
		outreach with local developers.
		Quantified Objective: 50 extremely low-income units. 15 of these in high opportunity areas, 15 in areas of concentrated poverty.
H-12	Inclusionary Housing Requirements	Implementing Resources: General Fund
	The County will promote very low income and low-income housing requirements for multifamily projects	Responsible Agency: TLMA and HHPWS/Housing Authority
inclusiona requireme housing of	exceeding five (5) dwelling units by negotiating for such units on a project-by-project basis, establishing inclusionary housing requirements, or by other means whichever is deemed most effective. These requirements will identify acceptable methods to provide affordable housing such as: (a) construction of housing on-site, (b) construction of housing off-site, (c) dedication of land for housing, and (d) payment of an in-lieu or affordable housing linkage fee.	Time Frame: Explore alternatives within 3 years; adopt program before end of 6 th Cycle Housing Element.
H-13	Code Enforcement	Implementing Resources: General Fund
	Continue to administer and implement the County's Code Enforcement Program through inspection and enforcement activities to eliminate substandard conditions in residential units and mobile home parks and areas of concentrated rehabilitation need, which could result in repairs and mitigate potential costs,	Responsible Agency: Building and Safety Department/ Department of Environmental Health, Code Enforcement

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	displacement, and relocation impacts on residents. When violations are identified or cited on homes occupied by lower- and moderate-income households, the County encourages property owners to seek assistance through home repair programs.	Time Frame: Ongoing. Evaluate the need to codify new or expanded proactive program components by 2024, annually apply for funding as NOFAs are released.
	 Utilize the County's Housing Rehabilitation programs (H-14) to help mitigate housing rehabilitation costs. Annually apply for funding to support implementation of this plan and prioritize implementation in areas with a concentration of substandard housing conditions and in disadvantaged communities to encourage place-based revitalization and reduce displacement risk by improving housing conditions. Utilize additional funding to "grow" the program to become increasingly proactive with consideration given to private property rights. The County has brochures in English and Spanish available on the County's website and in the Code Enforcement Department. 	Quantified Objective: Connect 50 households in areas of concentrated need and disadvantaged communities with rehabilitation assistance through the code enforcement program.
H-14	 Housing Rehabilitation The County will continue to advertise and promote the following home repair programs to reduce displacement risk for low-income households and farmworkers. The County will provide multilingual outreach materials, including Spanish, and other identified languages, to educate and inform all residents on the available rehabilitation programs and resources. Home Repair Loan Program (HRLP) – Continue to provide up to \$10,000 for home repair services in the form of a deferred loan. The HRLP provides one-time loans to qualified low-income homeowners to address health and safety issues, Housing Quality Standards and improve substandard living conditions within the scope of eligible program repairs. Senior Home Repair Grant (SHRG) – Continue to cover the cost of repairs up to a total of \$6,000 with no loan or payback requirement to qualified very low-income senior homeowners (62 years or older) or very low-income persons with disabilities of any age to repair or improve their homes to address health and safety issues and handicapped accessibility improvements exclusively. Mobilehome Park Rehabilitation and Resident Ownership Program (MPROOP) – Apply for funding through the MPRROP, as NOFAs are released, to convert mobilehome parks to ownership units or put in the control of a resident organization, nonprofit housing sponsor, or local public entity. Use this funding on mobilehome parks in concentrated areas of poverty as well as in areas of opportunity to 	 Implementing Resources: CDBG and other HUD and HCD grants as they become available. Responsible Agency: HHPWS/Housing Authority Time Frame: Ongoing, as funding is available. Provide informational materials as funding permits. Entitled, apply annually HCD and HUD. Quantified Objective: 150 lower income units. Rehabilitate 80 units in areas of concentrated substandard housing conditions.

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H-15	 Community Utility/Energy Programs Continue to offer programs through the County of Riverside Community Action Partnership (CAP). Promote the use of these programs in low-resource areas to encourage place-based revitalization through home improvements and security. Weatherization program: Offer assistance to low-income households to conserve existing single-family housing through weatherization and/or rehabilitation. Utility Assistance: Provide a one-time assistance program that helps low and moderate-income individuals and families with utility payment assistance and weatherization services to low-income customers in Riverside County. CAP CARES Program: Assist with emergency assistance to help cover unmet utility bills and technology needs. 	Implementing Resources: Department of Energy, Southern California Gas, California Conservation Corp. Responsible Agency: Community Action Partnership (CAP) Time Frame: Ongoing programs Quantified Objective: 300 households. 200 of these in areas of concentrated poverty and/or substandard housing conditions.
H-16	Mobile Home Tenant Loan Foreclosure/Abandonment Program Through the Mobile Home Tenant Loan Foreclosure/Abandonment Program, the County will provide assistance to recover and preserve an abandoned or foreclosed mobile home and return it to the affordable housing stock. The intent of this is to facilitate place-based revitalization by redeveloping abandoned and vacant properties and reduce displacement risk through increased affordable housing options.	Implementing Resources: Remaining RDA funding Responsible Agency: Housing Authority Time Frame: Ongoing until funds are exhausted. Quantified Objective: 50 lower-income units. 20 of these in areas of concentrated poverty.
H-17	 Mobile Homes The County offers the following mobile home programs to reduce displacement risk for residents and facilitating economic mobility: Through the Mobile Home Tenant Loan (MHTL) Assistance Program the County will provide assistance for extremely low-income mobile homeowners in un-permitted mobile home parks to purchase a replacement unit in a permitted mobile home park to mitigate risk of displacement due to violation or rehabilitation need. The MHTL will provide financing for replacement of existing mobile home/coaches that serve low-income farmworkers of the Coachella Valley in the County of Riverside. Through the HOME Program the County will provide assistance for the development, construction, or rehabilitation of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income farmworker 	Implementing Resources: HCD Cal Home Funds, HCD Joe Serna Jr. Farm Worker Housing Grants (FWHG), USDA Rural Development loans, and other HCD grants as they become available. Responsible Agency: HHPWS/Housing Authority Time Frame: Annually, and as Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) are released. Evaluate affordability and approvals by 2023, rezone if necessary, by 2024. Quantified Objective: 144 above moderate-income units, 649 moderate income units, 1072 lower income units. Of these, 300 lower income units in areas of poverty, 300 lower income units in

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	households. The County will assist approximately a minimum of 83 households with the MHTL program.	areas of high opportunity, and 200 moderate income units in areas of high opportunity.
	 Continue to use federal and state funding programs and assist with funding applications, to assist prospective owners and renters of mobile homes in funding the purchase and/or installment of mobile home units. The County will promote purchasing and/or installing mobile home units in moderate- and high-resource areas to encourage mobility between low- and high-resource areas. 	
	 Develop and implement a monitoring program. The program will track mobile homes and manufactured homes approvals and affordability. The County will use this monitoring program to track progress in development. The County will evaluate the production and affordability of mobile homes and manufactured homes two years into the planning period (2023) and if it is determined these units are not meeting the lower-income housing need, the County shall ensure other housing sites are available to accommodate the unmet portion of the lower- income RHNA. If additional sites must be rezoned, they will be consistent with Government Code Sections 65583(f) and 65583.2(h). 	
H-18	Farmworker Assistance	Implementing Resources: General Fund
	To provide housing and meet the needs of farmworkers, the County will implement the following:	Responsible Agency: TLMA and HHPWS/Housing Authority
	 Work with advocate and outreach groups in the Coachella Valley to identify sites suitable for farm worker housing in the Coachella Valley, with a particular emphasis on identifying sites near transit, medial services, and with education opportunities and/or in higher-resource areas. 	Time Frame: Annually meet with developers, meet with the Housing Review Committee quarterly to discuss farm worker housing. Complete an updated farmworker survey before the end of the planning period.
	 Continue to work with non-profit organizations to provide funding resources and assistance with the production of self-help housing for ownership and multifamily farmworker housing opportunities. Focus these efforts to areas that have access to transit, medial services, and education opportunities 	Quantified Objective: 250 very low-income units, 100 extremely low-income units. Of these, 50 extremely low- and 100 very low- income units in low resource and/or areas of concentrated poverty near farm working employment opportunities.
	 Complete a farm working survey to better understand the living conditions and daily service needs of the farmworker population in the eastern Coachella Valley to inform place-based revitalization efforts. 	
	 Partner with developers to assist with farmworker housing site identification, work with growers to identify strategies, and periodically meet with developers and the agriculture industry to identify the constraints and solutions to development of farmworker housing. 	

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	 Encourage place-based revitalization and reduce displacement risk by organizing bilingual outreach materials and activities to educate and inform the farm worker community about available rehabilitation programs and resources. 			
	 Promote fast-tracking for farmworker housing and other types of special needs and affordable housing 			
H-19	Polanco Parks Program	Implementing Resources:		
	To provide and maintain affordable housing the County will take the following actions:	Responsible Agency: TLMA		
	 Review and evaluate the County's Polanco Park permitting process regarding the development, expansion, and rehabilitation of Polanco Parks with the intent of simplifying and expediting the permitting process for new and existing parks and ensuring that health and safety concerns are adequately addressed, particularly with respect to code compliance, potable water, and liquid waste disposal. The process will commence with a comprehensive outreach effort to park ownership, landlords, and residents. 	Time Frame: Review the County permitting processes by January 2022, provide qualified owners construction loans as applications are submitted. evaluate the existing lending processes by January 2022. Provide brochures and outreach materials to identified areas with Polanco Parks. Quantified Objective: 200 low-income units, 100 very low-income		
	 In cooperation with Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) and the County's Housing Authority, provide qualified owners of unpermitted Polanco Mobile Home Parks an opportunity to apply for and receive a construction loan for the rehabilitation of their unpermitted Polanco Mobile Home Park. Other funding sources to be evaluated for this purpose include the Polanco Park Rehabilitation Loan Program and the Mobile Home Tenant Loan Assistance Program. This provides an opportunity to permit unpermitted units to be rehabilitated and provide a decent, safe, and sanitary housing opportunity for farmworkers. 	units, 100 extremely low-income units. Of these, facilitate 200 lower-income units in areas of high opportunity.		
	• To complement the loan programs, seek the availability of grant and other types of funding from state and federal programs for the purpose of place-based revitalization through mobile home park rehabilitation.			
H-20	Persons with Disabilities	Implementing Resources: General Fund		
	Ensure that persons with disabilities (including persons with developmental disabilities) have increased access/placement in residential units rehabilitated or constructed through County programs by completing the following:	Responsible Agency: Shared Housing, a Riverside Experience (SHARE), Housing Authority, nonprofits, and Community Access Center, DPSS		
	 Continue to cooperate with nonprofit agencies that provide placement or referral services for persons with disabilities, including identifying placement opportunities in high resource areas. 	Time Frame: Ongoing, as projects are processed. Reach out to non-profit agencies and coordinate with the Inland Regional Center at least twice during the planning period.		
	 Encourage "universal design" features such as level entries, larger bathrooms, and lower kitchen countertops to accommodate persons with disabilities. 			

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	• Encourage multifamily housing developers to designate accessible and/or adaptable units to be affordable to persons with disabilities or persons with special needs.	Quantified Objective: 50 very low-income units. Of these, 20 units in high opportunity areas and/or emerging areas of			
	Coordinate with the Inland Regional Center to promote outreach efforts that inform families on housing and services available for persons with developmental disabilities.	opportunity.			
H-21	 Funds for Special-Needs Housing Continue to use the following programs to assist special-needs households: Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8 Certificates). Family Unification Program. Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program. Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). Veteran's Affairs Supportive Housing Program (VASH). Foster Care Youth Program. 	Implementing Resources: HUD Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8 Rental Assistance), Family Unification Program, Family Self-Sufficiency Program, HOPWA, VASH, Foster Care Youth Program, TBRA Responsible Agency: Housing Authority, DPSS Time Frame: Programs will continue as funding is obtained.			
	7. Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program.				
H-22	Housing Choice Voucher Program The County shall continue to administer the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8 assistance) through the Riverside County Housing Authority and promote the use of Housing Choice Vouchers in high-opportunity areas to facilitate mobility between high- and low-resource areas regardless of income.	Implementing Resources: HUD Housing Choice Voucher Program Responsible Agency: Housing Authority Time Frame: Ongoing as interested persons contact the Housing Authority. Quantified Objective: 1,000 vouchers			
H-23	Monitor At-Risk Units The County will maintain and update the affordable housing database as a mechanism to monitor and identify units at risk of losing their affordability subsidies or requirements. For complexes at risk of converting to market rate, the County shall:	Implementing Resources: HOME and other HUD and HCD grants as they become available. Responsible Agency: HHPWS/Housing Authority Time Frame: Annually monitor and apply for funding as Notices			
	 Contact property owners of units at risk of converting to market-rate housing within one year of affordability expiration to discuss the desire to preserve complexes as affordable housing. 	of Funding Availability are released Quantified Objective: 26 lower-income units			
	• Reach out to owners to see their intent on renewing affordability restrictions. In addition, the County will coordinate with owners of expiring subsidies to ensure the required notices of potential conversion to tenants are sent out at 3 years, 12 months, and 6 months.				

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	Reach out to agencies interested in purchasing and/or managing at-risk units.			
	 Work with tenants to provide education regarding tenant rights and conversion procedures pursuant to California law. 			
	Assist with completion of funding applications.			
H-24	Continue to work with nonprofit organizations in providing homeownership opportunities through the Rural Development Self Help program and other self-help construction programs within Riverside County as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) under the HOME program. The County is committed to investing no less than 15 percent of the annual HOME allocation on CHDOs	Implementing Resources: HOME, HUD, Rural Development Self Help Program		
		Responsible Agency: TLMA and HHPWS/ Housing Authority Time Frame: Meet annually meeting CHDOs to provide policy direction.		
		Quantified Objective: 50 low-income units. 15 of which in areas of concentrated poverty.		
H-25	Public Housing Units	Implementing Resources: CDBG		
	The Housing Authority, to the extent feasible, will pursue all available federal and state funds to modernize public housing units affordable to very low- and low-income households to facilitate place-based revitalization in underserved areas.	Responsible Agency: Housing Authority		
		Time Frame: Ongoing, as funding is available.		
		Quantified Objective: 50 low-income units. 20 of which in high resource/opportunity areas.		
H-26	Fair Housing	Implementing Resources: CDBG		
	Continue to use the services of the Fair Housing Council of Riverside County to implement a number of	Responsible Agency: Housing Authority		
	programs, including:	Time Frame: Coordinate with the Fair Housing Council and		
	Audits of lending institutions and rental establishments.	monitor the program. Prepare the AI per HUD requirements.		
	Education and training of County staff.			
	 Education and outreach to apartment owners, associations, management companies, lending institutions, building industry associations, homebuyers, and residents in emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities. 			
	 Education and outreach services to the public in both Spanish and English as well as for mortgage lenders applying for certification or recertification to participate in the First Time Home Buyer Down Payment Assistance Program. 			

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	Additionally, the County will update the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI) choice per HUD requirements.				
H-27	Improve Low Resource Areas Access to Opportunities	Implementing Resource: General Fund			
	The County shall improve low-resource areas to increase access to opportunity for lower-income households by conducting the following:	Responsible Agency: CDRA Housing Division, Health and Human Services Department			
	Coordinate with public transit providers to increase mobility.	Time Frame: Ongoing			
	 Allow for employment centers to be located near housing developments to encourage job opportunities. 	Quantified Objective: 200 low-income households, all near existing or proposed high resource areas.			
	 Promote CalWorks offered by the County in rural areas of the unincorporated County to improve access to employment training, assistance, and job opportunities. 				
	Increase community services in low-resource areas, such as public libraries and parks.				
	 Review existing zoning to ensure medical services are allowed throughout the County, specifically in low-resource areas, revise zoning as needed by December 2022. 				
	 Review existing zoning to ensure grocery stores are allowed in low-resource areas, revise zoning as needed by December 2022. 				
	 Seek opportunities to access funding for improved transit service, particularly around areas with lower-income sites. 				
	 Continue to facilitate the integration of affordable housing and mixed income settings in new growth specific plan areas. 				
	 Alleviate overpayment by increasing the supply of housing by meeting with developers to identify suitable sites for affordable housing in eastern unincorporated areas and provide technical assistance to prepare projects for funding applications. 				
	 As part of the APR process in year 2025, evaluate the County's fair housing objectives and adjust as appropriate. 				
H-28	Homeless Collaboration	Implementing Resources: HUD Shelter Plus Care			
	Continue to collaborate with the County of Riverside Continuum of Care (CoC) to promote community- wide planning and the strategic use of resources addressing homelessness. The County shall also support inter-jurisdictional emergency shelter programs, including consideration of funding for programs, with the priority in the Eastern portion of the County.	Responsible Agency: Housing Authority/ Riverside County CoC Time Frame: Ongoing, collaborate with the County of Riverside CoC at least twice during the planning period.			

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H-29	Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) Program	Implementing Resources: CDLAC			
	Continue to implement the Riverside County the Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) program in increase economic mobility opportunities for lower-income households. MCCs are available for income-qualified, first-time homebuyers and provide a federal income tax credit up to 20 percent of the annual mortgage interest paid. MCCs can be used with County homebuyer programs to assist persons to qualify for private mortgage financing.	Responsible Agency: HHPWS/Housing Authority			
		Time Frame: Ongoing and as first-time homebuyers' applications are pursued and as funding is available.			
		Quantified Objective: 50 low-income units. 15 of which in areas of high opportunity and 15 in concentrated areas of poverty.			
H-30	First Time Home Buyer Program.	Implementing Resources: HOME, PLHA			
	Continue to provide down payment assistance and closing cost assistance to low-income first-time homebuyers through the First-Time Home Buyer Program, which is designed to provide assistance to lower-income persons for the down payment in the purchase of a home and facilitate economic mobility.	Responsible Agency: HHPWS/Housing Authority			
		Time Frame: Ongoing and as first-time homebuyers' applications are pursued and as funding is available.			
		Quantified Objective: 50 low-income units. 20 of which in areas of concentrated poverty.			
H-31	Acquisition/Rehabilitation of Senior/Affordable Housing Work with public or private sponsors to encourage acquisition/rehabilitation of existing multifamily units to be converted to senior housing with a portion of the units required to be reserved for households with incomes below 80 percent of the County median. The intent of this is to reduce displacement risk for seniors and lower-income households by increasing the supply of affordable housing.	Implementing Resources: HOME and other HUD and HCD grants as they become available., CDBG, HUD			
		Responsible Agency: HHPWS / Housing Authority			
		Time Frame: Ongoing. Annually meet with interested developers.			
		Quantified Objective: 50 low-income units. 15 of which in areas of high opportunity and 15 in concentrated areas of poverty.			
H-32	Replacement of Affordable Housing	Implementing Resources: General Fund			
	The County will require replacement housing units subject to the requirements of Government Code, section 65915, subdivision (c)(3) on sites identified in the site inventory when any new development (residential, mixed-use or non-residential) occurs on a site that has been occupied by or restricted for the use of lower-income households at any time during the previous five years. This requirement applies to:	Responsible Agency: Planning Department			
		Time Frame: The replacement requirement will be implemented immediately and applied as applications on identified sites are received and processed.			
		Quantified Objective: In order to mitigate the loss of affordable			
	Non-vacant sites	housing units, require new housing developments to replace all			
	Vacant sites with previous residential uses that have been vacated or demolished	affordable housing units lost due to new development.			

Quantified Objectives

State Housing Law requires that each jurisdiction establish the maximum number of housing units that will be constructed, rehabilitated, and preserved over the planning period. The Quantified Objectives for the Housing Element reflect the planning period from October 15, 2021, through October 15, 2029. Refer to **Table H-3**.

It is important to note that while the Quantified Objectives are required to be part of the Housing Element and the County will strive to obtain these objectives, the County cannot guarantee that these needs will be met given limited financial and staff resources, the foreseeable product development climate in the county with a current bias toward low and medium density housing, and the changing gap in the affordability of housing resources and incomes. Satisfaction of the County's share of regional housing needs will depend heavily on the cooperation of private funding sources and developers, as well as resources of state, federal, and County programs that are used to support the needs of the lower-income and special-needs households. The Quantified Objectives assume optimum conditions for the production of housing; however, environmental, physical, and market conditions exert influence on the timing, type, and cost of housing production in a community. State law recognizes that a locality may not be able to accommodate its regional fair-share housing need.

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	RHNA	5,185	5,186	6,627	7,347	16,302
	New Constru	uction				
H-3	Large Lot Development	332	700	700		
H-5	Support Affordable Housing Development	250	500	500		
H-9	ADU Program			764	462	102
H-10	Innovative Housing Options			300	200	
H-11	Development of Housing for Extremely Low-Income Households	50				
H-17	Mobile Homes			1,072	649	144
H-18	Farmworker Assistance	100	250			
H-24	Rural Development Self Help			50		
H-29	Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) Program			50		
H-30	First Time Home Buyer Program			50		
	Rehabilita	tion				
H-13	Code Enforcement	10	20	20		
H-14	Housing Rehabilitation			150		
H-31	Acquisition/Rehabilitation			50		
	Preservation/Co	nservation				·
H-15	County of Riverside Community Action Partnership				300	
H-16	Mobile Home Tenant Loan Foreclosure/Abandonment Program			50		
H-19	Polanco Parks Program	100	100	200		
H-20	Persons with Disabilities		50			
H-22	Housing Choice Voucher Program			1,000		
H-23	Monitor At-Risk Units			26		
H-25	Public Housing Units			50		
H-27	Improve Low Resource Areas Access to Opportunities			200		
	Total	842	1,620	5,232	1,611	246

Table H-3 Quantified Objectives 2021-2029

Source: Riverside County, May 2021