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Kevin's Corner

Welcome Highgrove! Last month I forgot to welcome a new group of readers from Highgrove to this monthly newsletter. Highgrove was moved into the revised First District boundaries (new district map here: (<https://tinyurl.com/District1-2023map>) because of county-wide redistricting. For those of you who were moved into the 2nd District during the shuffle, you can choose to unsubscribe if you no longer wish to receive this newsletter. If you have been reading this newsletter over the past 10 years, you know that I briefly cover several topics that impact or apply to our growing county. And no, this is not an official public policy paper meant to pontificate on the legal or social challenges of the day. This is simply a brief discussion for all of us. I encourage fellow residents to chime in with their own ideas, solutions (or frustrations) to help improve Riverside County services.

Court News – As I noted last month, the embarrassing low staffing of our local State courts is impacting criminal cases with judges dismissing cases and sending accused criminals (some with multiple convictions) back to our neighborhoods. The somewhat good news is that the local courts are adjusting their calendars to hear more cases when they can (the Coachella Valley court in Indio has by far the most dismissals). The disappointing news is that Chief Justice for the State of California has declined a request to meet with members of the Board of Supervisors from both Riverside and San Bernardino Counties (both counties are severely understaffed). The good news is that both the Chief Justice and the state Judicial Council support Senate Bill 75 by our local State Senator Richard Roth to increase funding and Judge positions for our state courts. Stay tuned, as the debate in the State Legislature is only just beginning.

Paramedic Shortages – A statewide (nationwide?) shortage of available paramedics has been hitting local fire departments and our countywide paramedic ambulance provider (AMR) pretty hard this past year or two. This staffing shortage has sometimes resulted in delayed emergency responses, or occasional ambulances being sent with no paramedic on board, requiring the firefighter paramedic on the fire engine to ride to the hospital with the patient – thereby putting the fire engine out of service. On top of that, a few of the 17 hospitals across the county have their own emergency room staffing limitations, which in turn delays the admittance of the patient, which then keeps the patient in the ambulance with the firefighter paramedic until admitted by the hospital. Enormous steps are being taken by all emergency providers to turn this critical situation around, but it is an ongoing serious concern across our county.

Sidewalks & Lights – We have been working (pushing) to get streetlights, traffic signals, and sidewalks installed around schools and busy intersections in Mead Valley, Good Hope and Lakeland Village (*Highgrove – you are next!*). It's been a painfully long and slow process, but we finally might be breaking through some of the public utility and government log jams. These overdue improvements are a direct result of local community surveys and citizen input!

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Trash & Graffiti – Each week, First District staff is out in our local unincorporated communities keeping an eye out for illegal roadside dumping and/or graffiti. We promptly report these roadside problems to county or trash company clean-up crews. Illegal dumping on private property, requires notification to Code Enforcement which takes a little longer to resolve. When you see illegal dumping please report it to your local city, or to our office for non-city/unincorporated neighborhoods in the 1st District (E-mail: District1@RivCo.org). We simply cannot allow thugs who disrespect our communities to ruin our neighborhoods.

Weed Abatement – Have you noticed how tall the wild weeds are growing around our communities? Even though we have had some wild weather – we will soon experience hot dry winds that will turn our lush green fields tinder dry. If you have wild weeds along your property, PLEASE help our firefighters help you and make sure those weeds are trimmed down before Fire Season starts! For more info: <https://www.rvcfire.org/our-departments/hazard-reduction>

Thank you for your thoughts and comments,
Kevin

P.S. The Superior Court is seeking qualified individuals to apply and serve on the Riverside County Grand Jury. You can find more at: <https://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/Divisions/GrandJury/grand-jury.php>




MEAD VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

1 DAY
ONLY

NEW DATE:
MARCH, 11, 2023
8:00 am – 12:00 pm

The Mead Valley Community Center
21091 Rider St, Perris, CA 92570
Funded by The County of Riverside Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

**DROP OFF YOUR
UNWANTED ITEMS FOR
FREE!**

You will need to unload
your own items. Please
bring help if needed.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS



NO!



Household trash
Latex, Oil, or Paint
Empty Drums
Batteries
Motor Parts



Motor Oil
Pool Chemicals
Transmission/Brake Fluids
Pesticides/Herbicides
Bleach/Tub & Tile Cleaner



Fertilizers
Rodent Poisons
Anti-Freeze
Solvents/Gasoline
Fluorescent Light Tubes

For more information, contact Grace Escobar (760) 883-2588 gcescobar@rivco.org



MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

Serve on the 2023-2024

Riverside County Civil Grand Jury

- Ensure that county, city and local government agencies operate responsibly, legally, and ethically.
- Improve local government with your recommendations.
- Respond to citizen complaints about local government.
- Assure that our local tax dollars are spent wisely.
- Evaluate conditions at our county's jails and prisons.

Information: www.riverside.courts.ca.gov or 951-777-3644

Application deadline: April 3, 2023





Qualifications:

1 yr. Resident of Riverside County • U. S. Citizen • 18 or older

Knowledge of English • Sound judgment and character

Daily stipend plus mileage and parking

The role of a Grand Jury differs substantially from that of a trial jury. It is a fulltime assignment. Duties of the Civil Grand Jury include: To act as the public's watchdog by investigating and reporting upon the affairs of local government; weigh allegations of misconduct against public officials and determine whether to present formal accusations; review and act upon letters or complaints from citizens of Riverside County. Jury members take the oath of office on TBD, meet four days per week in downtown Riverside, and serve for one year. Grand Jury proceedings are closed to the public.



*Interested in serving your local community?
Perhaps you are more of a regional advocate?
If you live in or have a business in District #1, be sure to look at the list
of openings we have below for local commissions.
If you feel you have the time to dedicate to making the district a better place
feel free to apply online at www.supervisorjeffries.com, under Boards & Commissions*

CURRENT OPENINGS:

Good Hope Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - Two (2) Members

Mead Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - One (1) Member

Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) - One (1) Member, One (1) Alternate

Advisory Council of Aging - One (1) Opening

Solid Waste - One (1) Alternate Opening

Assessment Appeals - One (1) Opening Alternate

In Home Support Services (IHSS) - Recipient or Caregiver of IHSS Services —
One (1) opening

Behavioral Health Commission - Family Member - One (1) opening

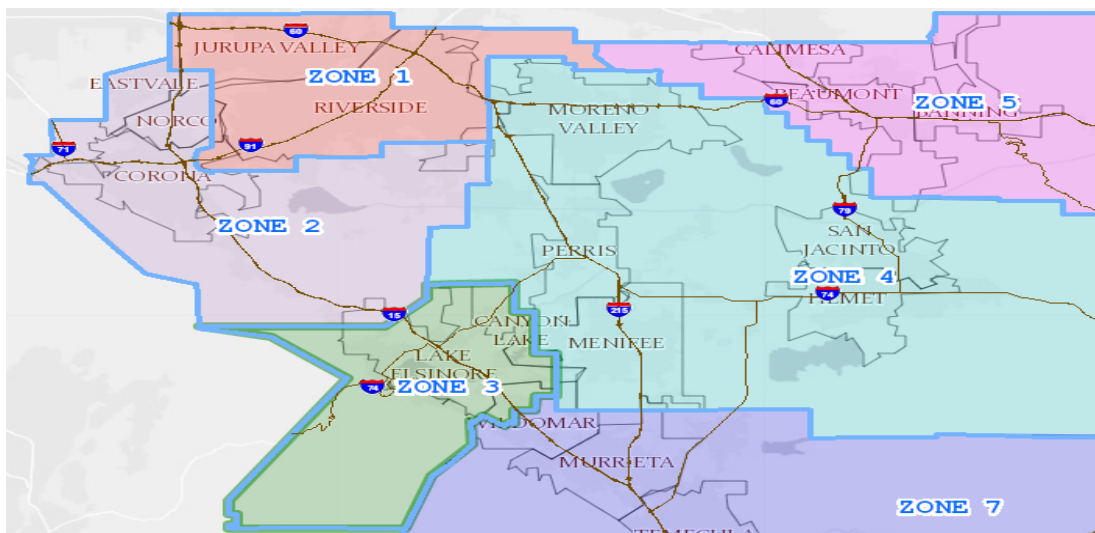
Community Action Partnership - One (1) Alternate

Assessment Appeals Board No. 3 - One (1) Member, One (1) Alternate

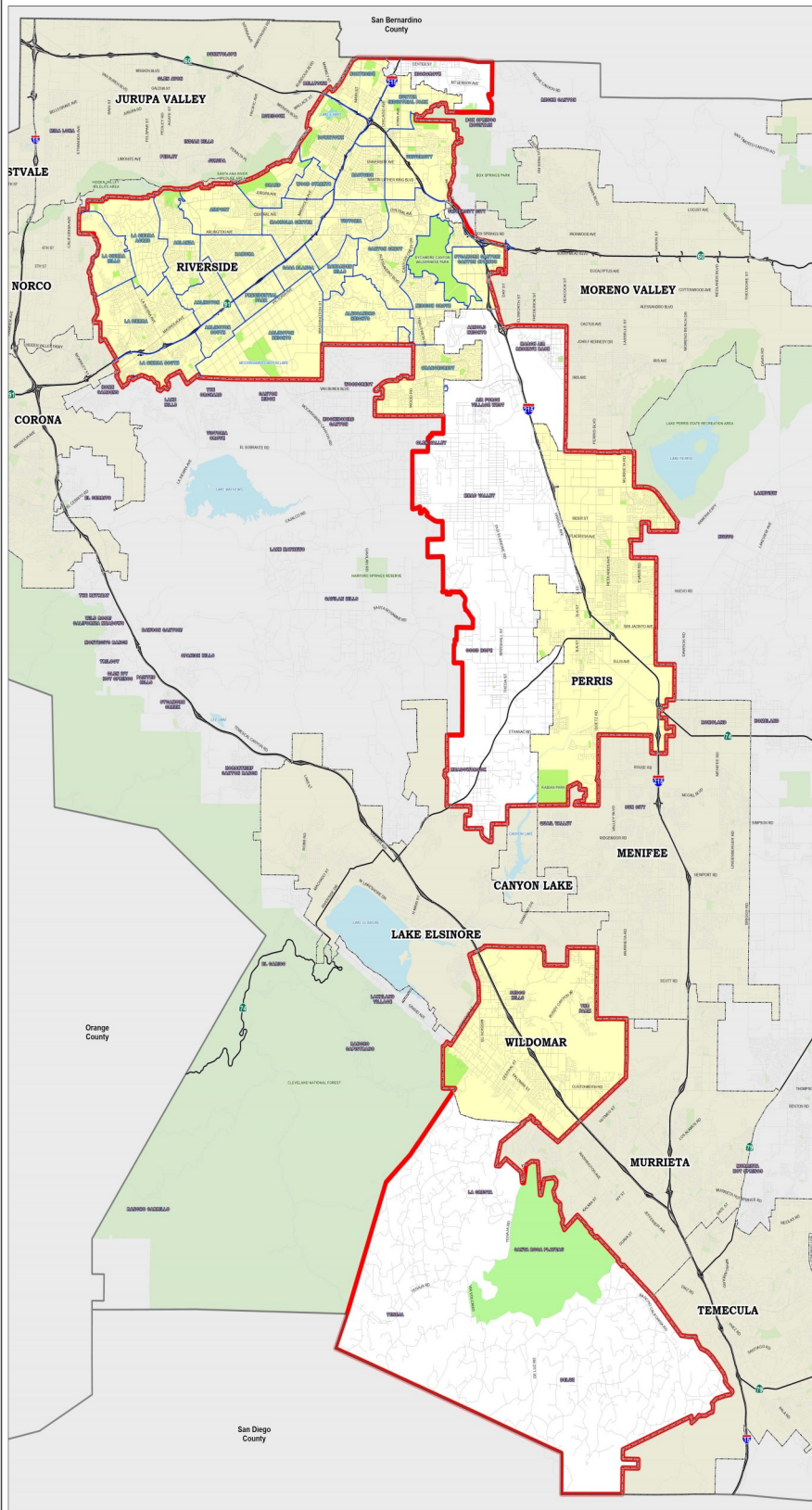
Riverside County Flood Control Commission Zone 1 - One opening (see below)
Flood Control District Map

Open Position: Flood Control Commissioner

The First District has an opening on the Riverside County Flood Control Commission representing Zone 1. Commissioners serve as unpaid volunteers, attend a minimum of one annual meeting, to review the District's Annual Budget and Regional Drainage Plans. For more information visit the District's website at www.rcflood.org. To apply, please submit the online application available at www.supervisorjeffries.org



SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 County of Riverside



First District Profile



Kevin Jeffries was elected in November 2012 to Represent the residents of the 1st Supervisorial District on the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. This district covers the cities of Riverside, Perris, and Wildomar, and the unincorporated communities including Highgrove, University City, Mead Valley, Good Hope, Meadowbrook, March Joint Powers Authority, La Cresta, Tenaja, and DeLuz.

- Roads
- Highways
- City Boundaries
- Neighborhoods
- District 1 Boundary
- Parks
- Waterbodies

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
District 1
(951) 955-1010

Representing the Cities of:
Riverside
Jurupa Valley (portion)
Perris
Wildomar



Road and Safety Improvements



Fisher Street Received More Road Improvements

Recently our Riverside County Transportation Department finished a much needed connection by paving Fisher Street between Cox Street and the County Line in the unincorporated area of Good Hope. This is a continuation of pavement work from Marshall to Cox that was completed about a year ago.

Aloha Road Paved

Riverside County Transportation Department paved Aloha Road between Old Elsinore Road and San Jacinto Avenue in the unincorporated area of Good Hope.



Old Elsinore Rd and Orange Ave Road Safety Improvement

The intersection of Old Elsinore Road and Orange Avenue now has an all way stop.

The stop sign was installed by the end of February. A traffic safety review was completed at the end of September and showed that data and existing field conditions recommended an all way stop at this dangerous intersection.

Mead Valley Black History Month Celebration

The Mead Valley community celebrated Black History Month on February 17. The community was delighted with a performance by The Teye Sa Thiosanne African Drum & Dance Company representing their African heritage which continually strives to present the best of African arts to those who also come to share in the tradition. The community also enjoyed delicious snacks and refreshing drinks. Many thanks to Yolonda Williams and Noland Turnage from The Grove Community Church who did an amazing job organizing and hosting this event at the Mead Valley Community Center.



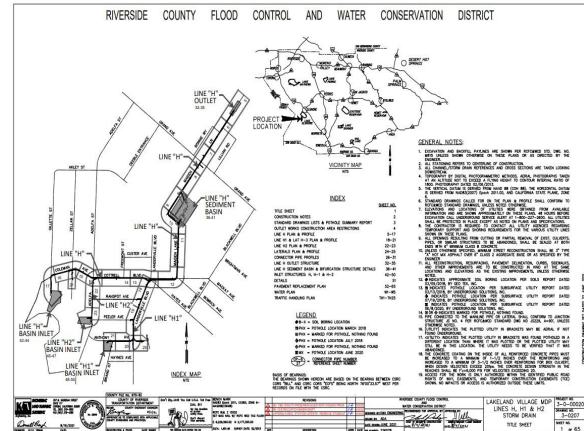
Ms. Moses 101st Birthday

On Thursday, February 23, 2023 Willie Moses celebrated her 101st birthday! Her celebration was held at the Moses Schaffer Community Center (named after Ms. Moses) in the unincorporated area of Good Hope. Nearly 50 people attended this momentous birthday celebration.



Left to right:
Noland Turnage—Community Outreach Minister of the Grove
Willie Moses
Hashish Winstead—Legislative Analyst for Supervisor Jeffries

The Maiden Lane Flood Control Project that goes from the Lake through Maiden Lane past Gillette Street into the H basin (see diagram below for path), continues construction. At the end of February the Maiden Lane Flood Project began and nearly finished going through Grand Avenue. They hope to complete the Grand portion of the project by beginning of March and the full project completion in February of 2024.



New shade structures at the Lakeland Village Community Center were recently installed. This addition brings much needed shade to the play and picnic area of the Community Center. This area serves not only the general public but will shade the dozens of children in the Boys and Girls Club that regularly attend this location.





COVID-19

Vaccination Clinic
Clínica de Vacunación

Highgrove Library

March 11, 2023 | 11:00am-3:00pm

530 W Center St. Highgrove, CA
92507

Pfizer

REGISTER



Moderna

REGISTER



OFFERING
OFRECIENDO



This clinic offers the following: | Esta clínica ofrece lo siguiente:

- Pfizer: BIVALENT Booster | Refuerzo Bivalente
- Moderna: BIVALENT Booster | Refuerzo Bivalente

For assistance with scheduling, please call: | Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame:
(951) 358-5000 | 2-1-1



HIGHGROVE LIBRARY

Free Tax Preparation Services
Provided by
Community Action Partnership
Of

Riverside County
During the Month of March & April 2023

Free Tax Preparation for individuals or families that earned under \$75,000 in 2022.
Every Saturday during the month of March and ending
Saturday April 15, 2023 from 10:00am-3:00pm

Free Tax Preparation Services
Will be available at the Highgrove Library
530 W Center ST. Riverside, CA 92507

For More Information Please Call 951-682-1507



HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM AT THE HIGHGROVE LIBRARY



Highgrove Library
530 Center St
Riverside CA 92507
951-682-1507

HOMEWORK HELP HOURS
TUES & THURS: 2PM - 6PM
WED: 1:30 PM - 6PM
FRI: 12 PM - 6PM
SAT: 10 AM - 3PM



Tutors courtesy of UCR College Corps



College Corps



This FREE training is
provided by:



WHERE:

Norton Younglove
Community Center
459 Center Street
Highgrove, CA 92507

DATES:

Saturday 3/4/2023 &
Saturday 3/11/2023

TIME:

Saturdays 9:00 am to 7:30 pm
(1-hour break for lunch)



HOW TO REGISTER:

Please follow the link below.

<http://tiny.cc/HighgroveCERTMAR23>

For more information or
ADA assistance contact us:

951-358-7100 or

EMDTraining@RivCo.org



Building Resilient Communities

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced.

CERT training is a commitment of 20 hours of training. There is no cost for the training. Only those who successfully complete the practical exercise with hands-on instruction in fire suppression, search and rescue, cribbing, and medical training will receive a certificate of completion.

CERT courses may be subject to cancellation at any time prior to start of class, if minimum registration number is not met



Participants will receive a complementary CERT backpack!

All father figures welcomed.



RIVERSIDE COUNTY
DADS ASSISTING DADS



TOOLS FOR BEING A GREAT DAD!

Our Goals:

- Increase the services offered to fathers.
- Reduce the stigma that fathers face in their role in parenting.
- Promote the value of fathers in a child's life.
- Encourage fathers to be involved as much as possible.
- Increasing paternal engagement and improving parenting skills.
- Engaging mothers to support father-child contact.
- Create a father-focused network of resources to assist families in need.

Our Mission:

Collaborate with community-based organizations to support the public, creating a fatherhood network of resources.

Our vision is to have a community of where all fathers are engaged in the life of their children with the support of their community, thereby creating the strongest families in Southern California.

FATHERS OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY

DADS ASSISTING DADS COALITION

WANT MORE INFO? **SCAN ME**

**YOUTH / SENIORS
DISABLED / VETERANS**

**RIDE FOR
25¢**



Beginning August 1 through June 30, 2023, RTA is offering 25-cent bus rides to youth, seniors, disabled and veterans on all bus routes, including CommuterLink! While on board, enjoy free Wi-Fi, USB charging ports, comfortable seating, friendly drivers, and, as always, our commitment to safety wherever you're headed.

Just show your valid ID to receive the discounted fare.

-  **Youth** Age 18 and Under
-  **Seniors** Age 60 or Above
-  **Disabled** Customers and Medicare Card Holders
-  **Veterans**

Cash, coin and Token Transit app payment accepted. Visit [RiversideTransit.com](https://www.RiversideTransit.com) or call us at (951) 565-5002 for more information or to plan your trip.

Save the Date

RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

**2023 ANNUAL Countywide
EDUCATION RECRUITMENT FAIR**

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Riverside County Office of Education | Conference Center
4280 Brockton Avenue | Riverside, CA 92501

Certificated

- Multiple Subject
- Secondary Single Subject
- Special Education
- Speech/Language Pathologist
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Visually Impaired
- Career Technical Education
- Permit Teacher, Head Start and Early Head Start

Classified

- Instructional Assistant
- Clerical
- Food Service Worker
- Custodial/Building & Grounds
- Accounting

Internship eligibility will be considered.

For more information, please contact:
Adam Bailey, Ph.D., Administrator | abailey@rcoe.us
Karli Orona, Personnel Clerk | korona@rcoe.us

**Lead | Serve
INNOVATE**

**Do you need help
with your utility bills?
CAP can help!**



The Covid-19 pandemic has created hardships for people across Riverside County. Community Action Partnership is here to assist those in need during these trying times.

UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

-  Current utility bills (electric, gas, propane)
-  Proof of household income (last 4 weeks)
-  Photo ID and social security card
-  Birth certificate, US passport, or proof of legal residency

CONTACT AND APPLY TO COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

P.O. Box 5760
Riverside, CA 92517

 energy@capriverside.org
www.capriverside.org

 951-955-4900

JOIN OUR TEAM



We are looking for professionals who are willing to support and improve the health, safety, well-being and independence of our county's families

OPEN DPSS POSITIONS

- Eligibility Technician I/II
- Social Services Practitioner III
- and many more!!



BENEFITS INCLUDE

- Medical, Vision, Dental
- Competitive Work Schedules
- 12 Paid Holidays Per Year
- Vacation and Sick Time Accruals
- 457b Deferred Compensation Plan
- CalPERS Pension
- Education Support Program



APPLY TODAY!

Scan the QR code to see more employment opportunities.

For all Riverside County job openings, visit: RC-HR.com



Scan To Apply

For more information please visit us at: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/riverside/dpssjobs>

Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) is an employer-sponsored program that provides grant funding to assist eligible businesses offset the cost of training for their existing (incumbent) workers. Its intent is to create a stronger workforce for workers and employers with the opportunity to build and maintain a quality workforce and avert layoffs.



INCUMBENT WORKER ELIGIBILITY

- Be employed
- At least 18 years of age
- U.S. Citizen or a non-citizen whose status permits employment in U.S.
- Males must be registered for Selective Service
- Meet Fair Labor Standards Act
- Established employment with employer for 6 months or more

EMPLOYER ELIGIBILITY

- Have a need to upgrade skills of their employees to remain competitive in their industry or the economy
- Can meet the shared cost requirement
- Private sector, non-profit, and local government entities
- Employer must be in operation for at least 12 months
- Current on all state and federal tax obligations

HOW OUR PROGRAM WORKS:



- Meet your local Workforce Development representative
- If you're an employer, we'll help you identify current employees who need retraining and upskilling, and provide training
- If you're an employee, we'll help you identify interests, strengths, and skills you can build upon

Contact the Riverside County Employer Services Team at 833-303-4333 or employerservices@rivco.org or by visiting www.rivcoworkforce.org

This WIOA Title I financially assisted program or activity is an equal opportunity employer/program. Equal Opportunity Notice: Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Please call 951.955.3100, 951.955.3744 TTY, or ADACoordinator@rivco.org 5 to 7 days in advance.



What is OJT? On-the-Job Training (OJT) is a FREE program that allows a business to hire and train a new employee while actually performing the job.



WHAT IS REQUIRED?

- Business located in Riverside County
- 32 hrs/week minimum
- Trainee must be covered by Worker's Compensation
- Job may not be temporary or seasonal
- Wage must be prevailing rate within the company
- Wage may not be commission or piecework based
- Position must be in a high-demand industry/occupation

HOW IT WORKS

- The OJT program matches qualified job seekers with businesses who are in need of full-time skilled workers. OJT will reimburse a business **50%** of the employee salary up to 480 hours of training.

CONTACT US ABOUT ON-THE-JOB TRAINING TODAY!

RIVERSIDE	HEMET	INDIO	MORENO VALLEY	BLYTHE
1325 Spruce Street Suite 110 Riverside, CA 92507 951-955-3100	749 North State Street Hemet, CA 92543 951-791-3500	44-199 Monroe Street Suite B Indio, CA 92201 760-863-2500	12625 Frederick Street Suite K-3 Moreno Valley, CA 92553 (951) 413-3920	1 College Drive PE Building Blythe, CA 92225 (760) 640-3144



www.RivCoWorkforce.org

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S EXPANDED SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



FAST TRACK RECRUITMENT AND HIRING



HOW IT WORKS:

- We provide custom recruiting and candidate matching services
- Eligible candidates go through an extensive employment readiness and pre-screening process
- You interview pre-screened candidates and make the hiring decision!



WAGE SUBSIDY:

100% of employee's gross hourly wage reimbursed for up to 6 months*

EMPLOYER REQUIREMENTS:

1. Online County vendor registration enrollment
2. Complete the employer agreement
3. Submit wage subsidy requests

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL : (760) 863-2521

EMAIL : arlperez@rivco.org

*Limited time only, employee start date must be prior to 6/30/2022. Employee hire dates on/after 7/1/2022 reimbursed at standard 50% wage subsidy.