

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC) Meeting Agenda

September 20, 2023, 1 pm

Committee members must participate in person (except for just cause reasons approved by the HSOC):

Conference Room, Family Care Network, 1255 Kendall Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

The public may participate in person or by Zoom video call: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85342001044?pwd=iEGwL2Sf1GnwY6iwLmbOdL04Br9HR1.1

Or dial in: +1 669 444 9171 Meeting ID: 853 4200 1044 Passcode: 059992

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions (5 minutes*)
- 2. Public Comment (10 minutes*)
- 3. Consent: Approval of Minutes (3 Minutes*)
- 4. Action/Information/Discussion
 - 4.1. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 1 Create Affordable and Appropriately Designed Housing Opportunities and Shelter Options for Underserved Populations
 - 4.1.1. Discussion Item: Presentation by the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) on the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (20 minutes*)

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- 4.1.1.1. Committee Questions
- 4.1.1.2. Public Comment
- 4.1.1.3. Committee Discussion
- 4.1.2. Information Item: Interim Housing Projects Update (10 minutes*)
 - 4.1.2.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.1.2.2. Public Comment
 - 4.1.2.3. Committee Discussion
- 4.2. Continuum of Care Administration
 - 4.2.1. Information Item: Expiring HSOC Membership seats and Call for Applications (5 minutes*)
 - 4.2.1.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.2.1.2. Public Comment
 - 4.2.1.3. Committee Discussion
- 4.3. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 2: Reduce or Eliminate Barriers to Housing Stability
 - 4.3.1. Action Item: Authorize the HSOC Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education Regarding Informing Homeless Families of the Educational Rights of Homeless Children and Helping Homeless Families to Access the School-Based Resources Available to Them (7 minutes*)
 - 4.3.1.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.3.1.2. Public Comment
 - 4.3.1.3. Committee Discussion and Vote

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- 4.4. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 3 Improve and Expand Data Management Efforts Through HMIS and Coordinated Entry System to Strengthen Data-Driven Operational Guidance and Strategic Oversight
 - 4.4.1. Discussion Item: Update on Planning for the 2024 Homeless Point in Time Count (20 minutes*)
 - 4.4.1.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.4.1.2. Public Comment
 - 4.4.1.3. Committee Discussion
- 4.5. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 4 Create, Identify, and Streamline Funding and Resources
 - 4.5.1. Action Item: Authorize the HSOC Chair to Sign a Letter of Support for the 5Cities Homeless Coalition to Apply for the 2023 Homeless Prevention Grant Funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (5 minutes*)
 - 4.5.1.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.5.1.2. Public Comment
 - 4.5.1.3. Committee Discussion and Vote
- 4.6. County Homeless Services Division Update
 - 4.6.1. Information Item: Update from County Homeless Services Division Leadership (10 minutes*)
 - 4.6.1.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.6.1.2. Public Comment
 - 4.6.1.3. Committee Discussion



- 4.6.2. Information Item: Update on the 2024 Action Plan and Related Grants (10 minutes*)
 - 4.6.2.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.6.2.2. Public Comment
 - 4.6.2.3. Committee Discussion
- 4.7. Discussion Item: Committee Updates (5 minutes*)
- 5. Future Discussion/Report Items (3 minutes)
- 6. Updates and Requests for Information (7 minutes)
- 7. Next Regular Meeting: November 15, 2023
- 8. Adjournment

The full agenda packet for this meeting is available on the SLO County HSOC web page:

https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Social-Services/Homeless-Services-Oversight-Council-(HSOC).aspx

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC) MEETING MINUTES

Date

July 19, 2023

Time

1:02pm-3:04pm

Location

Room 101, County of San Luis Obispo Department of Social Services, 3433 South Higuera St, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

Members of the public were able to participate via Zoom.

Members Present:

Allison Brandum

Aurora William

Bettina Swigger

Brenda Mack

Clint Weirick

Christy Nichols (Alternate for Nicole Bennett)

(Supervisor) Dawn Ortiz-Legg

Devin Drake

Elaine Archer

Erica Stewart (Alternate for Michelle Shoresman)

Garret Olson

Jack Lahey

Janna Nichols

Kathy McClenathen

Kristen Barneich

Luke Dunn

Marcia Guthrie

Mark Lamore

Rick Scott

Rochelle Sonza

Susan Funk

Susan Lamont

Wendy Blacker

Wendy Lewis

Zara Landrum

Members Absent:

Amelia Grover

William Crewe

Jeff Smith

Jessica Thomas

Jim Dantona

Michelle Shoresman

Nicole Bennett

Rick Gulino

Rick Scott

Shay Stewart

Steve Gregory

Staff & Guests:

Abby Lassen

Anne Robin

Brandy Graham

Daisy Wiberg

Erica Jaramillo

George Solis

Haley Dodson

Jeff Al-Mashat

Joe Dzvonik

K Welles

Kate Bourne

Kelly Abbas

Kristin Ventresca

Laurel Weir

Lauryn Searles

Lisa Howe

Marc Sabin

Matt Leal

Merlie Livermore

Morgan Torell

Rita Holland

Russ Francis

Sarah Montes Reinhart

Staci Dewitt

Steve Stucky

Suzie Freeman

Trisha Raminha

Yael Korin

Yesenia Alonso

1. Call to Order

Susan Funk called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

2. Introductions

No introductions were made by newcomers or guests.

3. Public Comment

During public comments, Anne Robin shared that this is her last HSOC meeting as she is retiring from the SLO County Behavioral Health department. She mentioned that Morgan Torell will be taking her place as the HSOC representative. Janna Nichols of the 5Cities Homeless Coalition requested the Executive Committee to consider poling the group about a change of time for the full HSOC meeting. Janna suggested the time change to be either at the beginning or ending of the day to accommodate those who are coming from other parts of the county. Wendy Lewis of ECHO shared that as of yesterday, they have helped 101 men, women and children get back into permanent housing. Supervisor Dawn Ortiz- Legg shared that the Board of Supervisors has been getting a lot of feedback from the community regarding the unhoused. She mentioned the importance of communicating with the community the efforts that are being made towards the issue of homelessness. Kristin Barneich from the City of Arroyo Grande shared the same sentiment mentioning the use of social media in showcasing the SLO County efforts and accomplishments towards this issue. Mayor Erica Stewart mentioned the City of SLO will support SLO County's efforts in information dissemination via the use of social media. Brandy Graham from CAPSLO gave an update on the Veterans Services. She mentioned that more Veteran families are reaching out to their services. Before closing public comments, HSOC Chairperson Susan Funk and Supervisor Ortiz-Legg recognized Anne Robin's significant contribution as head of the SLO County Behavioral department.

4. Approval of Minutes

Devin Drake moved the minutes to be approved, seconded by Kristen Barneich. Minutes passed by voice vote.

5. Action/Information/Discussion

5.1 Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 1 - Create Affordable and Appropriately Designed Housing Opportunities and Shelter Options for Underserved Populations

5.1.1 Discussion Item: Update on Encampment Resolution Fund Grant Applications and Award Kristin Ventresca, Homeless Services Division's Communications and Data Administrative Manager presented an update on the Encampment Resolution project. This project will be located behind the Department of Social Services building and will be called the Welcome Home Village. This project will help reduce homelessness by providing the most vulnerable individuals, specifically those living on encampments along the Bob Jones Bike Trail with a place to call home. The Welcome Home Village will comprise of an 80-unit non-congregate housing facility which includes 34 interim supportive housing units and 46 permanent supportive housing units. Residents will be provided on-site case management and other resources. The Bob Jones Bike Trail corridor was selected because of its designation as a fire and flood zone, and it hosts the largest concentration of homeless encampments in the City of San Luis Obispo.

The \$13.4 million from the State of California's Encampment Resolution Fund will allow to reduce the number of encampments along the bike trail, provide the services and support people need to get back on their feet, and allow the trail and related open spaces to be used by the community as originally intended. To address the environmental concerns, there will be installation of sanitation services along the bike trail to reduce waste and trash accumulation. The Fund also helps in the expansion of the City of SLO's ongoing outreach to those living in the encampment area with the addition of Good Samaritan Shelter's field teams. There is an anticipation that people may begin moving from the Bob Jones Bike Trail corridor and into the Welcome Home Village as soon as Spring 2024. Kristin also mentioned that there will be a Community Information session regarding this project sometime in the fall of this year. George Solis, the Administrative Grants Manager shared that the County of San Luis Obispo submitted a total of three Encampment Resolution Funding applications. SLO County received the third highest award in the state behind San Diego and Los Angeles counties. An application for the South County (Five Cities) was not awarded any funding. A third project application, for the City of Paso Robles is pending and awards will be announced by the end of summer. George also mentioned that the state will release a third round of Encampment Resolution Funding in December. He shared that SLO County, along with providers and City partners would apply again in January or February, using the lessons learned from previous applications.

5.2 Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 3 – Improve and Expand Data Management Efforts Through HMIS and Coordinated Entry System to Strengthen Data-Driven Operational Guidance and Strategic Oversight

5.2.1 Discussion Item: Updates on Efforts to Improve the HMIS System

Kristin Ventresca shared an update on Homeless Services Information Management System process and the efforts that are being made to improve the HMIS system. This project is an investment to provide data-driven insights, support service delivery, and maximize service partner capacity to service participants. In her presentation, Kristin presented slides showing who are involved in this process, project scope, timeline, key milestones, estimated costs, and funding solution. She ended her presentation by mentioning that the County Homeless Division will be seeking the HMIS system upgrade approval from the Board of Supervisors in August.

5.2.2 Action Item: Vote to 1) Recommend an Allocation of up to \$1,067,804 from Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Grant Round 3 Funds to be Used for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Improvements, Consistent with HHAP 3 Guidelines for Use of Initial Funding; and 2) endorse the County's Homeless Services Information System (HMIS) Steering Committee's recommendation to move ahead with an upgrade of the HMIS system and engaging a supporting services provider to assist in the transition.

George Solis provided the background for this Action Item. Kristen Barneich moved the motion to approve with amendment endorsing the HMIS plan. Devin Drake seconded. Roll called; motion passed.

5.3 Discussion and Action Items: Updates from County Staff

5.3.1 Action Item: Vote to use 1) a Census Methodology for the 2024 Homeless Point in Time Count of Unsheltered Persons; and 2) an Observational Count Combined with a Sampling

Methodology for obtaining demographic and survey information for unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness

Kari Howell presented a brief background on this item. Kristen Barneich moved the motion to approve. Janna Nichols seconded. Roll called, and motion passed.

5.3.2 Discussion Item: Update from staff on activities of the Homeless Services Division Erica Jaramillo, Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Manager shared that the County applied to HUD's (United States Department of Housing and Urban Development) Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) that will serve unhoused youth ages 24 and under. The CoC is also working to support the formation of the Youth Advisory Board. Erica also mentioned that on July 5, 2023, HUD released Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the FY 2023 CoC Program competition. Today, the County released Program for Proposals and will be accepting applications for renewal of projects as well as for bonus funding projects. The Homeless Services Division will be hosting a virtual informational meeting for the CoC this Friday, July 21 starting at 9:30am. Additionally, there will be a special meeting of HSOC in August to vote on funding recommendations.

Erica reported that the Grants unit is working on implementing Neighborly software, a grants management software system for administering state and Federal funding. Once implemented, agencies will be able to apply for funding through this system. This program will allow the County to administer grant programs more efficiently. The Grants unit is also preparing for the 2024 Action Plan NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) to be released in the fall. The goal is to release a super NOFA that will include all available State and Federal funding opportunities all at once for more strategic planning of funding resources.

Besides the earlier update on the HMIS (Homeless Management Information System), Erica shared that the Communications & Data team is actively immersed in communication strategies around the SLO Encampment Resolution funding award. The Communications team has been connecting with local business owners, property owners and tenants, and scheduling informational events that will be open to the public.

5.4. Discussion Item: Committee Updates

Elaine Archer of the Housing Committee provided updates regarding the housing voucher situation and what is happening on the housing creation front. On the voucher issue, Elaine shared that in June, HASLO (Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo) received a letter from HUD (US Department of Housing and Urban Development) informing them that HUD will take back \$672,000 from HASLO's voucher program funding reserves. According to Elaine, if this reserve amount is taken, this could mean that by the end of December, there will not be enough money to meet the monthly expenses of the voucher program. Elaine and her team are working on how to reach out to HUD to reverse this decision. For the time being, HASLO must pull vouchers off the street and put applicants back on the waiting list. She also reported that the maximum capacity on the emergency and mainstream housing vouchers have been reached. There will be no new emergency housing vouchers issued after September 30th. The mainstream vouchers remain as ongoing program and applicants will be called off the waiting list as more vouchers become available in the future.

Regarding the status on creation of housing, Elaine shared that there are eight properties, located in Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo, Morro Bay, Templeton, and Paso Robles respectively, that will be leasing up and looking for new tenants. Some of these units have preferences for Veterans, senior citizens and some units are set aside for those with serious mental illness.

Elaine mentioned that there will be about 140 beds in the next 12 months that are coming off the Coordinated Entry list. She also reported that the construction of the Maxine Lewis building will start next winter and will offer 40 beds dedicated to those who are homeless. People's Self- Help Housing also has another project that has been approved and will start construction in Grover Beach.

Jack Lahey shared that Services Coordinating Committee is currently reshaping its function and purpose and future meetings are being scheduled to discuss how to make this a more efficient committee.

Mark Lamore identified the PIT (Point in Time) Census, HMIS updates and the Grant Scoring Rubrics as the ongoing focus for the Finance & Data Committee.

Susan Funk mentioned that the Executive Committee is having an ongoing discussion on how to make each HSOC committee more functional, having good information flow and ensure that everyone's time on the committees is well spent.

6. Future Discussion/Report Items

- Executive Committee to poll HSOC to change time of meeting to start/end of the day
- 7. Special Meeting to Approve Funding Recommendations: August 28, 2023, at 9am.
- 8. Next Regular Meeting: September 20, 2023
- 9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:04pm.

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC) MEETING MINUTES

Date

August 28, 2023

Time

9:01am-10:02am

Location

Conference Room, Family Care Network 1255 Kendall Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

Members of the public were able to participate via Zoom.

Members Present:

Allison Brandum

Amelia Grover

Brenda Mack

Clint Weirick

Christy Nichols (Alternate for Nicole Bennett)

(Supervisor) Dawn Ortiz-Legg

Garret Olson

Jack Lahey

Janna Nichols

Kathy McClenathen

Kristen Barneich

Luke Dunn

Michelle Shoresman

Rick Gulino

Rochelle Sonza

Shay Stewart

Steve Gregory

Susan Funk

Susan Lamont

Wendy Lewis

William Crewe

Zara Landrum

Members Absent:

Aurora William

Bettina Swigger

Devin Drake

Elaine Archer
Jack Lahey
Janna Nichols
Jeff Smith
Jessica Thomas
Jim Dantona
Marcia Guthrie
Mark Lamore
Nicole Bennett
Rick Scott
Wendy Blacker

Staff & Guests:

Erica Jaramillo
Haley Ortez
Jon Nibbio
Laurel Weir
Merlie Livermore
Melissa Reed
Morgan Torrell
Russ Francis
Sarah Hayter
Skylar Caldwell

1. Call to Order

Susan Funk called the meeting to order at 9:01am

2. Introductions

No introductions presented.

3. Public Comment

Lauryn Searles from CAPSLO (Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo) provided a background and the significance of their funding request for the renewal of their contract for the Coordinated Entry program.

Melissa Reed representing T-MHA (Transitions- Mental Health Association) explained their application for funding for permanent supportive housing projects in the Cities of San Luis Obispo (SLO City Housing, with 20 beds) and Atascadero (Central Coast Permanent Housing-Bordeaux-38 beds). If funded, they would like to combine these two projects into one. T-HMA also applied for a Bonus grant funding, with the desire to add 10 more additional beds in collaboration with HASLO through the Anderson Hotel location.

Wendy Lewis of ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization) in Atascadero shared that by September 1st, a single mother with three children is moving into permanent housing, making the total of women and children housed through ECHO to 120 so far, this year.

Susan Lamont shared that her agency Lumina Alliance provides emotional support, accompaniment, and housing for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Amelia Grover shared that more information will be coming out about the street medicine outreach program.

Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg shared that she and SLO Mayor Erica Stewart will be at the Dave Congalton radio show at 2pm this afternoon to promote the upcoming "Welcome Home" Village community information session on Wednesday, August 30th at 6pm.

Brenda Mack expressed her agreement regarding the importance of information dissemination regarding community outreach efforts for the unhoused.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1 Action Item: Vote to recommend the Board of Supervisors appoint Starlene Graber to fill the County Government Service Providers seat on the HSOC that was previously held by Anne Robin

Laurel Weir provided a brief explanation on the position that is applied by Star Graber. Kristen Barneich proposed the motion to be moved, Kathy Mclenathen seconded. Roll was called and the motion passed.

4.2 Action Item: Vote to a) Make Funding Recommendations for Up to \$1,976,100 in Fiscal Year 2023 Funding from the Annual Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and b) to Approve Rankings of Proposed Projects

Erica Jaramillo presented an overview of the project applications for the FY 2023 CoC (Continuum of Care) Program competition. This included the description of the ranking process and the recommendations of project rankings. Shay Stewart proposed the motion to be moved, Garrett Olson seconded the motion. Roll called and the motion passed.

- **5. Next Regular Meeting:** September 20, 2023
- 6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:02am.

Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)

SLO County Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)

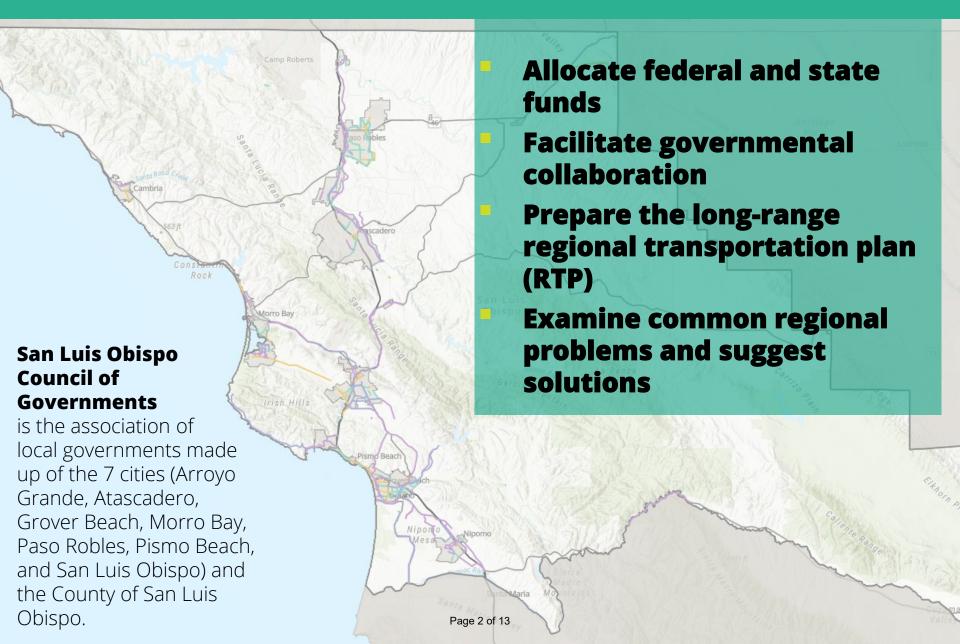








SLOCOG'S PURPOSE



UNDERSTANDING RHNA

The Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan

State-mandated process to identify the share of the state's housing need for which each jurisdiction must plan over a 10-year period (for current Cycle). Reimbursement for RHNA Plan = \$0

RHNA is . . .

A projection of additional housing units needed to accommodate projected household growth of all income levels from the start until the end date of the projection period.

RHNA is not . . .

- <u>Prediction</u> of building permit, construction, or housing activity
- Limited due to existing land use capacity or growth control (rezoning often necessary to accommodate RHNA)

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MAJOR ROLES IN HOUSING

STATE

Housing & Community
Development Department (HCD)
sets broad policy, determines
growth projections (RHNA)

DEVELOPERS/ BUILDERS

Build units & infrastructure to meet community needs

DEVELOP & DESIGN

Builders develop land, design housing and assemble financing structures

SLOCOG

Divides RHNA between county/cities; Creates RHNA Plan

COUNTY & CITIES

Control land use **planning and policies** that direct housing production; Update Housing Elements, and provide HCD with annual reports

AGENCIES PLAN & PERMIT

Cities/County outline standards + process, Decision makers approve development



6th Cycle Distribution

Jurisdiction	Total Allocation	Very Low 24.6%	Low 15.5%	Moderate 18%	Above Moderate 41.9%
Arroyo Grande	692	170	107	124	291
Atascadero	843	207	131	151	354
Grover Beach	369	91	57	66	155
Morro Bay	391	97	60	70	164
Paso Robles	1,446	356	224	259	607
Pismo Beach	458	113	71	82	193
San Luis Obispo	3,354	825	520	603	1,406
Unincorporated	3,256	801	505	585	1,365
Regional Total	10,810	2,660	1,675	1,940	4,535
Area Median Income (AMI)		< 50%	50-80%	80-120%	120% +

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SLOCOG DATA DRIVE



Explore SLO Region's Data



Population



Bike and Pedestrian



Housing



Rideshare



Fiscal Health



Traffic and Roads



Safety



Transit and Rail

View our Map Applications

Apps provide simple access to information and tools for citizens to understand our community and region. We recommend exploring the apps below for helping engage around specific goals and initiatives.

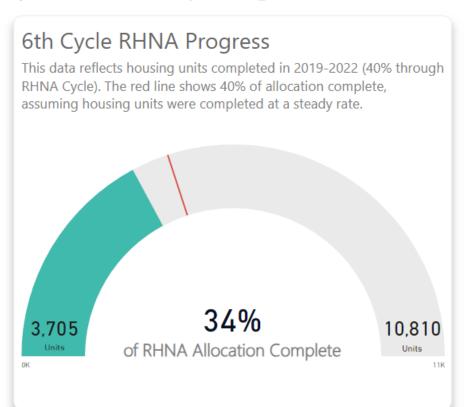


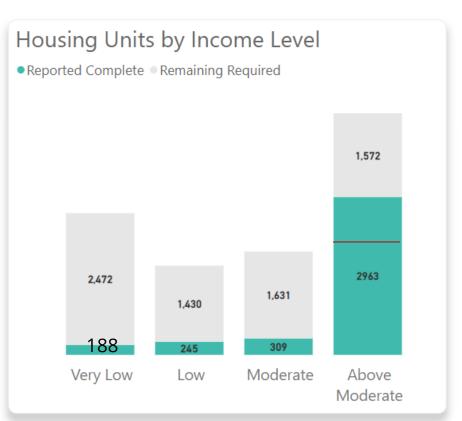
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RHNA PROGRESS 2022

RHNA Progress

San Luis Obispo Region





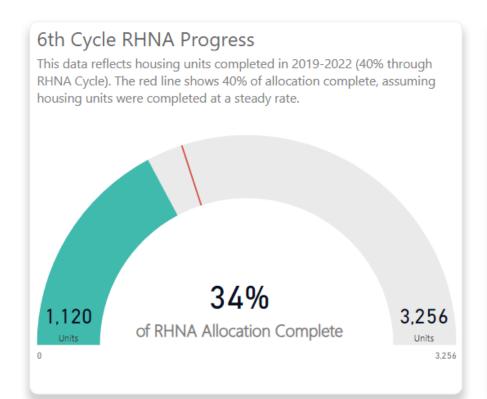
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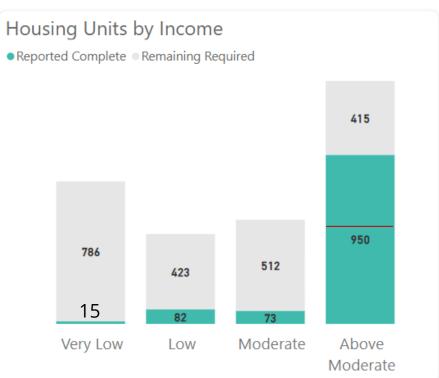
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COUNTY OF SLO PROGRESS

RHNA Progress by Jurisdiction County of SLO





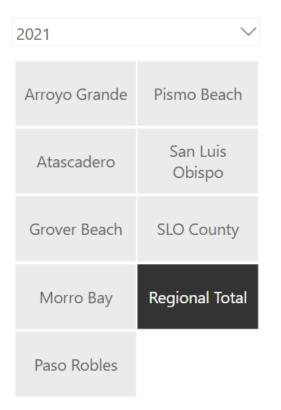


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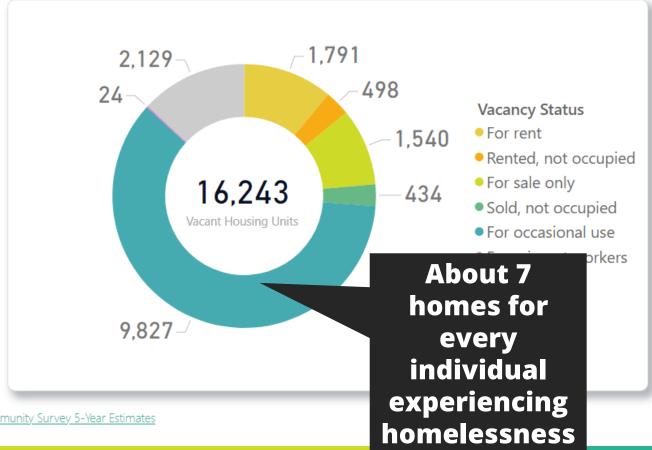
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Regional Total



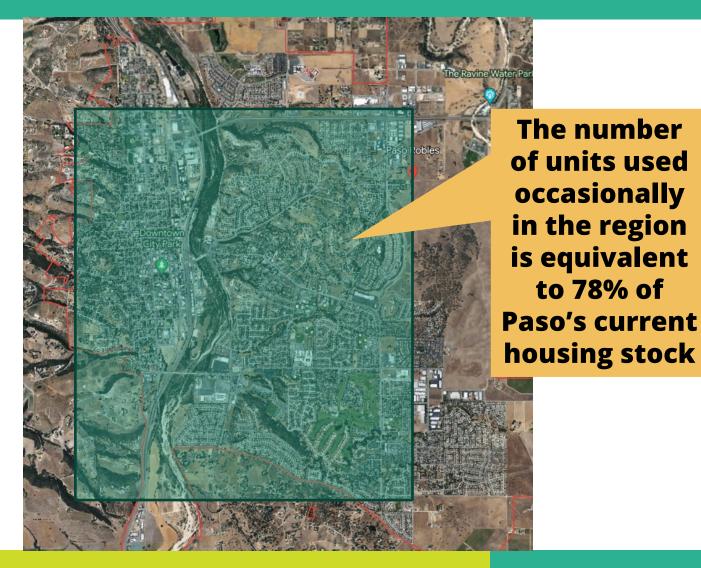
106,790 Occupied Housing Units



Data Source: The U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



VACANCY VISUAL



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Housing & Infrastructure Regional Framework

Formerly the Regional Housing & Infrastructure Plan (HIP)

- Inventories infrastructure barriers to housing
- Identifies available grant funding options to implement infrastructure needs,
- Develops foundational information for the future 2027 RHNA
- Affordable-by-Design Study: Can the market deliver new housing affordable to low- or moderate-income households (<120% AMI) without a subsidy? How can local governments help / encourage the market to do this?

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AFFORDABLE-BY-DESIGN STUDY FINDINGS



Rental: Market is close, regulatory change could help

ABD = smaller units in cost-effective development



For-Sale: Market not close, longerterm approach needed

Increasing housing production overall can help bring supply and demand into balance, make ABD achievable over the longer term

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resources. support. hope.

Balay Ko **On Barca**









Grover Beach









5CHC Locations - Grover Beach



- Housing Navigation Center
 - 100 S. 4th St.
- Cabins for Change
 - 1452 Longbranch St.
- Balay Ko On Barca Project – Between Barca & 4th St.



Barca Campus







DignityMoves

Gensler 09/12/2023

GROVER BEACH

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Campus Facilities & Ops

Facilities

- 30 Cabins @ 64 Sq Ft
- Incl. 2 ADA
- Shared Private Shower/RR
- On-site Laundry
- Congregate Dining Hall
- Case Mgmt Offices
- Operations Offices
- Dedicated Parking

Operations

- 90-180 Day Housing Focused Program
- Basic Needs Provided For
- Dogs Allowed
- 24/7 Staff
- Check-In Kiosk
- Adult Only
- No Visitors
- Curfew
- Case Management









 Case Management, Client Workstation, Dining and Bathing Facilities Separate

- Duplex Modular Structures
- Each Living Unit 64 Sq. Ft









How We Found Our Home

- 5CHC is honored to have the Balay Ko Foundation as a partner.
 The Balay Ko Foundation is investing more than \$2.5 Million to underwrite project capital improvements.
- Additional partners include City of Grover Beach, County of San Luis Obispo, and many generous developers and contractors including DignityMoves, Gensler, Tynan Group, Specialty Construction and Thoma Electric.
- Together we have come together to provide a home for our guests as they leave the streets.
- Balay Ko in the Filipino dialect of Ilocano translates to My Home.
- And it is this sentiment that we seek to inspire with this project.

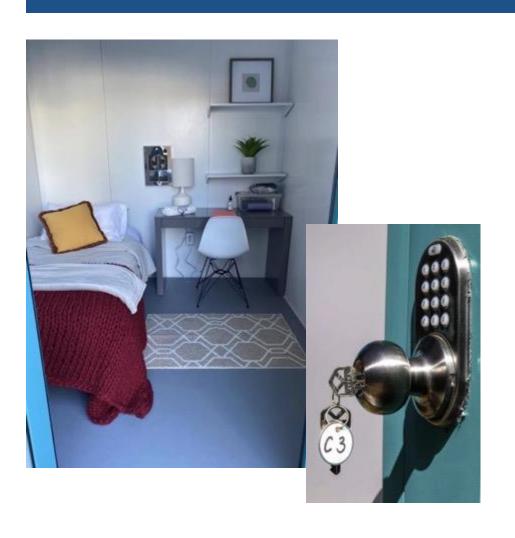


Interim Supportive Housing

- Transition between the streets & permanent housing
- Residents typically stay 90-180 days
- A place of change from survival to stability; providing mental and emotional respite.
- Opportunity to change the conversation from crisis to future hope.
- Critical opportunity to connect people with medical and mental healthcare
- Staff trained to provide emotional support and to help clients to problem solve



Privacy & Dignity



- Private room with locking door provides safety for pets and belongings
- A desk where clients can work on job and housing search
- Individually controlled heating, a desk, bed, Wi-Fi.



Program Metrics

- . Document Ready
- MedicalAssessment
- MainstreamBenefits
- Substance AbuseServices

- . Physical Health
- . Oral Health
- . Mental Health
- . Housing Support
- . Community Impact
- . Successful Housing



How Are We Doing At Our Cabins for Change Program?

Program Open Nine Months 12/23/2022

Current Cabin Wait List: 166

Total Program Participants To-Date: 55

Current Residents:
 23 People

8 Dogs & 3 Cats

Average Length of Stay At Exit
 97 days

No. of guests that will have moved into 29 guests permanent housing by Sept. 30th, 81% at Exit primarily to a rental unit

Guests who have exited the program 6 guests before securing permanent housing

Cabins for Change Client Demographics

•	Avg # Years Unhoused Before Cabins:	1.9 Yrs
•	Chronically Homeless with debilitating condition & at least 1 Year homeless:	47%
•	Mental Health Disorder:	33%
•	Substance Abuse Disorder:	22%
•	Chronic Health Condition:	38%
•	Developmental Disability:	5%
•	Physical Disability:	45%

Average Age:



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Cabins for Change Clients

•	Document Ready:	75%
•	Health Screening Completed:	47%
•	Qualified for Health Insurance:	95%
•	Qualified for CalFresh Benefit:	75%
•	Housed with HASLO Voucher:	15%
•	Connected with Primary Care:	75%
•	Connected with Dental Care:	35%
•	Connected with Mental Health Services:	31%
•	Connected with Substance Abuse Services:	24%
•	Enrolled in CalFresh Benefit	62%



HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL INFORMATION ITEM September 20, 2023

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4.2.1

There are 35 membership seats on the HSOC. Members are appointed to the HSOC by the County Board of Supervisors, with the exception of seven seats reserved for the representatives of the seven incorporated cities. These seven seats are held by City Council members who are appointed by their respective City Councils.

With the exception of the seats reserved for elected officials, members are appointed to three-year terms. To ensure continuity of the HSOC, term expirations are staggered among the seats, such that approximately 1/3 of the seats expire in a given year. Terms expire in January of the year in which the term ends.

There are currently eight seats due to expire in January 2024. Seven of these seats are tied to a specific category and can only be held by a representative from that category (County Government Service Providers, Advocates, Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers, Faith-Based Organizations, Hospitals, County Office of Education and Other Community Organizations). One of these seats is an 'at large' seat which may be held by a representative from any of the following categories: County Government Service Providers, Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons, Advocates, Affordable Housing Developers, Businesses, Faith-Based Organizations, Hospitals, Public Safety Organizations, Behavioral Health Agencies, Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers, Organizations Serving Homeless Veterans, Housing Authority, County Office of Education, Local School Districts, Social Service Providers, Victim Service Providers, and Other Community Organizations. In addition, there is one vacant seat in the Advocates category.

Seats due to expire in January 2024 and members holding these seats:

- County Government Service Providers Devin Drake
- Advocates Kathy McClenathen
- Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers Wendy Lewis
- Faith-Based Organizations Shay Stewart
- Hospitals Amelia Grover
- County Office of Education Jessica Thomas
- Other Community Organizations Nicole Bennett
- 'At Large' Seat (Businesses) Jim Dantona

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To apply for membership on the HSOC, for one of the above seats, for a term beginning January 2024, please complete the HSOC membership form and return to SS HomelessServices@co.slo.ca.us by the end of the day on Monday, October 9. The membership form can be found here:

https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Social-Services/Homeless-Services-Division/Homeless-Services-Oversight-Council-(HSOC)/HSOC-Membership.aspx

Timeline

- October 9 Deadline for applications
- Week of October 9 Ad Hoc Nominating Committee reviews applications and votes on recommendation to HSOC Executive Committee
- October 18 HSOC Executive Committee reviews Nominating Committee's recommendation and votes on recommendation to Full HSOC
- November 15 Full HSOC reviews Executive Committee's recommendation and votes on recommendation to the Board of Supervisors
- December Board of Supervisors reviews Full HSOC's recommendation and votes to appoint new members
- January new member terms begin

Membership of the Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC) as of September 2023

Expiring seats are highlighted in green. Vacant seats are highlighted in blue.

Seat	Member	Alternate	Organization	Term
Elected Officials	Kristen Barneich	Lan George	City of Arroyo Grande	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Susan Funk	Charles Bourbeau	City of Atascadero	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Clint Weirick	Zach Zimmerman	City of Grover Beach	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Zara Landrum	Laurel Barton	City of Morro Bay	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Steve Gregory		City of Paso Robles	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Marcia Guthrie	Mary Ann Reiss	City of Pismo Beach	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Michelle Shoresman	Erica Stewart	City of San Luis Obispo	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Dawn Ortiz-Legg	Kelley Abbas	County of San Luis Obispo	Unlimited while holding office
County Government Service Providers	Starlene Graber		County Department of Behavioral Health	9/12/2023-1/1/2026
County Government Service Providers	Devin Drake	Joe Dzvonik	County Department of Social Services	1/1/2021-1/1/2024
County Government Service Providers*	Allison Brandum	Sarah Reinhart	County Health Agency	4/19/2022-1/1/2025

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Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons	Brenda Mack	Agenda item 4.2.1 - Attachi		1/1/2022-1/1/2025
Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons	Wendy Blacker	Jason Holland	SLOCO Recovery Network	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons*	Luke Dunn			4/4/2023-1/1/2026
Advocates	Vacant			1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Advocates	Kathy McClenathen	Jeff Eckles	SLO County Housing Trust Fund	1/1/2021-1/1/2024
Public Safety Organizations	Jeff Smith		City of Pismo Beach Police Department	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Public Safety Organizations	Rick Scott	Brian Amoroso	City of San Luis Obispo Police Department	1/1/2023-1/1/2025
Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers	Janna Nichols	Michael Azevedo	5Cities Homeless Coalition	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers	Mark Lamore		Transitions Mental Health Association	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers	Wendy Lewis	Austin Solheim	El Camino Homeless Organization	1/1/2022-1/1/2024
Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers*	Jack Lahey	Lawren Ramos	Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Affordable Housing Developers	Rick Gulino	Catherine Manning	People's Self Help Housing	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Businesses	Bettina Swigger	Shannon DalPorto	Downtown SLO	1/1/2022-1/1/2025
Businesses*	Jim Dantona		SLO Chamber of Commerce	4/19/2022-1/1/2024

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Faith-Based Organizations	Shay Stewart		Granite Ridge Christian Camp	1/1/2021-1/1/2024
Hospitals	Amelia Grover	Liz Snyder	French Hospital	1/1/2021-1/1/2024
Organizations Serving Homeless Veterans	William Crewe	Paul Worsham	Veterans Helping Veterans	1/1/2022-1/1/2025
Housing Authority	Elaine Archer	Scott Collins	Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo	2/7/2023-1/1/2026
County Office of Education	Jessica Thomas	Daniela Garcia	SLO County Office of Education	1/1/2021-1/1/2024
Victim Service Providers	Susan Lamont	Jennifer Adams	Lumina Alliance	1/1/2022-1/1/2025
Other Community Organizations	Nicole Bennett	Christy Nichols	CenCal Health	1/1/2021-1/1/2024
Social Service Providers*	Garret Olson	Molly Kern	SLO Food Bank	4/19/2022-1/1/2025
Behavioral Health Agencies	Aurora William		LAGS Recovery Centers	1/1/2023-1/1/2025
Local School Districts	Rochelle Sonza		Grizzly Youth Academy	1/1/2023-1/1/2026

Per the HSOC bylaws (November 3, 2020), one seat is reserved for a County Supervisor, and seven seats are reserved for an elected City Councilperson from each of the incorporated cities.

*Five 'at large seats' may be held by representatives from any of the following categories: County Government Service Providers, Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons, Advocates, Affordable Housing Developers, Businesses, Faith-Based Organizations, Hospitals, Public Safety Organizations, Behavioral Health Agencies, Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers, Organizations Serving Homeless Veterans, Housing Authority, County Office of Education, Local School Districts, Social Service Providers, Victim Service Providers, and Other Community Organizations.

The HSOC may have no more than two representatives, staff or Board members from the same agency or organization.

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC) ACTION ITEM September 20, 2023

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4.3.1

ITEM: Authorize the HSOC Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education Regarding Informing Homeless Families of the Educational Rights of Homeless Children and Helping Homeless Families to Access the School-Based Resources Available to Them

ACTION REQUIRED:

Vote to authorize the HSOC Chair to sign an MOU with the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education regarding informing homeless families of the educational rights of homeless children and helping homeless families to access the school-based resources available to them.

SUMMARY NARRATIVE:

Homelessness has the potential to disrupt the educational progress of homeless children and youth. Prior to the passage of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act in 1987, fewer than half of all homeless children attended school on a regular basis. Title VII(b) of the that Act sought to ensure that children and school-aged youth experiencing homelessness were able to enroll in and attend public schools and that barriers to their education – such as lack of proof of residency documents and delays in enrollment – be addressed. To help ensure implementation of the law, the Act required each state to appoint a Homeless Education Coordinator, to help educate school districts about the law.

Over the past 36 years, the law, now called the McKinney-Vento Act, has been amended and strengthened to further address barriers to accessing education and related services. In addition to requiring a Homeless Education Coordinator at the state level, the law also now requires that each local school district appoint a representative to serve as a homeless education liaison for homeless children and youth within that school district. These liaisons work to identify school-aged homeless children and youth who are homeless in their district and assist with addressing homelessness-related barriers to enrollment, attendance, and access to school services for which the children would be otherwise eligible.

San Luis Obispo County Office of Education

The San Luis Obispo County Office of Education's (SLOCOE) Homeless and Foster Youth Services works to ensure that all homeless and foster youth in San Luis Obispo County have access to the same educational experience and resources as all students.

SLOCOE Homeless and Foster Youth services staff can assist with:

- School enrollment
- Assisting with school placement disputes
- Transfer or tracking of school records
- Identifying school resources
- Questions related to school policy and Education Code
- Providing Professional development trainings related to homeless and foster youth education, including training on educational rights under the McKinney-Vento Act and other legislation affecting homeless children and youth, and trauma informed practices for schools
- Technical assistance

SLOCOE also publishes information on their website

(https://www.slocoe.org/about/programs/homeless-and-foster-youth-services-coordinating-program) for homeless families and youth regarding resources and rights.¹

2023 Continuum of Care Competition and MOU

To encourage coordination between Continuums of Care and local educational agencies, the federal 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) grant competition includes questions regarding coordination between CoCs and local educational agencies. To receive full points for the section regarding coordination with schools, CoCs must have written Memorandums of Understanding or other written agreements between local educational agencies, such as the County Office of Education and the CoC.

While the San Luis Obispo County COC has a long-standing coordination with the SLOCOE Homeless and Foster Youth Services Office and a representative of that office is an appointed member of the HSOC, the CoC does not currently have a written agreement with the SLOCOE Office. Entering into an MOU with SLOCOE would clarify the roles of the CoC and SLOCOE, while laying the foundation for further collaboration. It would also strengthen San Luis Obispo County's CoC application.

CoC staff and SLOCOE staff are currently working on an MOU, with a goal of completion by September 27, 2023 for inclusion in the 2023 CoC grant application to HUD. The HSOC is being asked to authorize the HSOC Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the County Office of Education, describing steps the CoC and CoE will take to help inform and assist homeless families to access their educational rights under the McKinney-Vento Act.

¹ The updated 2023-24 brochure regarding parental rights for families with uncertain housing is currently in production and is expected to be available around the beginning of October.

The MOU will:

- Describe the role of SLOCOE in developing electronic or written documentation to distribute to homeless families about the educational rights of homeless children and youth
- Describe the role of SLOCOE in help match families with their local school district Homeless Education Liaisons and answer questions about educational rights, including school enrollment, and transportation
- Describe the role of the SLOCOE in providing training regarding homeless and foster youth education
- Describe the role of SLOCOE in helping families experiencing homelessness with accessing their McKinney-Vento education rights
- Describe the role of SLOCOE in providing information to schools and homeless families regarding community resources for homeless families with school-aged children or youth
- Commit that the CoC will assist SLOCOE to update its community resource information on at least an annual basis by disseminating the information to the community resources on the HSOC's email list and requesting their assistance in confirming or updating the information
- Commit that the CoC will disseminate informational materials provided by SLOCOE to CoC and Emergency Solutions Grant subrecipient agencies related to informing homeless families about their eligibility for educational services or how to access those services
- Commit that the CoC will inform subrecipient agencies about the availability of annual Professional development trainings training from SLOCOE related to homeless and foster youth education

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with signing the MOU.

STAFF COMMENTS:

The MOU will not have legal force, as the HSOC does not have the authority to enter into legal contracts. It will, however, create a formal description of the collaboration between SLOCOE and the COC, help ensure that the identified collaborative activities are undertaken on an annual basis, and encourage additional collaborative efforts to ensure access to school and educational resources are available to all families experiencing homelessness.

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL ACTION ITEM September 20, 2023

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4.5.1

ITEM: Authorize the HSOC Chair to Sign a Letter of Support for the 5Cities Homeless Coalition to Apply for the 2023 Homeless Prevention Grant Funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development

ACTION REQUIRED: It is requested that the Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC) authorize the HSOC Chair to sign a letter of support for the 5Cities Homeless Coalition application for 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Homelessness Prevention grant funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development

SUMMARY NARRATIVE:

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has announced that it will soon release a special Notice of Funding Availability for Homelessness Prevention funding under the California Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. The Homelessness Prevention NOFA will be for a special, one-time grant of funding that the HCD is making available with disencumbered ESG funding from the 2020 grant cycle.

Approximately \$1.7 million will be made available statewide. The maximum grant amount under the special NOFA will be \$200,000 and the minimum grant amount will be \$75,000. All HP funding from this special NOFA must be expended no later than September 7, 2024.

HCD has indicated that funding will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis once the NOFA is released. Additionally, only applicants that have Homelessness Prevention policies and procedures approved by the HCD are eligible.

In San Luis Obispo County, only the 5Cities Homeless Coalition has Homelessness Prevention policies and procedures approved by HCD. HCD approved the 5CHC policies and procedures in March 2023 and County HSD staff have confirmed with HCD staff that 5CHC would be an eligible applicant for this special grant funding. For its application, 5CHC is requesting a letter of support from the HSOC.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT

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No current fiscal impact to the CoC is anticipated. If 5CHC's application is approved, up to \$200,000 in new, one-time funding would be made available to provide homelessness prevention assistance countywide.

STAFF COMMENTS:

It is recommended that the Homeless Services Oversight Council approve this item.



What should I fund now?

- Homelessness Prevention additional activities:
 - Relocation and Stabilization Services Financial Assistance
 - Moving costs
 - Application fees / security deposits
 - Utility payments / deposits
 - Relocation and Stabilization Services Services
 - Case management
 - Legal services
 - Hazard Pay
 - Landlord Incentives
 - Signing bonuses equal to up to 2 months of rent;
 - Security deposits equal to up to 3 months of rent;
 - Costs to repair damages;
 - Cleaning or maintenance of unit and/or appliances
 - Volunteer Incentives
 - Training
- Rapid Re-housing
 - Rental Assistance
 - Additional activities listed above



What should I fund now?

	Cleaning supplies such as bleach, disinfectant wipes, scrubbers, and mops.	
	Protective equipment such as face masks and shields, disposable gloves, and sneeze guards for staff and program participants.	
Supplies	Bed linens, towels, hand sanitizer, soap, and tissue packets.	
	Individually boxed meals and bottled water.	
Furnishings Cots and room dividers.		
Equipment	Washers, dryers, portable handwashing stations, portable showers, car or van purchase for transporting participants, and ventilation systems (e.g., high-efficiency particulate air [HEPA] filters and air purifiers).	
Outpatient health services*	Medication, emergency medical services, medication and follow-up services, and coordinating or providing medical treatment. *Services must be provided by licensed medical professionals and otherwise inaccessible or unavailable within the community.	
Transportation Train or bus tokens, taxi or rideshare for program participant travel to and from medical care, and car or transporting participants or staff serving program participants.		
Street Outreach		
Addressing urgent physical needs such as portable bathrooms, portable handwashing stations, po boxed meals, water, and personal protective equipment (e.g., hand sanitizer, soap, tissue packets disposable gloves, sneeze guards).		
Case management	Providing referrals to medical care and coordinating and arranging the delivery of needed services.	
Emergency health services* Medication, emergency medical services, medication and follow-up services, and coordinating or providing medical services must be provided by licensed medical professionals operating in community-based settings inaccessible or unavailable within the community.		
Transportation	Train or bus tokens, taxi or rideshare for program participants' travel to and from medical care, and car or van purchase for transporting participants or staff serving program participants.	

Expanded Staffing and Training

- Hiring additional staff to support infectious disease preparedness.
- Providing incentives to volunteers who have been and are currently helping to provide necessary street outreach, emergency shelter, and essential services during the coronavirus outbreak.
- Providing training on infectious disease prevention and mitigation for staff working directly to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus among emergency shelter participants and individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
- Providing hazard pay for recipient and subrecipient staff working directly to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus among emergency shelter participants and individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness.



What should I fund now?

	Emergency Shelter	Street Outreach
Renting spaces for vaccine events	✓ Outpatient Health Services	✓ Emergency Health Services
Hiring vaccine ambassadors to engage/educate peers about the vaccine	✓ Case management	✓ Engagement✓ Case management
Transporting people to/from vaccine events	✓ Transportation	✓ Transportation
Mobile outreach vans and staff to support vaccine distribution	X	✓ Emergency Health Services
Staff training on vaccine and rollout strategies	✓ Training	✓ Training
PPE and supplies at vaccine events	✓ Operations	✓ Emergency Health Services

 Participate in Office Hours – each Wednesday at 10am. Search "Eventbrite HCD ESG" to access registration.

HCD Office Hours: CDBG and ESG Programs Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite

Sept. X, 2023

XXXXXX
Emergency Solutions Grant
California Department of Housing & Community Development
2020 West El Camino Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95833

Re: Homeless Prevention - Letter of support for 5Cities Homeless Coalition

Dear XXXX,

I write this letter of support on behalf of the Continuum of Care (CoC) for San Luis Obispo County for the homeless prevention grant application being submitted by 5Cities Homeless Coalition (5CHC). Homeless Prevention is a key strategy in our Countywide Plan to Address Homelessness, as adopted by our CoC in July 2022.

Currently 5CHC is the sole ESG Homeless Prevention provider in San Luis Obispo County, and serves the entire Continuum of Care, including the non-entitlement community of Grover Beach. Amongst its programs 5CHC provides homeless prevention and diversion services, which are supported through the combined efforts of the CoC's Coordinated Entry Partners, and multiple referring agencies. 5CHC is also a designated entry point for Coordinated Entry efforts in Southern San Luis Obispo County.

The 5CHC team is active with the local Continuum of Care, serving on the CoC's Homeless Services Oversight Council, and the Council's subcommittees including Housing, Supportive Services and Finance/Data and ad-hoc Unaccompanied Youth Task Force. The agency collaborates with a network of over 40 local service providers, members of the faith community, and interested community members to address the challenges of homelessness, including those at-risk, in a coordinated and efficient manner.

5Cities Homeless Coalition has been providing housing stabilization services in the County since 2015. In addition to managing multiple ESG awards for homeless prevention, 5CHC also partners to provide housing stabilization services with the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (HP and RRH) program and continues its participation with the Local Partner Network of the California Covid Rent Relief Program. 5CHC's Homeless Prevention Policies and Procedures were approved by HCD in March 2023.

San Luis Obispo County continues to be among the least affordable metropolitan service areas in the country. In the last 12 months, rental rates have increased 11% continuing a year-over-year double digit trend. In the last two years the rental rates for studio and one-bedroom apartments have increased 43%, now renting for an average of \$2,100 per month. These increases trend with increasing requests for assistance being fielded by 5Cities Homeless Coalition and its partners. In the past fiscal year (22-23) 5CHC assisted 149 households with homeless prevention services, with rental assistance averaging 3.6 months. This effort required an investment of more than \$850,000 of financial assistance, apart from 5CHC case management services and diversion efforts. The assistance afforded through the Homeless Prevention grant opportunity would be an important tool in the CoC's efforts to stem the tide of homelessness by preventing it in the first place. I strongly urge your support of this request.

Sincerely,

Susan Funk Homeless Services Oversight Council Chair San Luis Obispo County Continuum of Care