

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
HSOC FULL COMMITTEE
May 15, 2019, 1:00-3:00pm
Family Care Network
1255 Kendall Rd
San Luis Obispo, CA

| MEMBERS PRESENT | MEMBERS ABSENT | STAFF & GUESTS | |
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| Kristen Barneich Paul Worsham Jessica Thomas Devin Drake Marcia Guthrie Adam Hill Carlyn Christianson Grace McIntosh Amelia Grover Alt.- Courtney Warren Susan Funk Shay Stewart Rick Gulino Mariam Shah Janna Nichols Anne Robin Tim Waag Theresa Scott | Steve Martin Marianne Kennedy Marlys McPherson Scott Smith Caroline Hall Deanna Cantrell | Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange Allison Rustick Wendy Lewis Lisa Howe Sue Warren Elaine Mansoor Nicole Nix Donna Howard Jane Mason Tony Navarro | |
| AGENDA ITEM | | CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS | FOLLOW UP |
| 1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests | Kristen Barneich welcomed the group and introductions were made. | | |
| 2. Public Comment | Elaine Mansoor expressed her interest in applying to be part of the Homeless Service Oversight Council (HSOC). | | |

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| 3. Consent: Approval of Minutes | | Rick moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Shay. All were in favor. Jessica Thomas abstained. | |
| ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION | | | |
| <p>4.1 Discussion Item: Emergency Solutions Grant via State of California</p> <p>4.1.1 Action Item: Vote to approve the Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee's recommendations regarding prioritization for funding allocations for the pass through federal Emergency Solutions Grant from the State of California</p> | <p>Mariam opened the discussion. Laurel explained to the group that the State had published a Notice of Funding Availability for the federal, McKinney-Vento Emergency Solutions Grant Program funds passed through to the County by the state of California. Laurel shared background information with the group and noted that the State requires at least 40% of the funds be used for rapid rehousing.</p> <p>The County published a local Request for Proposals and two applications were received: one from the 5Cities Homeless Coalition as well one from Transitional Food and Shelter. Laurel explained to the group that a non-conflicted Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee met to consider the applications and made the recommendations now before the Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC). The committee recommended that the funding be given to the 5Cities Homeless Coalition application that included rapid rehousing activities.</p> <p>The group discussed the possibilities for the funding and the discussion that the Ad Hoc committee had regarding the use of the funding. Mariam opened the group up to public comment. Two members of the public in attendance shared their support for Transitional Food and Shelters application. One member of the public shared their support for Five Cities Homeless Coalition application. Adam suggested allowing Ad Hoc committees more power to recommend funding allocations that were less than the amount requested by the applicants.</p> | <p>Adam made a motion to approve the Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee's recommendations regarding prioritization for funding allocations for the pass through federal Emergency Solutions Grant from the State of California and that should extra funding be given to the County by the State in an amount of at least \$10,000 over the original, estimated amount, that additional amount would be allocated to Transitional Food and Shelter, up to the amount of their total</p> | |

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| <p>4.2 Discussion Item: Homeless Youth Survey presentation by Donna Howard, Cuesta College Student Support Resolution Coordinator</p> | <p>The group discussed the Ad Hoc review committee process. Devin mentioned that the amount of funding in the NOFA was an estimate because the State did not yet have the final amount from HUD. He noted that should that final allocation be higher than the initial estimate, it may be possible to provide at least some funding to both applicants.</p> <p>Kristen introduced Donna Howard, who is the Student Support Resolution Coordinator from Cuesta College. Donna shared with the group about her program at Cuesta that surveyed students to find out about the extent to which students were facing housing insecurities.</p> <p>Donna assists students with insecurities regarding housing, food, services, etc. Out of the 1,111 students who were surveyed, 22 were living in car, 14 in shelter and 4 in a motel. 197 students live with more than one family due to economic hardship. About 67% of surveyed students at Cuesta shared that they feel that they are prevented from passing classes due to housing insecurities. Donna shared that there are programs that Cuesta has to assist students and students have utilized: tutoring, academic advising, library, student success center, health center, food pantry, career connections, and help with applying for CalWORKS. The number one request from 33 of the homeless students was a request for safe parking. The group discussed other ideas for the students. Donna provided her contact information (Donna_Howard1@cuesta.edu) for anyone who would like to help support the collaborative effort at Cuesta or to make suggestions and connections.</p> | <p>request. The motion was, seconded by Anne. All were in favor. Janna, Grace, Kristen and Courtney abstained.</p> | |
| <p>4.3 Discussion Item: Administration and timing of the 2019 California Emergency Solutions and</p> | <p>Laurel informed the group that the State of California has issued a Notice of Funding Availability for the 2019 California Emergency Solutions and Housing Grant. This is one-time only</p> | | |

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| <p>Housing Grant</p> <p>4.3.1 Action Item: Authorize the County of San Luis Obispo to serve as the Administrative Entity for the California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Grant</p> <p>4.4 Discussion Item: Grant outlook for the next six months</p> <p>4.4.1 Discussion Item: Special HSOC meeting in June?</p> | <p>funding and it is the second round of the CESH grant. This money can't be used for capital funding.</p> <p>The State has requested that the Continuum of Care authorize an entity to serve as the Administrative Entity for CESH. The HSOC voted in 2018 to have the County of San Luis Obispo serve as the Administrative Entity for the 2018 CESH funding. This motion would designate the County to serve as the Administrative Entity for the 2019 CESH funding. Should the County be approved, the County will submit the application for CESH in June and issue a local Request for Proposals later this year.</p> <p>Laurel shared with the group that it will be a very busy spring and summer. The ESG application is due to the State in May, the CESH application in June, and the Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is expected to be released from HUD any day now, with the application likely due in August if the application were to be released in May.</p> <p>If the HUD CoC NOFA were to be released in May, the local RFP process would happen in early to mid-June and the HSOC would need to meet in late June in order to ensure the Board of Supervisors could vote on the recommendations in July.</p> <p>If needed, a Doodle poll will be sent out to HSOC members about availability for a special HSOC meeting in June to support the grants.</p> <p>The Governor of California has also proposed a Homeless Aid for Planning and Shelter (HAPS) grant. Planning for that grant would likely happen in late summer and during the Fall and will be part of the next 10 Year Plan update process.</p> | <p>Shay made a motion to authorize the County of San Luis Obispo to serve as the Administrative Entity for the California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Grant, seconded by Anne. All voted in favor.</p> | |
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| | The Action Plan process likely will begin around September and that will include the local competition for federal Emergency Solutions Grant funding, as well as Community Development Block Grant services funding, and General Fund support for homeless programs funding. | | |
| 4. Committee Reports | HSCC discussed the grant review process | | |
| 5. Future Discussion/Report Items | Discuss adding additional seats to HSOC | | |
| 6. Next Meeting Date: | July 17, 2019 at 1 p.m. | | |
| 7. Adjournment | Kristen Barneich adjourned the meeting at 2:44pm | | |