

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
HSOC HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7th 2021, 2pm-3:30pm
Zoom Call**

MEMBERS PRESENT		MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS
Anne Robin Anne Wyatt Kathy McClenathen Ken Trigueiro Mark Lamore Scott Smith		Joanna Balsamo-Lillien Marianne Kennedy	Anna Miller Dee Torres George Solis Kelsey Nocket Laurel Weir Leon Shordon Molly Kern Nicole Bennett Rita Holland Russ Francis Steve Martin Sue Warren Tom Sherman Yael Korin Wendy Lewis
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION		CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS
1. Call to Order and Introductions	Scott called the meeting to order at 2pm.		
2. Public Comment	Yael provided an update on the situation in Los Osos. The County offered a site at Kansas Avenue for people from the Los Osos encampment to move to. This site offers around 24 spaces for vehicles. The site is currently full, but some people from Palisades and Oceano have said they will not move there as it is too far from amenities/necessities.		

	<p>Scott reported that the Sunny Acres site, which had been providing housing and services to populations that are difficult to house, has now closed.</p> <p>Scott also reported that the Anderson Hotel was in escrow to be sold. HASLO (Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo) has an option to purchase it, and are working with US Congressman Salud Carbajal to achieve this. A press release recently went out concerning this, which HASLO had not been anticipating. The article did not clarify that this arrangement is part of a larger Transportation and Housing Appropriations Bill, which is still making its way through the Senate.</p>	
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes	Kathy proposed a correction. Item 4.1 stated that 50% of the PLHA (Permanent Local Housing Allocation) funding will go to the Housing Trust Fund, which will then make grants to other nonprofits. This should read loans, not grants.	Anne Wyatt made a motion to approve the minutes with Kathy's correction, seconded by Kathy. The motion was approved with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
4. Action/Information/Discussion		
4.1 Discussion Item: Federal and State Grants		
4.1.1 Discussion Item: HUD (US Department of Housing & Urban Development) Continuum of Care Fiscal	George reported that HUD (US Department of Housing & Urban Development) released their NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Fiscal Year 2021 grant program on August 18 th . The County Department of Social Services (DSS) is currently working on the local RFP (Request for	

<p>Year 2021 Grant Program</p>	<p>Proposals). Renewal projects under this grant program are worth around \$1.2 million. If the collaborative application is successful, the CoC can also apply for new Bonus projects, including DV (Domestic Violence) projects. CoCs can get bonus points, and so become more competitive, if they submit Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Rehousing projects that show coordination between housing and healthcare. The collaborative application is due to HUD by November 16th.</p> <p>George and Laurel took questions and confirmed the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agencies applying for renewal projects will be required to complete independent applications via e-snaps. • Funding can be reallocated based on how projects are performing. • The collaborative application typically does include applications received for Bonus projects. • The soonest that the funding for renewal projects could be available is June 2022. This ultimately depends on when HUD issues contracts. • A local Grant Review Committee will rank applications into tiers by considering past performance, including Annual Performance Report data, number of clients, exits and retentions to permanent housing and income growth. • If the CoC did not receive this funding, the county would lose the two Permanent Supportive Housing projects operated by TMHA (Transitions Mental Health Association), the Coordinated Entry 'front door' into homeless services, and the Homeless Management Information System. • CoC funding can only be used for the specific purposes HUD allows, i.e. Permanent Supportive Housing with 	
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	<p>services, Rapid Rehousing including case management and rental assistance, and HMIS. The money cannot be redirected to other purposes such as sanctioned encampments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Public Information meeting will be held on Friday, September 17th, following the release of the RFP. 	
4.2 Discussion Item: Emergency Housing Vouchers Update	<p>Scott reported that HASLO currently have 90 households ready to lease through their Emergency Housing Vouchers program. Of the 90, 20 places are with new property owners/landlords that HASLO have not worked with before. HASLO are also working with 5 different property management agencies. 400 vouchers have been issued. HASLO's success at recruiting new landlords is most likely a combination of publicity, outreach done by HASLO and its partners, appealing to the community need, and the incentives for landlords to join the program, including the guaranteed rent and signing bonus.</p>	
4.3 Discussion Item: Project Homekey Update	<p>Scott provided some background on Homekey. With People's Self Help Housing and ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization), HASLO secured a Motel 6 in Paso Robles using the first round of Homekey funding. The building was converted to 42 rooms of COVID safe Emergency Shelter housing and 60 rooms of Permanent Supportive Housing. There have been significant case management challenges, but overall the work has been very successful. Additional money has been needed to renovate the building for long term use as permanent housing. A portion of HEAP (Homeless Emergency Aid Program) funding was used for renovations, including perimeter fencing. ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant) and CDBG-CV (Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus) funding has been secured for further renovations, and further CDBG-CV funding is</p>	

	<p>being sought for fixing plumbing and putting kitchens into the units.</p> <p>A second round of Homekey funding will be coming from the State, although the rules around what can be funded have not yet been released.</p> <p>Scott confirmed that new constructions would probably be eligible under Homekey funding, but the issue with constructing Tiny House Villages is that the timeline for new buildings on vacant lots may not work with the State's timeline for releasing the funds. The first round had a very tight turnaround for application, which only really allowed for the purchase of existing properties.</p> <p>Wendy reported that ECHO are prioritizing people susceptible to COVID and families with children. ECHO are providing a meal programs every night, and have been able to provide other services such as a shower program. They are working on bringing the same wraparound services from their shelter at Atascadero to the shelter in Paso Robles. Wendy confirmed that all 42 shelter units are in use every night.</p>	
5. Next Meeting Date: October 5, 2021		
6. Adjournment	Scott adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm.	