



**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
Meeting Agenda**

September 18, 2024, 1pm

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

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

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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. HSOC Administration
 - 4.1.1. Information Item: HSOC Membership Call for Applications to Fill Vacant and Expiring Seats (15 minutes*)
 - 4.1.1.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.1.1.2. Public Comment



4.1.1.3. Committee Discussion

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

4.2.1. Action Item: Vote to 1) Make funding recommendations for up to \$2,034,933 in Fiscal Year 2024 Funding from the Annual Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); 2) Approve rankings of proposed projects; and 3) Authorize the County as the Collaborative Applicant to prepare and submit the Collaborative Application and all related documents to HUD

4.2.1.1. Committee Questions

4.2.1.2. Public Comment

4.2.1.3. Committee Discussion and Vote

4.2.2. Action Item: Vote to 1) authorize the County as the CoC Collaborative Applicant to submit an application for CoC Builds program funding from HUD; 2) conditionally select the Calle Joaquin project from People's Self-Help Housing as the project for which the CoC would be seeking CoC Builds funding; 3) authorize the HSOC Executive Committee to provide final approval of a project to submit for the CoC Builds funding, and 4) authorize the Chair of the HSOC to sign a letter on behalf of the HSOC in support of the CoC Builds application

4.2.2.1. Committee Questions

4.2.2.2. Public Comment

4.2.2.3. Committee Discussion and Vote



- 4.2.3. Information Item: Planning for 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan for HUD Community Development Block Grant, HOME, and Emergency Solutions Grant Funding
 - 4.2.3.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.2.3.2. Public Comment
 - 4.2.3.3. Committee Discussion
- 4.2.4. Information Item: Notice of Funding Availability for 2025 Annual Action Plan Grants, Permanent Local Housing Allocation grants, and General Fund Support grants for homeless assistance
 - 4.2.4.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.2.4.2. Public Comment
 - 4.2.4.3. Committee Discussion
- 4.3. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 4 – Create, Identify, and Streamline Funding and Resources
 - 4.3.1. Action Item: Vote to use Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program earned interest from Rounds 1 and 2 to fund a pilot, overnight parking program (20 minutes*)
 - 4.3.1.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.3.1.2. Public Comment
 - 4.3.1.3. Committee Discussion and Vote
- 4.4. Discussion Item: Committee Updates (12 minutes*)
- 4.5. Discussion Item: Updates from the Homeless Services Division (5 minutes*)
- 5. Future Discussion/Report Items (2 minutes*)



6. Updates and Requests for Information (2 minutes*)
7. Next Regular Meeting: November 20, 2024
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-division/homeless-services-oversight-council>

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
MEETING MINUTES**

Date

July 17, 2024

Time

1:03pm-3:04pm

Location

Room 101, Department of Social Services, 3433 S Higuera, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Some members (those approved with just cause/ emergency reasons) and the public were able to participate via Zoom video call.

Members Present

Allison Brandum

Amelia Grover

Brenda Mack

Clint Weirick

Devin Drake

Jack Lahey

Janna Nichols

Jeff Smith

Jeff Eckels (alternate for Kathy McClenathen)

Jessica Thomas

Kathy McClenathen (Zoom)

Kristen Barneich

Luke Dunn

Marcia Guthrie

Margaret Shepard-Moore

Marie Bolin

Mark Lamore

Michelle Pedigo (Zoom)

Michelle Shoresman

Rick Gulino

Star Graber

Stefanie Hernandez (alternate for Christy Nichols)

Susan Funk

Susan Lamont

Wendy Blacker

Wendy Lewis

William Crewe

Members Absent

Aurora William
Christy Nichols
Dawn Ortiz-Legg
Rick Scott
Rochelle Sonza
Shay Stewart
Steve Gregory
Zara Landrum

Staff & Guests

Abby Lassen
Erica Jaramillo
Frank Warren
George Solis
Jeff Al-Mashat
Kari Howell
Kate Bourne
Keeley Bosler
Laurel Weir
Linda Belch
Merlie Livermore
Morgan Torell
Nicole Bennett
Russ Francis
Suzie Freeman

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Michelle Shoresman called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm. Introductions were made by those new to the meeting.

2. Public Comments

Janna Nichols from 5 Cities Homeless Coalition (5CHC) shared that Balay Ko on Barca in Grover Beach has opened. She mentioned that they are taking clients in from their waitlist. So far, Janna said that they have 10 residents in. The maximum capacity of this facility is 30 residents. Jack Lahey from CAPSLO (Community Action Partnership in San Luis Obispo) reported that they were awarded another 5-year grant from SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that envisions that people with, affected by, or at risk for mental health and substance use conditions receive care, achieve well-being, and thrive. SAMHSA's mission is to lead public health and service delivery efforts that promote mental health, prevent substance misuse, and provide treatments and supports to foster recovery while ensuring equitable access and better outcomes.

Amelia Grover shared that Janna Nichols from 5Cities Homeless Coalition, Jack Lahey of CAPSLO, Christy Nichols from CenCal Health, the Good Samaritan, and Dignity Health just wrapped up a two-year strategies grant that focused on health care and homelessness. The

Department of Public Health was also part of this program. Amelia mentioned that they hope to continue working on the projects (such as street medicine) they have worked on this group. Rick Gulino from People's Self-Help Housing reported that they are currently taking pre-applications for the new Tiburon Place project in San Luis Obispo. Rick also mentioned that they currently have some open one-bedroom units in Sea Breeze and South Bay properties in Los Osos and The Villas at Higuera in San Luis Obispo. More information can be found at the PSSH website.

Wendy Lewis from ECHO shared that the plans for their build out project in Atascadero will be moving forward and they hope to have a ribbon cutting within the next two months. This project will be adding twenty additional beds, a wing specifically for families, and some additional space needed for other functions.

Susan Lamont from Lumina Alliance mentioned that they have two transitional housing units that opened in San Luis Obispo. A referral must be emailed for anyone that is impacted by sexual assault or partner violence.

Allison Brandum praised the efforts for additional housing availability and reminded everyone about the needs that are occurring right now for the homeless, such as places for using restroom and interim hygiene services while waiting for housing. She also mentioned the need for interim cooling and warming centers for the homeless.

Jeff Eckels from San Luis Obispo Housing Trust Fund announced that they are having their 20-year anniversary celebration on September 5 and invited everyone to celebrate with them.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

Janna Nichols moved the minutes to be approved, seconded by Susan Funk. Jessica Thomas abstained. Minutes passed via voice vote.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1. HSOC Administration

4.1.1. Action Item: Vote to Approve Proposed Amendments to the HSOC Bylaws

Laurel Weir shared that at the last meeting, HSOC voted on several Bylaws changes. One amendment made during this vote was the composition of the Executive Committee, which was to add two seats, one specifically for a person with lived experience of homelessness. Per the Bylaws, they are bringing this change to the HSOC again for approval of adding this seat to the Executive Committee. Kristen Barneich moved the motion to approve the addition of this seat. Devin Drake seconded the motion. Roll was called. The motion passed unanimously.

4.1.2. Action Item: Vote to Approve New Members

Laurel Weir shared that the HSOC has currently two vacant seats, namely from the Business community or a representative from a business interest, and an At-large seat. The HSOC Nominating Committee met and considered the four applications submitted. The nominated applicants were Abby Lassen for the At-Large seat and James Dantona to fill the Business seat. Kristen Barneich moved the motion to appoint the nomination of new members. Mark Lamore seconded the motion. The roll was called. Jack Lahey abstained. Allison Brandum voted no. The motion passed via majority vote.

4.1.3. Action Item: Vote to Appoint Two Members as Officers

Laurel Weir mentioned that the Bylaws change made was to establish a seat on the Executive Committee for a representative from the Housing Authority. In addition, a creation for the seat of a person with lived experience of homelessness was also approved. Michelle Shoresman officially nominated Michelle Pedigo for the Housing seat and Brenda Mack as representative for the seat of a person with lived experience of homelessness. Said motion was seconded by Susan Funk. Roll call was called, and the motion passed.

4.2. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 4-Create, Identify, and Streamline Funding and Resources

Laurel Weir mentioned that one of the requests received from the HSOC is for a greater understanding of what is going on the funding environment and the impact it has on the homeless services program. Laurel briefly presented slides regarding an overview the Homeless Services System.

4.2.1. Discussion Item: State Budget and Funding for Homeless Services

Keeley Bosler, who represented CSAC (California State Association of Counties) virtually presented a broader perspective on what they have been advocating for counties and gave some insights on the State Budget. She shared that CSAC budget advocacy is heavily focused on preserving core safety net programs to support families and prevent further homelessness. Frank Warren, Deputy Director from the San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health Department, presented on the impacts of Proposition 1: Bonds for Mental Health Treatment Facilities. This also included a complete reform of the Mental Services Act, which is now called the Behavioral Services Act. This reform expands services to include individuals with substance use disorders. Morgan Torell also from the Department of Behavioral Health, provided slides showing the Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2024, focusing on behavioral health treatment beds and supportive housing.

4.2.2. Discussion Item: Continuum of care Fiscal year 2024 Program Competition-Notice of Funding Opportunity

Laurel Weir briefly mentioned that the CoC NOFO (Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity) is expected to be published any day now. HUD (US Department of Housing and Urban Development) requires the CoC to vote on the funding recommendations at least 30 days before the end of the HUD competition. This could likely require a Special August HSOC meeting, depending on the date when the NOFO comes out. Laurel also mentioned that on the Homeless Services website, there will be a link to the notice of intent to apply as the first part of the application.

4.3. Discussion Item: Committee Updates

Mark Lamore mentioned that the Data & Performance Committee is finishing the migration of the HMIS system. Most of the agencies he talked to are satisfied with the new system. They are coming up on annual performance reports to HUD and not anticipating any issues with the reports. Mark also shared that there is a data workgroup scheduled for August 20 to develop dashboards to look at what data elements to focus on to be useful for homeless population information. In addition, Mark also mentioned that there is an Ad hoc group formed to look at the grants review processes.

Jack Lahey shared that Services Coordinating Committee did not meet in July due to the holiday and its next meeting will be in August. He then mentioned that the Coordinated Entry Committee had been working hard on getting universal principle based polices for coordinated entry system. They have been also looking at the coordinated entry activity levels happening in the community. Lastly, Jack also announced that CAPSLO's Coordinated Entry manager Lauryn Searles has left CAPSLO, and they are in search for her replacement.

4.4. Discussion Item: Updates from the Homeless Services Division

Linda Belch provided information that the contracts for Budget for Years 2024-2025 are in process. The Welcome Home Village is making a slow and steady progress. Updates will be provided as the project progresses. Linda also commented that there are additional housing programs that SLO County Department of Social Services manages to help clients who are homeless.

5. Future Discussion/Report Items

- Look at significant cuts to utility assistance due to state and federal budget decrease

6. Next Regular Meeting: September 18, 2024

7. Adjournment

Chairperson Michelle Shoresman adjourned the meeting at 3:04pm.

Membership of the Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC) as of September 2024

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	Frank Warren	County Department of Behavioral Health	9/12/2023-1/1/2026
County Government Service Providers	Devin Drake	Linda Belch	County Department of Social Services	1/1/2024-1/1/2027

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County Government Service Providers*	Allison Brandum	Sarah Reinhart	County Health Agency	4/19/2022-1/1/2025
Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons	Brenda Mack			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	Kathy McClenathen	Jeff Eckles	SLO County Housing Trust Fund	1/1/2024-1/1/2027
Advocates	Margaret Shepard-Moore	Miriam Vargas	Transitions-Mental Health Association	1/23/2024-1/1/2026
Advocates*	Abby Lassen			8/13/2024-1/1/2025
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	Mimi Rodriguez	El Camino Homeless Organization	1/1/2024-1/1/2027

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Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers*	Jack Lahey	Amy Nielson	Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers*	Marie Bolin	Jon Nibbio	Family Care Network	1/1/2024-1/1/2027
Affordable Housing Developers	Rick Gulino	Catherine Manning	People’s Self-Help Housing	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Hospitals	Amelia Grover	Liz Snyder	French Hospital	1/1/2024-1/1/2027
Organizations Serving Homeless Veterans	William Crewe	Paul Worsham	Veterans Helping Veterans	1/1/2022-1/1/2025
Housing Authority	Michelle Pedigo		Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo	1/1/2024-1/1/2026
County Office of Education	Jessica Thomas	Daniela Garcia	SLO County Office of Education	1/1/2024-1/1/2027
Victim Service Providers	Susan Lamont	Jennifer Adams	Lumina Alliance	1/1/2022-1/1/2025
Other Community Organizations	Christy Nichols	Stefanie Hernandez	CenCal Health	1/1/2024-1/1/2027
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
Businesses	James Dantona		SLO Chamber of Commerce	8/13/2024-1/1/2025
<i>Faith-Based Organizations</i>	<i>Vacant</i>			Term ends 1/1/2027
<i>Youth Advisory Board</i>	<i>Vacant</i>			Term TBD

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Per the HSOC bylaws (July 2024), 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.

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AGENDA ITEM 4.2.1

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AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4.2.1

ACTION ITEM: VOTE TO A) MAKE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UP TO \$2,034,933 IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 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

ACTION REQUIRED:

Vote to a) Make Funding Recommendations for Up to \$2,034,933 in Fiscal Year 2024 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

SUMMARY NARRATIVE:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the FY2024 CoC Program Funding Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) on July 31, 2024. The San Luis Obispo County CoC is eligible to apply for \$1,337,357 to renew existing CoC projects or reallocate to new projects, \$261,591 for new bonus projects or expansion of existing renewal projects, and \$326,989 for new Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus projects. Per 24 CFR 578.15, eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, state governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments.

The CoC Program is designed to: promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit organizations, state governments, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by persons experiencing homelessness; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

Eligible Activities

Four project categories (Renewal Projects, New Projects, Youth Demonstration Grant Renewal and Replacement Projects, and Domestic Violence Bonus Projects) and their associated activities are eligible to receive funding.

The following activities are eligible for renewal funding or may have funding reallocated from one project to another:

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Joint RRH+TH
- Homeless Management of Information System (HMIS)
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration-funded Projects (YHDP)

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- YHDP Replacement Grants (not applicable to SLO County CoC)
- Coordinated Entry System (CES)

Bonus funding is available for expansion of existing Permanent Supportive Housing programs, Coordinated Entry System projects, Transitional Housing, and Rapid Rehousing, as well as for new Permanent Supportive Housing projects. The County is also eligible to apply for up to \$326,989 in new funding for RRH or Joint (TH+RRH) projects dedicated to serving only participants who are fleeing from domestic violence.

The funding amount that is available for renewals or reallocations is set by HUD and is referred to as the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). The ARD is based on the amount of funding awarded by HUD to the CoC in the previous year's CoC Competition. Of the ARD funding available, 90% of the funding is available provided the CoC submits an approvable application. The remainder, or 10% of the ARD, is awarded on a competitive basis and CoCs must compete against each other to maintain their funding. As noted above, additional funds are available through the national competitive for bonus projects. The CoC will also receive non-competitive funds for a Planning grant.

Project Review Criteria

HUD reviews all projects on a pass/fail standard and will not award funds to a new project unless the project was created through reallocation, or the CoC has demonstrated to HUD's satisfaction that projects are evaluated and ranked based on the degree to which they improve the CoC's system performance. Any project requesting renewal funding will be considered as having met these requirements through its previously approved grant application unless information to the contrary is received, i.e. the renewal project has compliance issues which results in the project not operating in accordance with the CoC Program Interim Rule. If awarded, a recipient is required to meet all the criteria listed in the CoC Program Interim Rule for its component.

HUD CoC funding availability is highly competitive. HUD expects each CoC to implement a thorough review and oversight process at the local level for both new and renewal project applications submitted to HUD in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition. HUD requires that CoCs rank applications based on funding priority using a two-tier ranking system.

Tier 1 is equal to 90 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) as described in Section I.B.2.b(1) of the NOFO. HUD will select projects from the highest scoring CoC to the lowest scoring CoC, provided the project applications pass both project eligibility and project quality threshold review, and if applicable, project renewal threshold. In the event insufficient funding is available to award all Tier 1 projects, Tier 1 will be reduced proportionately, which could result in some Tier 1 projects falling into Tier 2. Therefore, HUD advises CoCs to determine carefully the priority and ranking for all project applications for Tier 1 as well as Tier 2.

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Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of CoC Renewal (including DV Renewal), CoC Reallocation, DV Bonus, DV Reallocation, and CoC Bonus funds that a CoC applies for.

Any project that is partially funded by Tier 1 is considered a “Straddling Project.” If a project application straddles the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding line, HUD will conditionally select the project up to the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1. Using the CoC score, and other factors described in Section I.B.3.h of the NOFO, HUD may fund the Tier 2 portion of the project. If HUD does not fund the Tier 2 portion of the project, HUD may award the project at the reduced amount, provided the project is still feasible with the reduced funding (e.g., is able to continue serving homeless program participants effectively).

FY2024 CoC funding amounts available to the San Luis Obispo County CoC are listed below:

Annual Renewal Demand – amount required to renew existing projects from FY2023	\$ 1,337,357
Bonus	\$ 261,591
DV Bonus	\$ 326,989
Tier 1 (90% ARD)	\$ 1,203,621

Local Requests for Proposals

The County Department of Social Services released a local Request for Proposals for project applications on August 7, 2024, and held an informational session on August 9, 2024 via Zoom, with County staff meeting with potential project applicants to explain the grant application process and project rating criteria. On August 29, 2024, the County updated the RFP to include new information from HUD regarding estimated available funding. The local rating criteria is based on HUD’s application evaluation criteria and point system as presented in the FY2024-25 HUD NOFO.

A total of six (6) applications were received: four renewal projects (including one HMIS renewal project), one bonus project, and one Domestic Violence expansion project. Staff reviewed all applications to ensure they met the minimum threshold requirements. A non-conflicted Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee met on September 11, 2024, to discuss and rank the applications. Staff from the Department of Social Services guided the discussion. Submitted applications were ranked in accordance with a scoring rubric based upon guidelines presented in HUD’s FY2024-25 CoC NOFO and local priorities. Per HUD guidelines, scoring criteria included aggregate client outcomes on measures including housing retention for permanent housing projects and whether the project increased clients’ incomes.

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Applications Received

Agency	Project Name	Type	New, Renewal or Expansion	# of Clients	Request
Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo	Coordinated Entry Program	Supportive Services	Renewal	747	\$ 293,139
County of San Luis Obispo	HMIS (Homeless Management Information System)	HMIS	Renewal	8100	\$ 61,160
Lumina Alliance	DV Rapid Rehousing	Joint Transitional Housing & Rapid Rehousing	Renewal	N/A	\$ 150,438
Lumina Alliance	DV Rapid Rehousing Expansion	Joint Transitional Housing & Rapid Rehousing	Expansion	N/A	\$ 326,989
People's Self-Help Housing	Supportive Housing Services	Permanent Supportive Housing	New	N/A	\$ 261,591
Transitions-Mental Health Association	SLO City PSH (Permanent Supportive Housing)	Permanent Supportive Housing	Renewal	73	\$ 832,620
TOTAL Amount of Requests					\$ 1,925,937

Project Selection and Review Process

The Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee examined entity applications and considered factors such as an applicant's past performance, project cost efficiency, severity of needs served, financial capacity, returns to homelessness, housing first policies, client income stability, client housing retention, HMIS data quality, and consistency with local HSOC priorities and plans. Analysis of cost efficiency was conducted by the Grant Review Committee regarding each project's cost per client for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Coordinated Entry projects. In addition, the Grant Review Committee evaluated performance measures derived from HMIS data and Annual Performance Reports for each of the renewal projects.

The Grant Review Committee ranked all submitted applications based on their local application review criteria scores. The Permanent Supportive Housing, Coordinated Entry, and Homeless Management Information System renewal projects were placed into Tier 1, and the DV Rapid Rehousing renewal project straddles Tiers 1 and 2, per HUD guidelines. The new Permanent Supportive Housing project was recommended for Bonus funding. No funding was proposed for reallocation. The DV Bonus Project is placed in a separate category and HUD will only consider the Bonus Project if Lumina's DV renewal project is funded. HUD will consider DV

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bonus projects and will award approximately \$52,000,000 in funding nationwide for new DV Bonus eligible projects. This \$52,000,000 is separate from the funding HUD is using for renewals/reallocations and non-DV specific bonus funding.

GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS					
TIER 1					
Rank	Agency	Project Name	New, Renewal or Expansion	# of Clients	Request
1	County of San Luis Obispo	HMIS (Homeless Management Information System)	Renewal	8100	\$ 61,160
2	Transitions-Mental Health Association	SLO City PSH (Permanent Supportive Housing)	Renewal	73	\$ 832,620
3	Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo	Coordinated Entry	Renewal	747	\$ 293,139
TIER 1/TIER 2 STRADDLE					
4	Lumina Alliance	DV Rapid Rehousing	Renewal	N/A	\$ 150,438*
<i>Tiered Projects Subtotal</i>					<i>\$ 1,337,357</i>

BONUS					
Rank	Agency	Project Name	New, Renewal or Expansion	# of Clients	Request
1	People's Self-Help Housing	Supportive Housing Services	New	N/A	\$ 261,591
<i>Bonus Projects Subtotal</i>					<i>\$ 261,591</i>

DV BONUS					
Rank	Agency	Project Name	New, Renewal or Expansion	# of Clients/ Households	Request
1	Lumina Alliance	DV Rapid Rehousing Expansion	Expansion	N/A	\$ 326,989
<i>DV Bonus Projects Subtotal</i>					<i>\$ 326,989</i>

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NON-COMPETITIVE					
Rank	Agency	Project Name	New or Renewal	# of Clients/ Households	Request
N/A	County	Planning	Renewal	N/A	\$ 108,996
<i>Non-Competitive Subtotal</i>					<i>\$ 108,996</i>
<i>TOTAL REQUEST</i>					<i>\$ 2,034,933</i>

*Of the \$150,438 applied for by Lumina Alliance for the DV Rapid Rehousing renewal program, \$16,702 would be in Tier 1 and is likely to be received, and \$133,736 would be subject to the national competition.

HSOC recommendations will be brought to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors on October 8, 2024 for final action. Recommendations approved by the Board will be submitted to HUD through the CoC Program Competition.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Should HUD Award all Tier 1, CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, and CoC Planning amounts, up to \$2,034,933 will be made available to the CoC to assist homeless persons in the county.

STAFF COMMENTS:

No additional comments.

Applications are available here:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/social-services/homeless-services-division/funding-availability>

Lumina Alliance HUD CoC DV Bonus Renewal and Expansion 09.2024 Follow-Up Answers

Rapid re-housing is essential for survivors of sexual assault (SA) and intimate partner violence (IPV) in San Luis Obispo (SLO) County, particularly due to the intersection of high cost of living and lack of sufficient affordable housing. SLO County is considered the second least affordable small metro area in the country. According to SFGate.com, SLO County's cost of living is 9.4% above the national average, and the cost of housing is 51.7% higher than the national average. Survivors have a difficult time fleeing violence and often risk losing access to housing and financial stability, a risk that is compounded by SLO County's untenable housing market.

Many of Lumina Alliance's IPV clients are families that originally supported themselves with two incomes, but, due to fleeing violence, find themselves living off of one income. When the income of a household decreases due to IPV, survivors need time to adjust their income in order to afford rent. As a result, some Lumina Alliance clients acquire second jobs or roommates to help make ends meet. Lumina Alliance provides clients with the financial assistance and supportive services necessary to formulate safety plans, with the help of our Advocates, to access basic necessities such as housing. Survivors who receive rental assistance and supportive services are more likely to retain their housing or obtain safe, permanent housing.

Lumina Alliance's services operate based on the empowerment model which includes encouraging survivors to participate in housing identification by selecting a landlord with whom they want to connect. From there, Lumina Alliance Advocates foster the relationship between the landlord, our client, and our organization by informing the landlord of our client's unique situation, negotiating rent, and ensuring the landlord is familiar with Lumina Alliance's services. Housing identification is one step in the comprehensive case management offered to SLO County survivors in the form of creating safety plans, securing employment, legal referrals, transportation, therapy, childcare services, financial support, financial literacy, and other social services.

As well, in the past year, Lumina Alliance has begun participation in the Coordinated Entry System (CES) by working with the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County (CAPSLO). Lumina Alliance Advocates offer the VI-SPDAT survey to clients and, through our partnership with CAPSLO, we share confidential, disaggregated client scores in order to increase our clients' chances of receiving matches to community resources in the CES. Additionally, 5Cities Homeless Coalition will be sub-awarded on our DV Bonus Expansion Project to provide rapid re-housing assistance to survivors in the form of deposits and rental assistance.

It is worth noting that Lumina Alliance received 286 unmet requests for shelter and related services last year from 161 clients, meaning that for reasons from shelters or transitional housing units being at capacity, to eligibility requirements, or otherwise, there are increased rates of unmet housing needs across SLO County survivors. To combat the exceptional barriers to housing experienced by SA and IPV survivors in SLO County, Lumina Alliance is committed to providing rapid re-housing services through rental assistance, housing identification, case management, and supportive services.



Amended project description

PSHH will serve approximately 63 Coordinated-Entry placed households Permanent Supportive Housing homeless set-aside units for Chronically Homeless households at four properties, enhancing data collection and reporting capabilities through HMIS integration. This integration includes the use of CoC referrals for all vacancies in these units. Two of the properties included in the project are the County of San Luis Obispo's only two current Project Homekey properties. Through our Supportive Housing Program (SHP), PSHH will provide clinical case management through Supportive Services to residents of HMIS-participating units. This includes client services and clinical case management, client record keeping, and ongoing HMIS record maintenance and updates.

PSHH will provide Permanent Housing to both new and existing Chronically Homeless residents at these properties, to new and existing residents who are or will have been selected utilizing CoC resources and the HMIS system.

SHP is delivered by a team of clinical social workers, including AMFTs, LMFTs, ACSWs, and LCSWs. These professionals work collaboratively with clients to develop and implement individualized case management plans. The program also facilitates access to or directly provides financial assistance, not funded via this project, for essential needs such as rent, utilities, deposits, and health care equipment.

Grant-funded services will occur at the following properties with the following minimum number of Chronically Homeless households:

Calle Jaquin
Project Homekey Site
1433 Calle Joaquin
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405
20 units, 1FTE

Pismo Terrace
Project Homekey Site
855 4th Street
Pismo Beach, CA 93449
9 units, 0.45FTE



Tiburon Place
3750 Bullock Lane
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
24 units

Total Minimum Units=53
Service provision staff minimum total = 2.6FTE

Grant funded services to chronically homeless households will also occur at the following properties. The following estimated numbers of households assisted may change over the grant period, as these are based on current Chronically Homeless households residing at these properties:

Templeton Place II
1035 Petersen Ranch Rd
Templeton, CA 93465
5 units

Broad Street Place
1060 Kendall Rd
San Luis Obispo 93401
5 units

Total average units = 10 Units
Service provision staff average total = 0.5 FTE

Service staffing to client ratio: 1:20
Service provision staff minimum Total: 3.1FTE

Service provision staff numbers are exclusive to clinical Social Workers providing case management, HMIS record maintenance, and medical record keeping.



REVISED PROGRAM BUDGET

EXPENSES

Eligible Costs	Quantity AND Description (max 400 characters)	Annual Assistance Requested
1. Assessment of Service Needs		
2. Assistance with Moving Costs		
3. Case Management	\$93,600 per FTE with 3:1 match required = \$70,200 max requestable per FTE. 3.1FTE. \$261,591 maximum CoC Bonus allocation less 32% indirect per HUD agreement = \$198175 allocatable for Case management.	\$ 198,175
4. Child Care		
5. Education Services		
6. Employment Assistance		
7. Food		
8. Housing/Counseling Services		
9. Legal Services		
10. Life Skills		
11. Mental Health Services		
12. Outpatient Health Services		
13. Outreach Services		
14. Substance Abuse Treatment Services		
15. Transportation		
16. Utility Deposits		
17. Operating Costs	Indirect 32% per HUD agreement	\$ 63,416
Total Annual Assistance Requested		
Grant Term		
Total Request for Grant Term		\$ 261,591
 Grantee Match		
People's Self-Help Housing	1:3 match minimum. \$261,591 maximum funding allocation. \$290,160 total cost for 3.1FTE less \$198,175 = \$91,985, exceeding match minimum.	\$ 91,985

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
ACTION ITEM
September 18, 2024

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4.2.2.

ITEM: Vote to 1) authorize the County as the CoC Collaborative Applicant to submit an application for CoC Builds program funding from HUD; 2) conditionally select the Calle Joaquin project from People’s Self-Help Housing as the project for which the CoC would be seeking CoC Builds funding; 3) authorize the HSOC Executive Committee to provide final approval of a project to submit for the CoC Builds funding, and 4) authorize the Chair of the HSOC to sign a letter on behalf of the HSOC in support of the CoC Builds application

ACTION REQUIRED:

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SUMMARY NARRATIVE:

On July 22, 2024, HUD released a Notice of Funding Opportunity¹ for the CoC Builds program, a one-time, competitive grant to create additional permanent supportive housing (PSH) units in selected communities around the country. PSH is permanent housing in which supportive services are provided to assist individuals with a disability and families where at least one household member has a disability and is experiencing homelessness to live independently.

Eligible applicants are CoCs. Only one project may be proposed for funding within the SLO County CoC geographic area. Eligible activities include acquisition, construction or rehabilitation to create new permanent housing units. At least 80% of a grant award must be used for capital costs and no more than 10% may be used for project administration costs. CoCs may choose one project for which to apply for funds. Activities are authorized under the federal Continuum of Care program.

¹ See https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CFO/documents/Foa_Content_of_FR-6800-N-25A.pdf.

All applications from CoCs must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development no later than November 24, 2024. Applications are required to include a letter of support from the Chair of the HSOC in order to be considered by HUD.

On August 1, 2024, the County released a local Request for Proposals to select a project for an application to HUD. One application was received from People's Self-Help Housing (PSSH) for development of the Calle Joaquin permanent supportive housing program. PSSH is proposing to use CoC Builds funding to rehabilitate units to make them eligible for Project Based Housing Vouchers that will provide a source of ongoing operations funding for the housing and to make additional renovations to support the operation of the site as PSH.

A non-conflicted grant review committee was convened on 9/10/24 to review the application. The committee included a member of the HSOC and persons expertise related to affordable development homeless services.

The committee members considered financial capacity, project design, permitting and site control, organizational capacity, and proposed design of the project. The committee felt that People's Self-Help Housing had the financial and organizational capacity and experience to allow them to be successful in the project. However, because of time restrictions related to other funding already awarded to the project and HUD requirements about timing of environmental reviews, timing concerns had not been fully resolved in time for the committee to make its recommendations. Thus, the committee conditionally recommended the application, contingent on these concerns being addressed.

Because the next regularly scheduled meeting of the full HSOC will not occur until November 20, there is not time to bring this item back to the HSOC before going to the County Board of Supervisors. Thus, the HSOC is asked to delegate final authority for recommending the PSSH project to the HSOC Executive Committee, which will meet on October 16.

If the HSOC agrees to make a conditional recommendation and grant the HSOC Executive Committee, staff will work with PSSH to determine whether the timing issues will make the project unviable or uncompetitive for the HUD funding. If the concerns can be satisfactorily resolved, staff will ask the HSOC Executive Committee to formally recommend the project for funding.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The San Luis Obispo County Continuum of Care is eligible to receive up to \$5 million in one-time funding. The CoC Builds NOFO competition will be highly competitive. HUD expects to fund only 25 applications nationwide.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Staff recommend approval of the requested actions.

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HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
AGENDA ITEM 4.3.1
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4.3.1

ACTION ITEM: VOTE TO RECOMMEND ALLOCATING HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION ROUND 1 (HHAP-1) AND ROUND 2 (HHAP-2) EARNED INTEREST FROM BOTH THE COC AND COUNTY ALLOCATIONS FOR A PILOT OVERNIGHT PARKING PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN THEIR VEHICLES

ACTION REQUIRED:

Vote to recommend allocating earned interest generated from the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Rounds 1 and 2 from both the CoC and County allocations for a pilot overnight parking program for individuals living in their vehicles.

SUMMARY NARRATIVE:

According to data from the most recent San Luis Obispo County Point in Time Count conducted in January 2024, 68% of individuals counted were experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Of those individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness surveyed, 25% responded that they slept in a vehicle on the night of January 22, 2024 (N=140).

To address homelessness in our community, in 2022, the HSOC approved, and the County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors adopted, The San Luis Obispo Countywide Plan to Address Homelessness (2022-2027) with a goal of reducing unsheltered homelessness to 50% of the current level within five years.

To create accountability, the plan listed actions needed to achieve the overall goal of reducing homelessness within five years. Actions identified for Year 1 of the plan included adding smaller scale parking programs with Housing Navigation assistance. Overnight parking programs are needed for people who are living in their vehicles because they have not been able to find housing that is affordable to them.

Staff has identified interest earned from Rounds 1 and 2 of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) funding as a viable funding source for the creation of a pilot overnight parking program for individuals living in their vehicles. HHAP Round 1 and 2 funding was awarded up front to the County rather

than provided on a reimbursement basis. These funds were placed into an interest-bearing account and earn interest until all funds are drawn down by the subrecipient agencies. All proceeds from any interest-bearing account established by the Grantee (the County) for the deposit of HHAP funds must be used for HHAP-eligible activities and must follow HHAP required set-aside requirements

HHAP-1

On July 31, 2019, the Governor signed into law Assembly Bill 101 (AB101), creating the HHAP program. HHAP was initially authorized as a one-time, block grant program to support regional coordination and expansion or development of local capacity to address homelessness.

Two HHAP grants under Round 1 were awarded in San Luis Obispo County: 1) the County was awarded \$1,618,453.62, and 2) the CoC was awarded \$1,746,981.78. The County’s Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC) designated the County of San Luis Obispo to be the Administrative Entity (AE) for the CoC’s HHAP grant.

On July 21, 2021, the HSOC voted to recommend \$3,129,854 in HHAP-1 grant awards which were subsequently awarded by the County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors on August 24, 2021.

HHAP-1 Awardees

Agency	Project Name	Allocation	Award Amount
5Cities Homeless Coalition (5CHC)	Countywide Youth Program	CoC	\$179,302
		County	\$177,076
Peoples Self Help Housing	Pismo Terrace	County	\$1,187,345
HASLO	Rehabilitation and Homeless Services - Paso Homekey and Atascadero Shelter	CoC	\$1,048,544
		County	\$61,742
TMHA	North Coast Housing	CoC	\$396,847
CAPSLO	40 Prado Outreach and Case Management	County	\$78,998

HHAP-2

In Round 2 of the HHAP Program, the County was awarded \$739,865 and the CoC was awarded \$826,609.

On March 15, 2023, the HSOC voted to recommend \$1,456,820 in HHAP-2 awards which were subsequently awarded by the County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors on April 4, 2023.

HHAP-2 Awardees

Agency	Project Name	Allocation	Award Amount
5CHC	Countywide Homeless Prevention and Diversion	CoC	\$260,926.00
		County	\$231,387.00
5CHC	Cabins for Change Emergency Shelter	CoC	\$141,973.37
		County	\$54,540.28
ECHO	Atascadero and Paso Robles Shelter Operations	County	\$342,958.07
CAPSLO	40 Prado Homeless Services Center Emergency Shelter	CoC	\$299,718.28
5CHC	Countywide Youth Program	CoC	\$66,129.00
		County	\$59,189.20

HHAP Earned Interest

As of June 30, 2024, a total of \$267,099 of interest has been earned collectively on HHAP-1 and HHAP-2.

ROUND	CoC	County
HHAP-1	\$ 98,653.00	\$ 93,811.00
HHAP-2	\$ 39,414.00	\$ 35,221.00

Additionally, HSC § 50218(b) mandates that Administrative Entities use at least 8 percent of their funds for services specific to the needs of youth experiencing homelessness. In addition, up to 7 percent of a program allocation may be used for a jurisdiction's administrative costs incurred to administer the funds. This does not include staff costs or other costs directly related to implementing or carrying out activities funded by the program allocation.

A minimum of \$227,034 of HHAP-1 and HHAP-2 earned interest would be available to allocate for a pilot overnight parking program for individuals living in their vehicles.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Approval of this item by HSOC would allow the County to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a pilot, overnight parking program for individuals living in their vehicles utilizing HHAP-1 and HHAP-2 earned interest from both the CoC and County allocations incurred at the date of the RFP minus allocations for the youth set-aside and administrative costs.

STAFF COMMENTS

While the Five-Year Plan recommended expansion and replication of the OK Avenue parking program, staff are recommending changes to that model to enhance effectiveness. These changes would include overnight parking only, with housing-focused case management services provided to participants from the start.

While the proposed model has changed since the adoption of the Five-Year Plan, the need for such a program has not. Since the closure of OK Avenue, there is currently only one formal, vehicular parking program in the County and it maintains a significant wait list.

If this recommendation is approved by the HSOC, staff would release an RFP in November 2024 for a pilot overnight parking program for individuals living in their vehicles and would bring to HSOC funding recommendations for final approval by the County Board of Supervisors in January 2025.