



***San Luis Obispo
Countywide 10 Year
Plan to End
Homelessness***

We envision a future in which the housing and comprehensive services necessary to remain housed are available for all, affording everyone maximum self-sufficiency, and the opportunity to be productive and participating members of our community

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
August 26, 2016 2-4 p.m.
County Government Center, Room 161/162
1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, CA**

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Review and Approval of Minutes
4. Action/Information/Discussion:
 - 4.1 Action Item: Approve the recommendations of the HSOC Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee for applications for the federal Fiscal Year 2016 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care grant renewal competition
 - 4.2 Discussion Item: Preparation for 2017 Point in Time Count
 - 4.3 Discussion Item: Update on Mobile Assistance and Services addressing Homelessness (MASH) events
 - 4.4 Discussion Item: Update on research into the use of the California Youth Authority property in Paso Robles as a possible homeless assistance site
 - 4.5 Discussion Item: Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Notice of Funding Availability from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 - 4.6 Discussion Item: Update on efforts to address veteran homelessness
5. Committee Reports
6. Future Discussion/Report Items:
7. Next Meeting Date: TBD
8. Adjournment

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ACTION ITEM
AUGUST 26, 2016**

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4.1

ITEM: APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HSOC AD HOC GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2016 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANT RENEWAL COMPETITION

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approve the Homeless Services Oversight Council's ad hoc Grant Review Committee's recommendation for prioritization of FY2016 (2017-2018 program year) Continuum of Care (CoC) grant applications as follows:

Tier 1					
Rank	Project Name	Project Component	New/Renewal	Score	Recommendation
1	SLO City Permanent Housing (TMHA)	PSH	New	88%	\$253,455
2	Coordinated Entry (CAPSLO)	CE-SS	New	88%	\$229,554
3	North Coastal Permanent Housing with Supports (TMHA)	PSH	Renewal	78%	\$62,700
4	Permanent Housing Bordeaux North County (TMHA)	PSH	Renewal	75%	\$125,436
5	HMIS (County)	HMIS	Renewal	N/A	\$61,160
6	South County Permanent Housing (CAPSLO)	PSH	Renewal	67%	\$60,919
Straddling Tier 1 and Tier 2					
7	North County Permanent Housing (CAPSLO)	PSH	Renewal	67%	\$52,916
<i>Tier 1 Total</i>					\$846,140
Tier 2					
8	Bordeaux North County Expansion (TMHA)	PSH	New	87%	\$56,188
<i>Tier 1 and Tier 2 Subtotal</i>					\$902,328
Bonus Project					
9	Permanent Housing Expansion (TMHA)	PSH	New	N/A	\$59,616
TOTAL					\$961,944

SUMMARY NARRATIVE:

Introduction

The McKinney-Vento Continuum of Care (CoC) program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides funding for permanent, supportive housing, transitional housing, supportive services, and certain activities required by HUD in support of the CoC programs. CoC funds are distributed annually to entitlement communities through a nationwide competition.

HUD released the FY2016 CoC Program Funding Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on June 29, 2016. The County released a Request for Proposals for local project applications on July 11, 2016 and held an informational meeting on July 15, 2016 for potential project applicants to learn about the grant process and project quality rating criteria. The rating criteria, which was published to the County Planning website on July 26, 2016 is based on HUD's criteria and point system in the NOFA for evaluating applications from communities. The County additionally published the policy that would be used for ranking and reallocation.

The CoC funding availability continues to be highly competitive and the FY2016 NOFA once again requires the CoC to prioritize renewal projects into two tiers. Projects in the first tier are likely to be funded as long as certain minimum threshold requirements are met. Projects in Tier 2 must compete against all other projects nationally and HUD will award funding to the projects in order of scoring. In the 2015 round, no projects that scored below the median score in the Tier 2 competition were funded.

The San Luis Obispo County CoC Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) determined by HUD in the final Grant Inventory Worksheet is \$902,328. This is the amount it would take to renew all existing projects. The amount of funding available for Tier 1 is equal to 93 percent of the CoC's ARD, which is \$839,165. The amount available for Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the CoC's ARD (\$63,163), in addition to the amount available for the permanent housing bonus. The maximum permanent housing bonus available to San Luis Obispo County is 5 percent of the Final Pro Rata Need as calculated by HUD. For FY2016, that amounts to \$59,616. As with Tier 2 projects, projects seeking permanent housing bonus funding must compete nationally and grants are awarded based on total score until no funding remains.

Initial Competition

The HSOC Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee (Grant Review Committee) met on August 4, 2016 to review applications. Laurel Weir from Department of Social Services and Ivana Yeung from Department of Planning and Building attended to staff the discussion.

HUD encourages CoCs to prioritize projects that address the goals of Ending Chronic Homelessness, Youth Homelessness, Veteran Homelessness, and utilize a Housing First approach. Recent guidance in the CoC Competition is steering CoCs to reallocate funds from existing CoC projects that are underutilized, cost-ineffective, under-performing, or obsolete in order to create new Permanent Supportive Housing projects, Rapid Re-Housing projects, or

Supportive Services projects serving as a Coordinated Entry Point. HUD is also encouraging CoCs to reallocate Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects (unless the SSO project is to be used for Coordinated Entry).

For the FY 2016 Continuum of Care Program Competition, HUD's Policy Priorities as articulated in HUD's Strategic Plan and *Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness* include the priority of 'Strategic Resource Allocation'. HUD strongly encourages CoCs to reallocate renewal funds wherever reallocation would reduce homelessness. San Luis Obispo County CoC's Policy and Procedure for Reallocation is based on Performance Measures as specified in the annual HUD NOFA. As part of the strategy for funding valuable projects, the Grant Review Committee selected projects that best aligned with CoC funding priorities. The Grant Review Committee ranked the projects against HUD NOFA criteria and past performance measures as reported in the Annual Performance Report (2014-2015 reporting year). Because new projects do not have previously reported data, the Committee considered the applications' stated targets along with organizational capacity.

The new SLO City Permanent Supportive Housing and new Coordinated Entry projects scored very high in meeting project quality and criterion, and are consistent with HUD priorities to create additional permanent housing beds and the requirement to utilize Coordinated Entry for connecting clients to appropriate services and housing. In keeping with HUD funding priorities, both of the new projects have been placed in Tier 1. HUD also requires CoCs to provide HMIS data to complete the consolidated application, and now requires HMIS data to be used to measure system-level performance for the CoC Consolidated Application Submission. Because of the growing importance of HMIS to support CoC oversight and because HMIS data is mandatory for the consolidated application, the committee assigned the HMIS project to Tier 1. The committee recommends that North County Permanent Housing project be placed in Tier 2 based on its past year's performance with regard to increasing employment income for clients.

Re-Opened Competition

In recognition of HUD's continuing efforts to increase permanent housing and reduce Continuum of Care funding for services, provider and applicant CAPSLO elected to withdraw its original renewal application for South County Supportive Services Only project and requested that the funds be reallocated. The aim of this request was to preserve existing permanent housing units to ensure that a majority was placed in Tier 1, and to create opportunities for additional permanent housing beds through reallocation. Because there were no bonus permanent housing applications submitted by the original deadline, it was also recommended that the CoC competition be re-opened, briefly, for interested eligible project applicants to submit a new project.

The full HSOC convened on August 19, 2016 and accepted the following recommendations:

- Support CAPSLO's withdrawal of its application for South County Supportive Services Only project from the competition
- Approve the remaining Tier 1 projects as previously ranked

- Re-open the CoC Grant Competition for new Tier 2 Permanent Housing Projects and Bonus Funding Applications
- Ask the HSOC and ad hoc Grant Review Committee to use existing rating criteria for project rankings
- Authorize the Executive Committee to approve or amend the new recommendations for Tier 2 and Permanent Housing Bonus

The County re-opened the Request for Proposals for local new Tier 2 Permanent Housing Projects and Bonus Funding Projects on August 22, 2016 and held an informational meeting on August 23, 2016 for potential applicants to ask questions about the new permanent housing project selection process. The re-opened RFP deadline closed at noon on August 24, 2016. The Grant Review Committee convened on August 25, 2016 to review and discuss the three new projects.

The County received three new project applications from the re-opened RFP. El Camino Homeless Organization (ECHO) and TMHA requested Tier 2 reallocation funding. ECHO's project is a Rapid Re-Housing project eligible for Tier 2 reallocation funding and proposes to serve chronically homeless individuals with a special emphasis for homeless families with special needs. TMHA's Permanent Housing Bordeaux Expansion Project proposes to create 4 additional permanent housing beds to its existing Bordeaux North County PSH project. Both project applications met the project quality threshold review and scored well, while addressing a priority population group identified in HUD's *Opening Doors*. The committee recommends TMHA's Bordeaux Expansion project for Tier 2 reallocation funding because the application scored highest. The Grant Review Committee recognizes the *Opening Doors* prioritization for Ending Family Homelessness, and therefore encourages the HSOC to consider prioritizing permanent housing for chronically homeless families for new project funding in next year's competition.

The Grant Review Committee recommends that TMHA's Permanent Housing Expansion project go forward for Bonus Funding as it meets the project threshold criteria, with proven demonstration from TMHA that the project would be successful in meeting its performance measures.

The HSOC Executive Committee recommendation will go to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors as a consent item on September 13, 2016 for further action.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

If all currently Tier 1 recommended projects receive funding in the national competition, HUD will award \$846,140 for homeless programs in the County; in addition, if Tier 2 and the permanent housing bonus projects are recommended by the County, up to \$122,779 could be awarded by HUD for new permanent housing beds.

STAFF COMMENTS:

No additional comments.