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Agenda: ICH Meeting of the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)

**Meeting date,
time, and place**

**THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e).**

Date: **February 22, 2023**

Time: **9:00 am – 11:00 am**

Place: **WebEx Meeting:**

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Time

Call to Order	Chair or Designee will call the meeting to order	9:00 – 9:01 am
Invocation/Pledge	Chair or Designee will lead the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance	9:01 – 9:05 am
Introductions	Chair or Designee will lead the Introductions of the ICH Members by roll call.	9:05 – 9:10 am
Agenda Items:	The following items are presented for informational, consent, and discussion purposes.	
Public Comment	Open to the public for comments. Members of the public wishing to address the council will need to submit a request to speak prior to the time the Chair calls for public comment by typing in the chat box that you have a public comment. The Chair will call on you in the order the requests are received. Once your name has been called, please unmute yourself and you will then have up to 3 minutes to speak.	
	New Members	
1	Introduction and Bios of New ICH Members – Sandra Ibarra, City of San Bernardino; and Jim Schooler, Town of Yucca Valley. <i>Pages 5-6</i>	9:10 – 9:15 am
	Consent	
2	Approve Minutes of the January 25, 2023, ICH Meeting – Jessica Alexander, Chair <i>Page 6-16</i>	
3	Ratify the action of the Chair to Approve a Letter of Support to U.S.Vets for their Veterans Affairs Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) Application. – Jessica Alexander, Chair <i>Page 17</i>	9:15 – 9:40 am

4	Ratify the action of the Chair to Approve a Letter of Support to the City of San Bernardino for their application to obtain Encampment Resolution Funds (ERF) from the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing. – Jessica Alexander, Chair <i>Page 18</i>
5	Ratify the action of the Chair to Approve a Letter of Support for Lighthouse Social Service Centers' (Lighthouse) Grant and Per Diem (GPD) application for funding to provide the essential Service-Intensive, Transitional Housing, and support services for San Bernardino County's homeless veterans. – Jessica Alexander, Chair <i>Page 19-20</i>
6	Ratify the action of the Chair to Approve a Letter of Support to Lighthouse for their Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Priority 2 Renewal Grant Application for San Bernardino County (18-CA-171). – Jessica Alexander, Chair <i>Page 21-22</i>
Information Sharing	
7	Coordinated Entry System (CES) annual review and Standing Committee Update. – Jessica Alexander, Chair <i>Page 23</i> <div style="text-align: right;">9:40 – 9:45 am</div>
8	Protocol for In-person Committee and ICH Meetings. – Jessica Alexander, Chair 9:45 – 9:50 am
9	Protocol for responding to the death of a CoC Colleague. – Jessica Alexander, Chair 9:50 – 9:55 am
Discussion/ Action Item	
10	Approve the reallocation of \$75,000 in HHAP Round 1 funding originally allocated to Illumination Foundation to the Family Assistance Program for the provision of youth-related services per recommendation by the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) Desert Regional Steering Committee. – Tom Hernandez, Office of Homeless Services, presenting on behalf of ICH Desert Regional Steering Committee <div style="text-align: right;">9:55 – 10:20 am</div> <i>Page 24-25</i>
11	Adopt the following recommendations for the obligation and expenditure of the \$653,419 in CESH Round 1 and 2 grant funding allocated by the CoC for “systems support necessary to maintain a comprehensive homeless and housing service delivery system” and specifically earmarked for CES enhancement, expansion, and software integration. <div style="text-align: right;">10:20 – 10:50 am</div>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allocate the \$653,419 in CESH grant funding to the CoC CES Lead Agency to support the following CES enhancement, expansion, and software integration activities (in priority order): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Establishing a CES Virtual Platform and other technological enhancements to support an end-to-end coordinated entry system workflow, from outreach to housing placement, and facilitate expanded, streamlined access to the CoC homeless response system for all system-users, collaborators, and other stakeholders. b. Establishing contractual relationships with service agencies designated to serve as regional and/or subpopulation CES entry points as outlined in the policy document by the CoC CES Oversight Committee. c. The development of CES information, education, training and service tools, instruments, materials, and resources needed to support effective end-to-end system user engagement from outreach to housing placement. 2. Recommend the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) to seek County approval to initiate the contract development and execution process with Inland SoCal United Way (ISCUW 211+) and report back to the ICH with a timeframe to complete the process in time to meet CESH grant fund obligation requirements. 3. Charge the CES Lead Agency with continuing to work with the CES Oversight Standing Committee to develop a multi-year CES Budget Plan (Plan) and report back to the ICH within 60 days. The Plan will identify potential funding for sustaining the improvements created through the investment of the CESH funds. Exact budget line-item amounts to be determined during contract negotiations based on the priority order outlined above. <p>– Tom Hernandez, Office of Homeless Services, presenting on behalf of Continuum of Care (CoC) Ad Hoc Committee on Coordinated Entry System (CES) Policies and Procedures</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Page 26-27</i></p>
	Council Roundtable
	<p>Open to comments by the Council</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10:50 – 11:00 am</p>



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Adjournment		11:00 am
Next ICH Meeting	<p>The next regularly scheduled Interagency Council on Homelessness meeting is scheduled for:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ICH Meeting (Regular) In Person Wednesday, March 22, 2023 9:00 am – 11:00 am Address: Colton Transitional Assistance Department (Conference Room 1) 1900 W Valley Blvd, Colton, CA 92324</p>	

Mission Statement

The mission of the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership is to provide a system of care that is inclusive, well planned, coordinated, and evaluated and is accessible to all who are homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless.

THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETINGS ARE ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. IF ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES OR OTHER AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC MEETING, REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES AT LEAST THREE (3) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE PARTNERSHIP MEETING. THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES TELEPHONE NUMBER IS (909) 501-0610 AND THE OFFICE IS LOCATED AT 560 E. HOSPITALITY LANE, SUITE 200, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408-0044. <http://www.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp/> AGENDA AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CAN BE OBTAINED AT 560 E. HOSPITALITY LANE, SUITE 200, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408-0044.



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Introduction of New ICH Member

Date February 22, 2023

Presenter Jessica Alexander, Chair

Biography

Sandra Ibarra was elected to the Second Ward City Council Member seat on November 6th, 2018. Prior to running for office, Sandra volunteered in several capacities:

Sandra Ibarra served the Second Ward as a City Commissioner on two different Commissions: Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee and the Fine Arts Commission. Sandra has been heavily involved with Neighborhood Watch, Neighborhood Associations, and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team).

This community involvement pushes Sandra to be a transparent and accountable councilwoman for her constituents in the Second Ward. Her top priorities for the Second Ward, and the city as a whole, are public safety, community engagement, and the beautification of San Bernardino, CA. She seeks to empower the San Bernardino citizens and welcomes new businesses to come into our region. She is a first-time homeowner and works for a local non-profit that values and encourages homeownership.

Sandra Ibarra was born and raised in Santa Ana, CA. As the oldest of six children and a first-generation student, she was detected as a GATE (Gifted And Talented Education) and Honors student at a very young age, resulting in her getting accepted and graduating from UCLA in 2003. She highly believes it is time to set higher standards for our city and our leaders in order to make change happen for the good of all.



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Biography

Jim moved to the Town of Yucca Valley in his twenties to accept a position with Yucca Valley Parks and Recreation District. He quickly became attached to the small town lifestyle and abundance of opportunities to be involved.

His community experience includes:

- Member of the Yucca Valley Town Council
- 20+ years as a Department Head with the Town of Yucca Valley
- 3+ years as Field Representative for a California State Senator
- Former owner/operator of a Yucca Valley small business
- Extensive volunteerism and leadership with local organizations

Jim is a Navy veteran who believes that local government is the most responsive form of government, most accountable to the people it serves, and presents the best opportunity for people to have a say in the affairs that affect them.



Minutes for San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership Special Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) Meeting

January 25, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Via WebEx – Teleconference

Minutes Recorded and Transcribed by Claudia Doyle (Program Specialist) and Elizabeth Pinedo (Secretary), Office of Homeless Services

TOPIC	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Call to Order	Jessica Alexander - Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.
Introductions	Jessica Alexander - Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tom Hernandez took ICH Member roll call. Members of the public are not introduced. There were over 82 members of the public who joined the ICH meeting via Webex and/or telephone.
ICH Members Present		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following ICH members or their alternates were present for the meeting: Supervisor Baca, Erika Lewis-Huntley, Sandra Ibarra, Jim Schooler, Antoinette Jackson, Quinton Page, Juan Preciado, Brenda Dowdy, Martha Zepeda, Stephanie Bruce, Georgina Yoshioka, Maria Razo, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Wendell Wilson, Astrid Johnson, Ruben Mendoza Absent: Board of Supervisor representative not yet assigned.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Comment made by ZaZette Scott from Foothill AIDS Project.
CONSENT	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
<p>Adopt Resolution to Allow Participation in Public Meetings via Teleconference pursuant to Assembly Bill 361</p> <p>Approve Minutes of the November 16, 2022, Special ICH Meeting</p> <p>Ratify the action of the Chair to Approve a Letter of Support to U.S.Vets for their Veterans Support to Self-Reliance (VSSR) Application</p>	Jessica Alexander, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastor Sharon Green made a motion to approve the consent calendar. Council Member Jeff Drozd asked to have item 4 pulled to spend a few moments in recognition of Lois Perkins. Pastor Alexander amended her motion to pull item # 4 and move forward with approving items number 1 through 3. Martha Zepeda seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. 18 members were in favor: Supervisor Baca, Erika Lewis-Huntley, Sandra Ibarra, Jim Schooler, Antoinette Jackson, Quinton Page, Juan Preciado, Brenda Dowdy, Martha Zepeda, Stephanie Bruce, Georgina Yoshioka, Maria Razo, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Wendell Wilson, Astrid Johnson, Ruben Mendoza 0 members were opposed. Absent: Board of Supervisor representative not yet assigned. <p>The motion for consent calendar items # 1 through 3 were approved.</p>

<p>Ratify the action of the Chair to Approve a Letter of Support for Life Community Development's (LCD) Grant and Per Diem (GPD) application for funding to provide the essential Service-Intensive, Transitional Housing and support services for San Bernardino County's homeless veterans</p>		<p>Discussion: Regarding item # 4: Mr. Smith yielded to Sharon Green to open the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon Green shared words of condolence in recognition of Lois Perkins • Don Smith asked for a moment of silence to be observed on behalf of Lois Perkins passing. <p>A motion to approve item # 4 of the consent section with additions was made by Don Smith, and second by Sharon Green.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A roll call vote was taken. 18 members were in favor: Supervisor Baca, Erika Lewis-Huntley, Sandra Ibarra, Jim Schooler, Antoinette Jackson, Quinton Page, Juan Preciado, Brenda Dowdy, Martha Zepeda, Stephanie Bruce, Georgina Yoshioka, Maria Razo, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Wendell Wilson, Astrid Johnson, Ruben Mendoza • 0 members were opposed. • Absent: Board of Supervisor representative not yet assigned. <p>The motion was passed.</p>
INFORMATION SHARING	PRESENTER	
<p>Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Update presentation</p>	<p>Martha Zepeda, Deputy Executive Officer</p>	<p>The Chair recognized Martha Zepeda, Deputy Executive Officer to present a report out on the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).</p> <p>The Chair opened the item for comment by the ICH Board members.</p> <p>Discussion ensued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon Green – wanted an elaboration on the ESG recapture and the HUD expenditure timeline. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Martha Zepeda- responded that HUD had initially set a timeline that was moved up that hindered part of the expenditure goal together with the lack of closely working with providers and the execution of contracts. ○ Sharon Green- acknowledged the transparency and she is looking to collaboratively move forward to effectively serve the people. • Don Smith – reiterated that the funding was sat on for over a year. Mr. Smith stated that there is a need for mandated consultation between the CoC and OHS, will help bridge the gap of communication when funding is made available and assist with initiation of disbursements. • Sharon Green– asked if money lost that was originally distributed to the agencies will be recovered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Martha Zepeda – responded that unfortunately this money will not be recovered. Ms. Zepeda mentioned that there will be upcoming grants that will be available. To see progress there needs to be a collective effort to bring these items up for discussion. <p>The Chair recognized that there were additional board comments and requested comments to be emailed to Martha</p>

		<p>Zepeda.</p> <p>Chair closed item for discussion to move forward to item # 6.</p>
Homeless Housing Assistance Program (HHAP) 4 update presentation	Tom Hernandez, Office of Homeless Services	<p>The Chair recognized Tom Hernandez, Office of Homeless Services to present a report out on the Homeless Housing Assistance Program (HHAP) 4 update.</p> <p>The Chair opened the item for comment by the ICH Board members.</p> <p>Discussion ensued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don Smith – requested the CoC to be a part of the HHAP 4 updated outcome goal discussions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tom Hernandez – responded that with Chairs' permission will continue to discuss during Ad Hoc Committee meetings. Jessica Alexander and Martha Zepeda confirmed. Astrid Johnson – requested clarification on the governor requested goals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tom Hernandez – responded that the governor is looking for decreases in unsheltered population, increases in the people exiting from shelters or transition housing to permanent housing and that there is a lot of pressure to have better outcomes. Astrid Johnson- added that there needs to be an increase in affordable housing to achieve the governors' goals as well. <p>Chair closed item for discussion to move forward to item #7.</p>
2023 Point in Time Count (PITC) Update	Erika Lewis-Huntly, Chair, PITC Oversight Committee	<p>The Chair recognized Erika Lewis-Huntly, as PITC Oversight Committee Chair to present a report on the 2023 Point in Time Count (PITC).</p> <p>The Chair opened the item for comment by the ICH Board members.</p> <p>Discussion ensued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don Smith –recognized OHS staff efforts and the community. Mr. Smith warned that due to weather conditions on the day of the count, to advise volunteers not to try to enter areas that are unsafe to access, instead have volunteers report these areas to the command center to dispatch specialty teams. <p>Chair closed item for discussion to move forward to item #8.</p>
DISCUSSION	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Approve the reallocation of \$653,419 in California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Round 1 and	Tom Hernandez, Office of Homeless Services	Chair recognized Tom Hernandez, from OHS to present on reallocation of California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Round 1 and Round 2 funding.

Round 2 funding		<p>The Chair clarified the recommended action to reallocate the funds and establish an Ad Hoc committee to determine how to appropriate the funds with recommendations to address back to the ICH board.</p> <p>The Chair opened the item for comment by the ICH Board members.</p> <p>Discussion ensued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don Smith –requested for funding to be used as initially indicated towards system improvements. Mr. Smith requested to make a motion to have matter be referred to CES Ad Hoc Committee and have funding invested in coordinated entry system instead of creating a new Ad Hoc Committee. Remainder of funds to be allocated where they would best fit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastor Alexander - responded that, that matter will have to be addressed with counsel as she is unsure if the scope of the CES committee is broad enough to address this item. Martha Zepeda – The current CES Ad Hoc is currently charged with filling existing gaps. Ms. Zepeda stated that a neutral Ad Hoc would benefit in looking at where the money is best spent. Counsel, Sophie Curtis – recommended to have discreet scopes assigned to abstain from Ad Hoc becoming a standing committee. Ms. Curtis asked for clarification of Mr. Smith’s motion. <p>Mr. Smith motioned to have matter be referred to CES Ad Hoc Committee to come back to the board with recommendations at the next meeting. Wendell Wilson seconded the motion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A roll call vote was taken. 11 members were in favor: Supervisor Baca, Sandra Ibarra, Antoinette Jackson, Quinton Page, Brenda Dowdy, Stephanie Bruce, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Wendell Wilson, Astrid Johnson, Ruben Mendoza 5 members were opposed: Juan Preciado, Martha Zepeda, Georgina Yoshioka, Maria Razo, Jessica Alexander 1 member abstained: Jim Schooler 2 members were absent from the vote: Erika Lewis-Huntley, Board of Supervisor representative not yet assigned <p>The motion was passed.</p> <p>Chair closed item for discussion.</p>
Reallocate \$75,000 of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 1 grant funding according to one of the following options or as may otherwise be directed by the Council	Tom Hernandez, Office of Homeless Services	<p>Chair recognized Tom Hernandez, from OHS to present on the reallocation of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 1 grant funding.</p> <p>The Chair opened the item for comment by the ICH Board members.</p> <p>Discussion ensued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ruben Mendoza–Requested for funds to be allocated to Family Assistance Program. Through personal

		<p>experience, Mr. Mendoza stated that this program serves in the city of San Bernadino and the High Desert to young adults between the ages of 18-24. Family Assistance Program provides assistance to young adults to assist them with getting back on their feet through a variety of different services: anger management, financial literacy workshops, and mock interviews.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Ibarra – Requested more information on what services Family Assistance Program is providing to the youth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tom Hernandez – A minimum of 8% from the CoC of HHAP funding is allocated to youth related services. These HHAP funds must go to youth related services to be provided county wide. HHAP round 1 total awarded funds were just under 3 million to be distributed. HHAP round 3 & 4 will be at a 10 % minimum. Services provided are supportive services for runaway, homeless youth, emergency shelter, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing. Family Assistance Program, formerly known as the High Desert Domestic Violence Program, has been an integral member of CoC active members since the homeless coalition and has been a recipient of 2 million dollars a year of CoC award funding as part of the domestic violence coalition. • Antionette Jackson – Would like for the Desert Region Steering Committee (DRSC) to recommend what entity in the HHAP round 1 qualifies and for the DRSC to have a discussion as to how those funds will be spent. Ms. Jackson recommended that if the committee is unable to determine an entity, then consider the option to put out an RFP for other entities that need the funding. • Pastor Sharon Green – Agreed that the funds should go back to the desert. • Brenda Dowdy – Would like for funds to be allocated to Family Assistance Program. • Don Smith – Mentioned that the Family Assistance Program has been premier with youth servicing in the state. Mr. Smith would not oppose funds being allocated to Family Assistance Program but would like a deliberative/strategic approach to be put in place. Believes it is appropriate for funds to be sent back to the Desert Region and for them to come back with recommendations and would support a motion to that affect. <p>Chair opened the item for public comment.</p> <p>Discussion ensued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ZaZette Scott – Ms. Scott asked what agencies would be awarded the HHAP round 1 funding. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jessica Alexander – responded that she is unsure which agencies would qualify for the funding and will need to see where the motion goes. • Eugene Butticci, from Desert Manna – In favor of option 2, as funding was originally allocated to the Desert Region and would like for funds to remain there. • Dr. J. Sanquist – Mentioned that he really likes the Family Assistance Program and believes that they will do a great job with utilizing the money and wouldn't like to lose these funds by going back and forth. Dr. Sanquist asked if the High Desert would be able to use these funds if the money is allocated to them. <p>Chair closed item for discussion and requested for a motion to be made on behalf of the ICH Board.</p> <p>Don Smith motioned for funds to be allocated to the Desert Regional Steering Committee and for the Desert Region</p>
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		<p>to come back to the ICH board with recommendations for final approval. Mr. Smith clarified for the Desert Region to not be tied to any options 1,2, or 3. Maria Razo seconded the motion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A roll call vote was taken. 18 members were in favor: Supervisor Baca, Erika Lewis-Huntley, Sandra Ibarra, Jim Schooler, Antoinette Jackson, Quinton Page, Juan Preciado, Brenda Dowdy, Martha Zepeda, Stephanie Bruce, Georgina Yoshioka, Maria Razo, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Wendell Wilson, Astrid Johnson, Ruben Mendoza • 0 members were opposed • 1 Absent: Board of Supervisor representative not yet assigned <p>The motion was passed.</p> <p>Chair closed item for discussion.</p>
<p>Authorize the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) to initiate and administer the following HHAP-3 funded contract award recommendations through San Bernardino County</p>	<p>Tom Hernandez, Office of Homeless Services</p>	<p>Chair recognized Tom Hernandez, from OHS to present on recommendations for the reallocation of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 3 grant funding.</p> <p>Mr. Hernandez gave a brief overview of the item.</p> <p>The Chair then recognized Don Smith to provide alternative resolutions with discussion as to how these recommendations were brought about.</p> <p>Don Smith made a motion to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish a HHAP-3 Implementation & Oversight Committee, with at least one representative from each region, to work with the Office of Homeless Services (OHS), as the CoC designated HHAP-3 Administrative Entity, on the implementation of HHAP-3 system support activities and the project funding application process. 2. Authorize the HHAP-3 Implementation & Oversight Committee and OHS to initiate the Systems Improvement and Supports activities approved by ICH with the 20% initial disbursement of HHAP-3 funds, \$780,374.96, which include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$300,000 for Capacity Building/Workforce Development activities for system service providers b. \$200,000 for systems support activities necessary to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services & housing delivery system. c. \$147,711 to address racial disproportionality in homeless populations and achieve equitable provision of services and outcomes. d. \$78,037.50 to support development of the CoC Youth Advisory Board and youth-specific coordinated entry system activities 3. Approve the distribution of the 80% remainder balance of funds, \$3,121,499.84, as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$218,504.99 for Administration (7%)

		<p>b. \$312,149.98 for services for homeless youth populations (10%)</p> <p>c. \$2,590,844.87 for regional service projects with a baseline of \$100,000 per region and the balance distributed based on 2022 PITC numbers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,417,232.87 Central Valley Region • \$518,169 Desert Region • \$162,725 East Valley Region • \$141,817 Mountain Region • \$350,901 West Valley Region <p>4. Authorize OHS to work with the HHAP-3 Implementation & Oversight Committee to initiate the project funding application process.</p> <p>Martha Zepeda seconded the motion.</p> <p>The Chair opened the item for comment by the ICH Board members.</p> <p>Discussion ensued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruben Mendoza– Asked the board for the homeless youth to have more than 10% funding for prevention purposes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tom Hernandez – Mentioned that traditionally the minimum is 10% of the overall award, but this does not negate for each region individually to increase their percentage for youth. ○ Don Smith – Agreed with Mr. Hernandez response and reassured Mr. Mendoza that the 10% is a floor not a ceiling. • Quinton Page – Wanted to make it clear that relying on the PITC is detrimental to the Mountain Region. • Astrid Johnson – Informed that there are many agencies in the East Valley that service the youth. • Pastor Sharon Green – Stated that the senior homeless population is growing and to look at all populations into consideration. • Brenda Dowdy – Wants to make sure that funding is allocated to areas proactively targeting youth services. <p>Chair closed item for discussion to move forward with the motion made by Mr. Smith.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A roll call vote was taken. 17 members were in favor: Supervisor Baca, Erika Lewis-Huntley, Sandra Ibarra, Jim Schooler, Antoinette Jackson, Quinton Page, Juan Preciado, Brenda Dowdy, Martha Zepeda, Stephanie Bruce, Georgina Yoshioka, Maria Razo, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Wendell Wilson, Astrid Johnson, • 1 member were opposed: Ruben Mendoza • 1 Absent: Board of Supervisor representative not yet assigned <p>The motion was passed.</p>
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COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE	PRESENTER	
	Jessica Alexander, Chair	<p>Chair opened the floor for comment to ICH members.</p> <p>Discussion ensued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica Alexander – Thanked the OHS for the PITC efforts. Advised that there is a position opening sent out through the HomelessRFP on behalf of the Inland SoCal United Way. Position is Coordinated Entry System Manager and requested the board to pass this information on. Informed the board that the Ad Hoc Committee roster has been set for the Governance Ad Hoc Committee. Advised that the HUD TA are currently reviewing current governance and structure documents to finalize the scope of work and a timeline for the process. Advised to the board to look out for a kick-off meeting that will be coming up shortly. Welcomed new ICH council members Jim Schooler and Sandra Ibarra. • Supervisor Baca – Informed the board of an affordable housing project in the city of Ontario that should provide 50 homeless unsheltered beds. Also, trying to purchase a property in the city of Bloomington for an affordable housing project and currently in negotiations to secure funding. Project in Muscoy is also in negotiations. Supervisor Baca informed that the Pacific Village Project is also in progress that will include: 32 bed recuperative center, 30 bed prefabricated permanent supportive housing units, 10 temporary supportive housing units, and a substance abuse disorder program with 20 beds. Congratulated the City of San Bernardino with efforts to add capacity at Palm Park. Informed the board that there was supposed to have a round table with all the cities but would like to deviate from finger pointing and would like to cooperatively work together to improve quality of life in the county. • Astrid Johnson – Made an announcement that she called a summit to address how to house more individuals. Had representative from Yucca Valley, 29 Palms, Morongo Unified, Marine Core Base, and individuals from the community and next step is to take ideas moving forward. Ms. Johnson added that she is encouraging a new entity to step up at possibilities of sheltering. • Brenda Dowdy – Advised that they are having a Wellness Summit after the count located at the University of Redlands. Also informed that they are having a Foster Homeless Summit in March and invited members to participate. YAB group would like to use set aside funds for Youth Count, and to send youth to Sacramento to talk to legislative bodies and learn how to advocate for themselves, summit taking place April 30th - May 2nd. Would like information on how to obtain this funding for these services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tom Hernandez – Asked Brenda Dowdy to talk with him offline as they might be able to use CoC planning money. ○ Don Smith – HHAP 3 funding, \$78,000 was set aside for YAB development and perhaps some of these funds can be used towards a robust youth survey. Perhaps some of these funds can also be used toward youth summit. Would like HHAP 3 implementation committee to start moving forward with getting funded allocated. Specifically, the \$200,000 for focusing on strengthening regional partnerships and delivery system developments. Thanked Supervisor Baca for working towards stronger ties and engagement with city partners and pull away from blaming the county. Would like information on what the county is doing with the Homeless Strategic Plan that the board of

		<p>supervisors adopted over a year ago and would like it listed as an agenda item at the ICH Meetings. Informed that the CoC is awarded funded that the OHS is serving as the administrative entity and would like more transparency and engagement from the OHS. Would like a staff member to be specifically assigned to serve this role.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendell Wilson – Informed that a number of agencies are disappointed in the reimbursement process for the ESG Grant that has forced to borrow, causing financial pain. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martha Zepeda – Stated that this will be noted and will make subcontractors (CDH) aware in moving these claims expediently. <p>Vice Chair closed the meeting for discussion and reminded the board of the next ICH Meeting.</p>
Adjournment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.
Next Meeting		<p>The Next ICH Meeting will be held on:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ICH Meeting (Regular)</u> <u>Wednesday, February 22, 2023</u> <u>9:00 am – 11:00 am</u> <u>Via Webex</u></p>

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Attendees on January 25, 2023, • Interagency Council on Homelessness – Teleconference				
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Schooler	Jim	City of Yucca Valley		
Esparza	Daisy	Superintendent of San Bernardino County Schools		
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Lloyd	Meghan	Youth With Lived Experience of Homelessness		
Mitha	Rishad	Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino		
Page	Quinton	Mountain Region (D.O.V.E.S.)		
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Wilson	Wendell	Mountain Homeless Coalition		
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*Please note we do not take attendance of members of the public that joined via tele-conference

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January 30, 2023

To: Nicole Starks-Murray, Executive Director
U.S. VETS – Inland Empire
15305 6th Street
March Air Reserve Base, CA 92518

RE: U.S. VETS- Office of Homeless Services Letter of Support

Dear Supportive Services Veterans Program Office Administrator:

The San Bernardino County Continuum of Care (CoC) is pleased to provide this Letter of Support for United States Veterans Initiative's (U.S.VETS – Inland Empire) intent to continue program operations for the Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) grant. We believe in U.S. VETS' mission of helping military veterans and their families successfully transition through the provision of housing, counseling, career development, and comprehensive support.

U.S.VETS-Inland Empire's SSVF program continues to assist at-risk veteran households in the San Bernardino Continuum of Care (CoC) by bridging gaps in services and alleviating multiple barriers faced by homelessness which strengthens our community by providing rapid re-housing and homeless prevention services. The program continues to also provide extensive case management; assistance in obtaining VA and other benefits, health care services, daily living services, personal financial planning services, fiduciary and payee services, legal services, childcare services, and housing counseling services. The most impactful assistance provided has been the temporary financial assistance for housing stability support to help veteran families remain in or acquire permanent housing.

U.S. VETS- Inland Empire is vital to our community for ending and preventing veteran homelessness and ensuring veterans have the resources needed to transition to and sustain permanent housing. The CoC offers its full support for their continuation of program operations and is confident that by being awarded the grant to continue SSVF services, U.S.VETS- Inland Empire's services will continue to provide services that benefit veterans and strengthen the community we serve.

Sincerely,

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January 31, 2023

RE: Encampment Resolution Fund Grant Support for the City of San Bernardino

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the San Bernardino County's Continuum of Care (CoC), please accept this letter of support for the City of San Bernardino's application to obtain Encampment Resolution Funds (ERF) from the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing. The City has a viable plan to meet a high priority local need that will assist unhoused individuals residing in a centrally located encampment with interim housing, case management and connection to a rich array of supportive services to help people stabilize and exit out of homelessness. The plan includes the development of a navigation center, procurement of a city operated homeless outreach team and collaboration with local partners.

The ERF project will support cross-systems collaboration and service strategies to help people experiencing homelessness transition out of encampments toward safe and stable housing pathways. Activities will also support efforts to restore encampment sites to their original state and intended purposes, but priority will be directed towards protecting the health, safety, and well-being of the individuals who had been living in the encampments.

The CoC is committed to the shared goal of providing housing, health and support services to men, women, and families who are housing insecure. Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact Office of Homeless Services at HomelessRFP@hss.sbcounty.gov or (909) 501-0610.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jessica Alexander'.

JESSICA ALEXANDER

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February 1, 2023

VA Grant and Per Diem National Program
Office 810 Vermont Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20420

Re: VA Grant and Per Diem Program

To the Application Review Committee:

San Bernardino County's Continuum of Care (CoC) is pleased to submit this letter of support/coordination for LightHouse Social Service Centers' Grant and Per Diem (GPD) application for funding to provide Service-Intensive Transitional Housing and support services for San Bernardino County's homeless veterans.

The applicant consulted with the CoC and has been an active member of the CoC for the past several years. Our understanding is that the applicant is proposing the following number of beds in the following model:

Proposed Model(s)	Proposed Number of Beds
Service-Intensive	12 beds

LightHouse has been a key partner in helping the region meet its goal to address homelessness. LightHouse is a significant partner in the County's goal to end veteran homelessness. The veteran resources provided by LightHouse to the CoC include Grant and Per Diem (GPD) service-intensive transitional housing services, rapid re-housing and homeless prevention services through the SSVF Program, Rapid Resolution (diversion services), Healthcare Navigation Services, legal services for veteran and Shallow Subsidy services also through the SSVF Program and permanent supportive housing for disabled veterans through the LightHouse Hope for Heroes Program. To date, LightHouse has served 385 veterans through its GPD Program.

LightHouse Social Service Centers' Chief Executive Officer Karyn Young-Lowe facilitates the weekly Homeless Veteran Community Planning Group (HVCPG) meetings for the County of San Bernardino. LightHouse outreach, housing navigation and case management staff also attend this meeting on a weekly basis. The HVCPG is the entity responsible for the by-name list, and the rate of housing placement and stabilization of veterans in San Bernardino County. The HVCPG service providers, which includes GPD and SSVF staff, Veterans Affairs (VA) outreach and HUD VASH staff, staff from the Housing Authority, Coordinated Entry System (CES) staff, staff from the County Office of Homeless Services, law enforcement and code enforcement staff and the county housing navigation staff, meet weekly to review and update the "by-name" list, case conference individual veteran's housing plans and work toward achieving the benchmark criteria set forth by United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) and VA on ending homelessness among veterans.

The LightHouse staff actively takes part in the coordinated entry assessment process of the CoC and assisted in the development of capacity and implementation of our countywide CES. LightHouse receives prioritized referrals generated from the CES system. Further, through its outreach efforts LightHouse utilizes the VI-SPDAT which is the local assessment tool used to support coordinated screening and referrals within the CoC. LightHouse Intake and Case Management staff are trained to conduct assessments utilizing the VI-SPDAT tool.

Regarding the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), the CES for San Bernardino County is embedded in the County HMIS program and LightHouse enters all appropriate veteran information into the system and also engages in data sharing with veteran providers and the CES. LightHouse also participates regularly in the monthly CoC Interagency Council on Homelessness, which is the CoC's governing board, the quarterly CoC Homeless Provider Network Meetings, and the Monthly Regional Steering Committee Meetings. LightHouse also participates in multiple adhoc workgroups to expand and enhance services for homeless veterans throughout San Bernardino County

LightHouse management and direct service staff also participated in the development, planning and execution of the 2022 San Bernardino County Veterans' Stand Down held October 12, 2022. Please also note that LightHouse staff actively participates in the annual Point in Time Count for San Bernardino County by assisting in the planning and volunteering for the Point in Time Count Event.

Ensuring the successful transition to permanent housing and self-sufficiency for all who have proudly served our country is a priority in San Bernardino County. San Bernardino County through its partnership with providers and developers has made significant strides in securing stable housing for once homeless veterans. The CoC wholeheartedly supports LightHouse Social Service Centers' submission for GPD grant funding to provide continued exemplary services to our nations' heroes.

Should you have questions or need further assistance, please contact the Office of Homeless Services, the Collaborative Applicant on behalf of the CoC at homelessrpf@hss.sbcounty.gov or (909) 501-0610.

Sincerely,



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RE: Lighthouse Social Service Centers (18-CA-171) Priority 2 Renewal Application

Dear Application Review Committee:

The San Bernardino County Continuum of Care (CoC) is pleased to support Lighthouse Social Service Centers (Lighthouse) in their Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Priority 2 Renewal Grant Application for San Bernardino County (18-CA-171).

Lighthouse is an SSVF grantee that serves the Inland Empire of Southern California as a significant partner in the CoC's efforts to coordinate, align, and provide rapid re-housing, homeless prevention, and supportive services for San Bernardino County's homeless veterans. This agency works to provide outreach to homeless veterans as well as seeks multiple opportunities to find permanent housing solutions to help veterans who are chronically homeless. The veteran resources provided by Lighthouse to the CoC include Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Transitional Living services, rapid re-housing, and homeless prevention services through the SSVF Program, Rapid Resolution, Healthcare Navigation Services, legal services for veteran and Shallow Subsidy services also through the SSVF Program and permanent supportive housing for disabled veterans through the Lighthouse Hope for Heroes Program.

Lighthouse Social Service Centers' Chief Executive Officer Karyn Young-Lowe facilitates the weekly Homeless Veteran Community Planning Group (HVCPG) meetings for the County of San Bernardino (approximately 6-10 hours per month). Lighthouse outreach, housing navigation, and case management staff also attend this meeting on a weekly basis (6-10 hours of multiple staff members time). The HVCPG is the entity responsible for the by-name list, and the rate of housing placement, and stabilization of veterans in San Bernardino County. The HVCPG Veteran service providers (which includes SSVF, GPD, other transitional living staff, Veterans Affairs (VA) outreach, HUD VASH staff, staff from the Housing Authority, Coordinated Entry System (CES) staff, staff from the County Office of Homeless Services, law enforcement, code enforcement staff, and the county housing navigation staff) meet weekly to review and update the by-name list, case conference, and work toward achieving the benchmark criteria set forth by United States Interagency Council on Homelessness and VA on ending homelessness among veterans.

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Regarding the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), the CES for San Bernardino County is embedded in the County HMIS program and Lighthouse enters all appropriate veteran information into the system and engages in data sharing with veteran providers and the CES. Lighthouse also participates regularly in the monthly CoC Interagency Council on Homelessness (2-3 hours), which is the CoC's governing board, the quarterly CoC Homeless Provider Network Meetings (2-3 hours per quarter), and the Monthly Regional Steering Committee Meetings (2 hours monthly-management staff attends). Lighthouse also participates in multiple ad hoc workgroups to expand and enhance services for homeless veterans throughout San Bernardino County.

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LightHouse management and direct service staff also participated in the development, planning, and execution of the 2022 San Bernardino County Veterans' Stand Down; held October 12, 2022 (approximately 35 total hours for planning and execution of the event). Please also note that LightHouse staff actively participates in the annual Point in Time Count for San Bernardino County by assisting in the planning and volunteering for the Point in Time Count Event.

Ending Veterans homelessness in our County is a priority and LightHouse is a significant partner in helping to achieve this goal. We consider LightHouse to be a model program for other veteran and non-veteran programs dedicated to rapid re-housing, homeless prevention, and permanent supportive housing services. The San Bernardino County CoC is pleased to support LightHouse Social Service Centers in its renewal grant for FY 24 of the SSVF program.

Respectfully,

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FROM: CoC CES Policy Ad Hoc Committee

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Initiation of the CoC CES Oversight Standing Committee

DATE: February 22, 2023

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the SBC&C CoC Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) take action to initiate the CoC CES Oversight Standing Committee immediately; and

That the ICH consider including representatives from the CES Policy Ad Hoc Committee, completing its charge in February, 2023, for CoC CES Oversight Committee membership.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2022, Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) created an Ad Hoc Coordinated Entry System (CES) Review Committee. The work of the committee resulted in an extensive report with multiple recommendations in five key areas: system design, operations, policies and procedures, funding, and planning and system transition. Together, the recommendations proposed a re-imagined CES that: incorporates additional formal partners in many system processes; offers a regional design with subregional structures; embraces efficient assessment, referral and placement processes; underscores the importance of ensuring consistent implementation some system activities such as case conferencing; calls for articulation of responsibilities among CES structural components; identifies the need for an ongoing source of funding for system implementation; and sets expectations for system operations, review and reporting.

The ICH received the Ad Hoc CES Review Committee report in a special meeting in August, 2022 and subsequently adopted the recommendations in September, 2022. The recommendations included: *"To strengthen governance, the ICH should establish a CoC CES Standing Committee responsible for oversight of the CES operations and the ongoing development of policies and procedures for evaluating regulatory compliance."*¹

Subsequently, the CES Policy committee was formed to update the CES Guidebook to advance the recommendations adopted by the ICH. At this time, the CoC CES Policy Ad Hoc Committee is recommending that the SBC&C CoC Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) take immediate action to seat a CES Oversight Standing Committee to assume the ongoing tasks associated with CES development and evaluation.

¹ Ad Hoc Coordinated Entry System Review Committee Activities, Findings, and Recommendations (Final)
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FROM: Tom Hernandez, Office of Homeless Services

SUBJECT: Reallocation of \$75,000 of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 1 grant funding

DATE: February 22, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the reallocation of \$75,000 in HHAP Round 1 funding originally allocated to Illumination Foundation to the Family Assistance Program for the provision of youth-related services per recommendation by the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) Desert Regional Steering Committee.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On December 6, 2019, the State of California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC), now known as the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH), released the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the HHAP program. HHAP Round 1 was a \$650 million block grant program authorized by AB 101 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 159, Statutes of 2019) and designed to provide jurisdictions with one-time grant funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges throughout the State.

On February 11, 2020 (Item No.26), the Board of Supervisors approved the submission of an application allowing the County to apply for both the San Bernardino County Continuum of Care (CoC) grant allocation of up to \$3,071,060 and the San Bernardino County grant allocation of up to \$2,865,015. Both applications were approved by the State. The San Bernardino County CoC grant totaling \$3,071,060 was based on the total number of homeless counted during the 2019 Point-In-Time Count.

On September 3, 2020, the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) released a Request for Applications (RFA) for the HHAP Program. The Application submittal deadline was Thursday, September 24, 2020, by 4:00 p.m. (local time).

The Regional Steering Committees (RSC's) held meetings to determine priorities for their regions. The priorities were incorporated into the RFA. Separate evaluation meetings were scheduled for each region. The non-conflicting members of the RSC's individually reviewed and scored the applications for their region. During the scheduled public meetings held October 13 through 22, each evaluator provided their scores for each application and the rankings were determined. The RSC non-conflicting voting members made recommendations for contract awards and funding.

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On October 22, 2020, notifications were sent to applicants informing them of the tentative recommendations made by the RSC's. The deadline for the applicants to accept or appeal the tentative recommendations was no later than 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 25, 2020.

As part of the Desert RSC, Illumination Foundation was recommended for a \$75,000 allocation of funding to be used to provide Rental Assistance and Rapid Re-Housing services to include: housing identification, rent, utilities and utilities arrears, furnishings, intensive case management services, and housing navigation services to individuals who are experiencing homelessness. The primary beneficiaries of the project were to be adult individuals who are experiencing homelessness in the Desert Region.

On November 2022, OHS was informed by Illumination Foundation they were returning the full unspent amount of \$75,000 to be repurposed. The original contract grant term was from January 26, 2021, through June 30, 2025.

On January 25, 2023, the OHS provided ICH 3 options for reallocation of the \$75,000. Option 1 included reallocating the \$75,000 to Family Assistance Program for the provision of youth-related services as they have already fully expended their HHAP Round 1 youth set-aside, Option 2 included allowing the Desert Regional Steering Committee to repurpose the \$75,000 for the Desert Region by asking the Office of Homeless Services to request applications to solicit new providers to apply for the \$75,000, and Option 3 was to allow the Desert Regional Steering Committee to re-distribute the \$75,000 to one or more of the previously recommended HHAP Round 1 providers.

The ICH voted to allow the ICH Desert Regional Steering Committee to determine how they wanted to proceed in the reallocation of the \$75,000 at their next regularly scheduled meeting and to return the recommendation back to the full ICH at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the ICH.

On February 14, 2023, the ICH Desert Regional Steering Committee met to discuss the reallocation of the \$75,000 in HHAP Round 1 funding and the following action was determined via roll call vote by the Committee: recommend the reallocation of the \$75,000 from Illumination Foundation to Family Assistance Program for the provision of youth-related services. Eight members were in attendance. The following votes were placed, 7 members voted yes, 1 member voted no, with zero abstentions, the motion passed.

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FROM: Continuum of Care (CoC) Ad Hoc Committee on Coordinated Entry System (CES) Policies and Procedures

SUBJECT: Recommendations for the Obligation of \$653,419 in California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Round 1 & 2 Funding Allocated by the CoC for CES Enhancements, Expansion and Software Integration

DATE: February 22, 2023

RECOMMENDATIONS

Adopt the following recommendations for the obligation and expenditure of the \$653,419 in CESH Round 1 and 2 grant funding allocated by the CoC for “systems support necessary to maintain a comprehensive homeless and housing service delivery system” and specifically earmarked for CES enhancement, expansion, and software integration.

1. Allocate the \$653,419 in CESH grant funding to the CoC CES Lead Agency to support the following CES enhancement, expansion, and software integration activities (in priority order):
 - a. Establishing a CES Virtual Platform and other technological enhancements to support an end-to-end coordinated entry system workflow, from outreach to housing placement, and facilitate expanded, streamlined access to the CoC homeless response system for all system-users, collaborators, and other stakeholders.
 - b. Establishing contractual relationships with service agencies designated to serve as regional and/or subpopulation CES entry points as outlined in the policy document by the CoC CES Oversight Committee.
 - c. The development of CES information, education, training and service tools, instruments, materials, and resources needed to support effective end-to-end system user engagement from outreach to housing placement.
2. Recommend the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) to seek County approval to initiate the contract development and execution process with Inland SoCal United Way (ISCUW 211+) and report back to the ICH with a timeframe to complete the process in time to meet CESH grant fund obligation requirements.
3. Charge the CES Lead Agency with continuing to work with the CES Oversight Standing Committee to develop a multi-year CES Budget Plan (Plan) and report back to the ICH within 60 days. The Plan will identify potential funding for sustaining the improvements created through the investment of the CESH funds. Exact budget line-item amounts to be determined during contract negotiations based on the priority order outlined above.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The CESH grant program was established by State of California statute to provide localities with one-time flexible block grant funds to address their immediate homelessness challenges. The state allocated two

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rounds of CESH funding to the City and County of San Bernardino CoC – Round 1 in the amount of \$1,459,234 and Round 2 in the amount of \$835,711.

Allocated funds must be used to carry out one or more of the eligible activities identified in Section 50490.4, subdivision (a), which include:

1. Rental assistance, housing relocation and stabilization services
2. Operating subsidies for permanent housing in the form of 15-year capitalized operating subsidy reserve (COSR)
3. Flexible housing subsidy funds to support the provision of rental subsidies in permanent housing
4. Operating support for emergency housing interventions, and
5. Systems support for activities necessary to maintain a comprehensive homeless services and housing delivery system, including CES data, HMIS reporting, and homelessness planning activities.

In addition, Section 50490.3, subdivision (a)(3)(B) of the CESH statutes state that “a minimum of 20 percent of the allocation to the CoC service area will be used to implement or update its systems to comply with” applicable HUD CES and HMIS requirements.

On September 19, 2018, the ICH approved the allocation of approximately 35% of the CESH Round 1 funding (\$486,272) towards systems support activities necessary for CES enhancement, expansion, and software integration. On April 24, 2019, the ICH approved the allocation of approximately 20% of the CESH Round 2 funding (\$167,147) towards systems support activities necessary for CES enhancement.

The CoC Ad Hoc Committee on CES Policies and Procedures is recommending that the CESH funding allocated by the ICH for systems support for activities necessary to maintain a comprehensive homeless services and housing delivery system continue to be dedicated to coordinated entry system expansion and software integration and obligated to the CoC Lead Agency to support the activities described in the recommendation section above.

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