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## Agenda for the meeting of the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)

**Meeting date,  
 time, and place**

Date: **September 27, 2023**  
 Time: **9:00 am – 11:00 am**  
 Place: **West End Educational Service Center**  
**8265 Aspen Avenue Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730**  
 ICH members must attend the meeting in person.  
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		Time
<b>Call to Order</b>	Chair or Designee will call the meeting to order	9:00 – 9:01 am
<b>Invocation/Pledge</b>	Chair or Designee will lead the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance	9:01 – 9:03 am
<b>Introductions</b>	Chair or Designee will lead the Introductions of the ICH Members by roll call.	9:03 – 9:05 am
<b>Agenda Items:</b>	The following items are presented for informational, consent, and discussion purposes.	

<b>Public Comment</b>	Open to the public for comments. Members of the public wishing to address the ICH Board on items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the ICH and the items on the agenda, please submit a Public Comment Request form or if you're joining us virtually, indicate by typing "Public Comment" in the chat box. Your name will be called in the order they are received. When your name is called, please proceed to the microphone, or unmute yourself and you will then have up to 3 minutes to address the council.	
<b>New Members</b>		
<b>1</b>	Updated ICH Members and Alternate List -Jessica Alexander, Chair	9:05 – 9:10 am  <i>Pages 3-4</i>
<b>Consent</b>		
<b>2</b>	Approve Minutes of the August 23, 2023, ICH Meeting -Jessica Alexander, Chair	9:10 – 9:15 am  <i>Pages 5-18</i>



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Information Sharing		
3	Office of Homeless Services (OHS) Update -Marcus Dillard, Office of Homeless Services	9:15 – 9:25 am  <i>Pages 19-20</i>
4	Homeless Youth Task Force Committee Update – Brenda Dowdy, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools	9:25 – 9:30 am  <i>Page 21</i>
5	Select Committee on Youth Homelessness in San Bernardino County Update – Ruben Mendoza, on behalf of the Youth Advisor Board (YAB)	9:30 – 9:35 am  <i>Pages 22</i>
Discussion/ Action Item		
6	Approve the date of January 25, 2024, to conduct the 2024 Point-in-Time-Count – Marcus Dillard, Office of Homeless Services	9:35 – 9:50 am  <i>Pages 23</i>
7	Approve the recommended Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program, Round 4 Grant Funding Allocations for the San Bernardino City & County CoC – Marcus Dillard, Office of Homeless Services	9:50 – 10:15 am  <i>Pages 24-27</i>
Council Roundtable		
	Open to comments by the Council	10:15 – 11:00 am
Adjournment		11:00 am
<b>Next ICH Meeting</b>	<p>The next regularly scheduled Interagency Council on Homelessness meeting is scheduled for:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ICH Meeting (Regular) In Person</b>  <b>Wednesday, October 25, 2023</b>  <b>9:00 am – 11:00 am</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Address: Dorothy Inghram Learning Center – North Entrance</b>  <b>670 E Carnegie Dr. San Bernardino, CA 92408</b></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.*

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## Interagency Council on Homelessness Members

Updated September 2023

Member Representation	Member Name	Alternate
Member or designee of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors (2)	<i>Joe Baca Jr.</i>	Marlandra Johnson
	<i>Acquanetta Warren</i> (District Director, San Bernardino County Second District)	<i>Jesse Armendarez</i> (Board Member Second District)
City Elected Official or designee (5)	<i>Erika Lewis-Huntley</i>	John Gillison City of Rancho Cucamonga (West Valley Region)
	<i>Sandra Ibarra</i> City of San Bernardino (Central Valley Region)	Cassandra Searcy
	<i>Curtis Yakimow</i> Town Of Yucca Valley (East Valley Region)	Debra Breidenbach Town Of Yucca Valley (East Valley Region)
	<i>Dr. Paul Courtney</i> City of Barstow (Desert Region)	
	<i>Quinton Page</i> (Mountain Region) (D.O.V.E.S.)	Paul Fournier
Representative from the San Bernardino County Law and Justice Group	<i>Jerry Gutierrez</i> (Sheriff Deputy Director Admin Svcs)	Juan Preciado (Division Director – Probation)
Superintendent of San Bernardino County Schools or designee	<i>Brenda Dowdy</i>	Shonie Perry Daisy Esparza
Director or designee of Community Development & Housing Agency	<i>Carrie Harmon</i>	Stephanie Bruce
San Bernardino County Human Services Representative	<i>Diana Alexander</i> ( <i>ICH Vice Chair</i> )	Diane Rundles

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Director or designee of the Department of Behavioral Health	Dr. Georgina Yoshioka	Dr. Alyce Belford-Saldana
Director or designee of the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino	Maria Razo	Rishad Mitha
Elected Homeless Provider Network Representative (HPN) - (5)	Sharon Green <i>(Desert Region)</i>	Leslie Earl
	Don Smith <i>(West Valley Region)</i>	Kameron Grosvenor
	Jessica Alexander <i>(ICH Chair)</i> <i>(Central Valley Region)</i>	Anna Ulibarri
	Wendell Wilson <i>(Mountain Region)</i>	Sue Walker
	Astrid Johnson <i>(East Valley Region)</i>	Wayne Hamilton
Youth With Lived Experience of Homelessness	Ruben Mendoza	Eunice Abel



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

August 24, 2023  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
In Person

**Minutes Recorded and Transcribed by Joy Woodard (Secretary), Office of Homeless Services**

TOPIC	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Call to Order	Jessica Alexander, Chair	The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.
ICH Board Member Introductions	Jessica Alexander, Chair	Tom Hernandez took ICH Member roll call. Members of the public are not introduced. There were 51 members of the public who joined the ICH meeting via Webex and/or telephone.
ICH Board Members Present		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following ICH members or their alternates were present for the meeting:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Supervisor Baca, Acquanetta Warren, Erika Lewis-Huntley, Curtis Yakimow, Dr. Paul Courtney, Quinton Page, Jerry Gutierrez, Brenda Dowdy, Carrie Harmon, Diana Alexander, Georgina Yoshioka, Maria Razo, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Astrid Johnson, Ruben Mendoza</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Late: Councilmember Sandra Ibarra (9:12 am), Sue Walker (9:30 am)</li> <li>• Absent: none</li> </ul>
PUBLIC COMMENTS	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
		<p>The Chair recognized Public Comments from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vickie Lobo (Public Comment)</li> <li>• Kristin Maithonis (Public Comment)</li> <li>• Cassie MacDuff (Public Comment)</li> <li>• Aimee Durante (Public Comment)</li> </ul> <p>The Chair closed Public Comment.</p>
CONSENT	PRESENTER	ACTION/OUTCOME
Approve Minutes of the June 28, 2023, ICH Meeting and Authorize Grant Review Committee (GRC) Chair to remove and appoint members to the	Jessica Alexander, Chair	<p>The Chair requested a motion to be made for the consent calendar portion of the agenda.</p> <p>Don Smith made a motion to pull item #2 for discussion.</p> <p>The Chair requested a motion to be made for item# 1.</p>

<p>GRC Committee.</p>		<p>Supervisor Baca made a motion to approve item #1 of the consent calendar and was second by Acquanetta Warren.</p> <p>The Chair opened the item for comment by the ICH Board members.</p> <p>No discussion ensued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A vote was taken. 17 members were in favor: Supervisor Baca, Acquanetta Warren, Erika Lewis-Huntley, Curtis Yakimow, Dr. Paul Courtney, Quinton Page, Jerry Gutierrez, Brenda Dowdy, Carrie Harmon, Diana Alexander, Georgina Yoshioka, Maria Razo, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Astrid Johnson, Ruben Mendoza</li> <li>• 0 members were opposed.</li> <li>• Absent: Councilmember Sandra Ibarra and Sue Walker</li> </ul> <p>The motion made towards item #1 of the consent calendar was approved.</p> <p>The Chair requested a motion to be made for item #2 of the consent calendar.</p> <p>Supervisor Baca made a motion to approve item #2 of the consent calendar and was second by Diana Alexander.</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"> <li>• Don Smith- Requested clarification or background information on the item.</li> <li>• Jessica Alexander- Requested County Council to provide background information.</li> <li>• Sophie Curtis- Stated that at a previous council meeting council approved the GRC members by name, whereas typically a committee chair has the authority to appoint and remove committee members without coming to the ICH. Mrs. Curtis stated that because the ICH had appointed and approved the GRC members by name, she thought it was most prudent to come back to the ICH to seek the council's authorization to grant to the GRC chair to remove and add members at their full discretion.</li> <li>• Don Smith- Asked if it is for an ongoing basis or is it one time.</li> <li>• Sophie Curtis- Stated that from her understanding there were some challenges in terms of attendance of the GRC members but there is no modification to the Bylaws. Mrs. Curtis informed that this would make the GRC consistent with other standing committees where the chair currently has the authority to appoint or remove members at their discretion.</li> <li>• Acquanetta Warren- Suggested that when acronyms are used that they are explained so everyone is on the same level in terms of what this committee is.</li> <li>• Jessica Alexander- Explained that GRC stands for Grant Review Committee and a few meetings ago the ICH voted to make the GRC a standing committee rather than an ad hoc committee. Mrs. Alexander informed that the GRC is subject to the Brown Act and rather than meeting virtually, they need to meet in person, it is a public meeting with</li> </ul>
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		<p>public comments for the public to observe the work of the committee. Mrs. Alexander stated that the reason that the ICH board did that is to make the public knows what we're doing and why including the decisions that are going to be made today based upon the recommendations of the GRC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councilmember Sandra Ibarra- Stated that her colleague Damon Alexander representing city of San Bernardino is a GRC member and asked if a member of a committee must be an ICH member.</li> <li>• Jessica Alexander- Stated committee members do not have to be ICH member and they can be CoC members at large.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A vote was taken. 18 members were in favor: Supervisor Baca, Acquanetta Warren, Erika Lewis-Huntley, Councilmember Sandra Ibarra, Curtis Yakimow, Dr. Paul Courtney, Quinton Page, Jerry Gutierrez, Brenda Dowdy, Carrie Harmon, Diana Alexander, Georgina Yoshioka, Maria Razo, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Astrid Johnson, Ruben Mendoza</li> <li>• 0 members were opposed.</li> <li>• Absent: Sue Walker</li> </ul> <p>The motion made towards item #2 of the consent calendar was approved.</p>
<b>INFORMATION SHARING</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>	
Office of Homeless Services (OHS) Update	Kristin Stevens, Office of Homeless Services	<p>The Chair recognized Kristin Stevens, on behalf of the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) to provide updates.</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"> <li>• Don Smith- Thanked Kristin, Stephanie Navarro, and the team for their hard work. Mr. Smith stated he would like to reestablish the monthly end user meetings. Mr. Smith mentioned that a week before they began meeting with Bitfocus to start working on the CES virtual platform. Mr. Smith stated that this effort will merge the HMIS and Coordinated Entry System (CES) in the same space and help develop a way to focus on data driven approaches.</li> <li>• Acquanetta Warren- Stated she would like a report from OHS of all funding that has been given to the various groups from all funding sources associated with ICH incorporating all of the committees for the last two years. Mrs. Warren stated she wants to know the organizations, the funding amount, and a description of what grant they are going to take care of.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair closed item # 3 for discussion.</p>
<b>PRESENTATION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>	<b>ACTION/OUTCOME</b>
Emergency Housing Vouchers	Rishad Mitha, Housing Authority of the County of San	The Chair recognized Rishad Mitha on behalf of Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, to present on Emergency Housing Vouchers.

	Bernardino	<p>Rishad Mitha presented an overview, eligibility, implementation, challenges, support for families, and accomplishments for the Emergency Housing Vouchers Program.</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"> <li>• Curtis Yakimow- Asked how long the voucher last, how much period of time does it cover, and what occurs after the expiration of those funds.</li> <li>• Rishad Mitha- Stated the vouchers are currently authorized through September 2030 so they are authorized for about another seven years. Mr Mitha informed that there are about seventy thousand of the vouchers across the country and they don't believe HUD will let the program fall off in 2030 but will most likely provide guidance for housing authorities to start to plan to assimilate these families into traditional section eight programs. Mr Mitha stated that probably two years before the sunset date, they are anticipating HUD to inform them to start making room in the program for these families as the program ends or they may just issue more funding to continue the program.</li> <li>• Maria Razo- Stated that they are advocating for Congress to expand or continue the program past 2030 because they don't want to have to cannibalize the voucher program. Mrs. Razo informed that they have almost 100,000 families on the waiting list, so they want to make sure that they are able to pull those families waiting list versus bringing more families.</li> <li>• Astrid Johnson- Stated she had a case a week ago where the client missed the cutoff because funding had run out. Mrs. Johnson asked if there will be more vouchers and what happens the vouchers that are not used from different areas.</li> <li>• Rishad Mitha- Stated HUD capped the county and provided funding for only 450 vouchers. Mr. Mitha informed that if a family is in the pipeline there is a chance that the department may have some attrition, they will reach out to those families to let them know they can utilize their voucher. The department's goal was to reach to 455 because their fear was, they would have to give vouchers back. Mr. Mitha informed that the average tenant portion that they pay on rent is between three and five hundred dollars, but the subsidy that they provide for that same unit is averaging about thirteen hundred dollars.</li> <li>• Astrid Johnson- Asked that in that particular case if they were going to be able to reach back out to that family.</li> <li>• Rishad Mitha- Stated yes if the were already issued a voucher or referral from the agency.</li> <li>• Astrid Johnson- Stated the client was in the process of getting approval for a place.</li> <li>• Rishad Mitha- Informed that notices were given to family's months in advanced.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair closed item # 4 for discussion.</p>
DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEM	PRESENTER	
Receive information related to a potential Service Agreement with Community	Leslie Wise, Strategy Consultant, Kaiser Housing for	The Chair recognized Leslie Wise, Strategy Consultant, Kaiser Housing for Health, and former Director, Community Solutions Built for Zero to present information related to a potential Service Agreement with Community Solutions International Inc. to join the national Built for Zero movement.



<p>Solutions International Inc. to join the national Built for Zero movement</p>	<p>Health, and former Director, Community Solutions Built for Zero</p>	<p>Leslie Wise present information related to a potential Service Agreement with Community Solutions International Inc. to join the national Built for Zero movement.</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"> <li>• Diana Alexander- Stated there were three items that she would like clarified which were more information on the agencies that been successful in doing the work, understanding around the costs, and a better grasp on who would do the work. Mrs. Alexander asked what is required by the board, CoC, the county, or OHS so there is a better sense of understanding.</li> <li>• Leslie Wise- Stated online there are case studies that document many important learnings from the fourteen communities that have achieved the measurable end state and she will make sure they access to that information. Mrs. Wise stated there is no cost to joining and declaring that the community would like to participate in the built for zero movement with generous support from a number of core partners including the MacArthur Foundation. Mrs. Wise the leadership structure would need to translate to what exist in San Bernardino County and leverage some leadership structs that already exist and modify or improve them. Mrs. Wise stated that typically there is a systems leadership council that include senior executives within a county government structure, key cities, CoC leadership that already have some accountability to affect homelessness and can make policy decisions and funding shifts that are going to be required for shifting to a strategy that counts down to zero. Mrs. Wise stated the leadership team is informed by the improvement team who is closer to the work in the community. Mrs. Wise informed that two key roles in the improvement team are the community lead and a data lead.</li> <li>• Diana Alexander- Asked if OHS would be expected to really get in there and do the work and not from an executive leadership level. Mrs. Alexander also asked if there is a time constraint around when the board must make a decision.</li> <li>• Leslie Wise- Stated there is no time constraint as to when a decision needs to be made to join. Mrs. Wise stated the building zero team is looking to close the window of participating communities probably in the next six months, but she thinks they would keep that open to San Bernardino given the amount of time that the county has put in to trying to get to a decision.</li> <li>• Don Smith- Informed that as for boots on the ground efforts to be involved with Built for Zero, Kaiser Permanente has given a grant to SBC Pathways to Housing Network to help organize and facilitate the efforts around Built for Zero. Mr. Smith informed that once involved they will start with the homeless veteran community planning group and Karen Youngwell has already signed on to be part of the improvement team.</li> <li>• Jessica Alexander- Asked what is the scope of services that are being provided by the pathways group to actually do the boots on the groundwork that's required for whatever it takes to organize the effort in a way where we can be effectively involved in this movement.</li> <li>• Don Smith- Stated that whatever it takes to organize the efforts in a way where we can be effectively involved in the movement. Mr. Smith stated that they have talked to Carrie Harmon about being part of the improvement team and Mike Jones, Dr. Renee, Amanda Tower, and several other people have expressed interest in being part of the improvement team. Mr Smith stated that they talked to Supervisor Baca about leading the advisory effort around the group and Chris Darby from CES will be the data lead on the project.</li> </ul>
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- Jessica Alexander-Asked how much input does the CoC have in the leads and the players or is that determined by SBC Pathways to Housing, the coaches, or by Kaiser.
- Don Smith- Stated that anybody that wants to be involved and will put the time in they will take.
- Jessica Alexander-Asked who is determining the leads and how do we determine who's taking the lead on these things.
- Carrie Harmon-Stated that one of the decision-making points for ICH and the CoC at large is that we have primarily been executing is a funding strategy. Mrs. Harmon stated that she thinks an initiative like Built for Zero or something similar would be a way to execute a collective housing strategy. Mrs. Harmon as we evolve that this would provide a vehicle for that. Mrs. Harmon informed that speaking from her advantage point it makes sense for OHS to play an intricate role as the HMIS lead. Mrs. Harmon informed that it is incredibly labor intensive to do this level of system changes because it is massive system changes to produce results in our community residents.
- Sharon Green-Stated that it critical to look at moving forward toward a functional zero. Mrs. Green stated a situation with Andre Bossieux and her team coming together and trying to house one person and it has taken weeks. Mrs. Green stated the message of this is that it's not one that can do this, it is all of us.
- Astrid Johnson- Stated that she views Built for Zero as a huge community project and she is excited about it.
- Quinton Page-Asked if county counsel had a chance to review the service agreement and if she had any thoughts about it.
- Sophie Curtis- Stated she has not had a chance to review the service agreement in depth, but she did scan through it and there were some provisions that jumped out at her but absent direction from ICH she has not thoroughly read the service agreement.
- Erika Lewis-Huntly-Asked if there are any expectations that the cities would sign on.
- Leslie Wise-Stated that she thinks city leadership is critical to moving forward effectively but typically within the hundred and five participating communities it is defined by continuum of care because HUD defines ending veteran homeless per that geography. Mrs. Wise stated that in the case of San Bernardino, it is very important city and leadership within those cities who are affected by homelessness are included in the structure for leading this.
- Curtis Yakimow- Stated that it sounds like there is general support for the concept, but it would be very helpful to have an assessment of what it looks like in application before the board enters into any potential agreement.

Mr. Yakimow made a motion to request an assessment of what a practical application of this agreement might look like and its impact both on the county and on the representing cities and was second by Acquanetta Warren.

- Acquanetta Warren-Stated that the program is worth reviewing and implementing but she is worried about what they are doing today. Mrs. Warren stated it is key that everything comes together so it can be effective. Mrs. Warren stated that you can program all day long but if you don't have land use power in terms of housing, you're going nowhere to provide housing, so you must include the cities in this margin. Mrs. Warren stated that it is prudent that we look at how this impacts OHS and that we don't rush into the agreement to determine what we are getting into so that it doesn't take down the integrity of the program.
- Ericka Lewis-Huntley-Stated that after reflecting on the presentation and the vision zero campaign some of the challenges implementing that comes to mind. Mrs. Lewis-Huntley stated that one of the challenges is the word zero

		<p>so maybe another conversation can be had about the name of the campaign because having zero in the name oftentimes brings criticism when you're trying to move things forward. Mrs. Lewis-Huntley stated we should consider this when going through the process and learn from other communities that have done similar strategies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharon Green- Stated and described the synopsis of the movie The Soloist. Mrs. Green stated that functional zero means that are some people that won't be housed, but if we can house those that we can that is her job which is functional zero.</li> <li>• Diana Alexander- Stated that she loves the idea of a strategical plan that can be followed step by step to get to functional zero. Mrs. Alexander stated she feels like there had been more of a shotgun approach versus a strategic approach to how they all come together to end homelessness which is why they probably haven't ended homelessness. Mrs. Alexander stated her hesitation is making sure that she understands what it means from a practical perspective because even though it says the cost is zero, if it means OHS involvement and it requires more staff that is cost. Mrs. Alexander stated that she is supportive of the recommendation that was made so the committee can make a fully informed decision.</li> <li>• Brenda Dowdy- Stated she agreed with Diana Alexander, but people are still working in silos. Mrs. Dowdy stated that everyone needs to come together and make one plan for everybody and stop inviting only certain people to the table and make sure that people that doing the work are there.</li> <li>• Don Smith- Stated that it's important to understand that this isn't a program, so there's no individual city type of commitment but this is more a movement out of the silo approach that we're taking now to creating a system level approach to focusing on a central aim to achieve functional zero within our community that it moves us to a new space where we're actually starting to focus on data decision making. Mr. Smith stated that whether the board makes a decision today or move on, he hopes that the board won't spend months over analyzing it. Mr. Smith informed that one of the major reasons they are doing it today is because there is a learning session in Washington D.C. in September that were participate in whether it is voted on today or not. Mr. Smith informed that he has talked to several people about going to Washington D.C. which will be paid for out of the grant that they received to learn more about this.</li> <li>• Maria Razo- Stated they are fully supportive of the collaborative and strategic approach but just wants a little bit more information about what this means for the agency involved so they can do what they need to do to be prepared and fully invested in this.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A vote was taken. 19 members were in favor: Supervisor Baca, Acquanetta Warren, Erika Lewis-Huntley, Councilmember Sandra Ibarra, Curtis Yakimow, Dr. Paul Courtney, Quinton Page, Jerry Gutierrez, Brenda Dowdy, Carrie Harmon, Diana Alexander, Georgina Yoshioka, Maria Razo, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Astrid Johnson, Sue Walker, Ruben Mendoza</li> <li>• 0 members were opposed.</li> </ul> <p>The motion made towards item #5 of the agenda was approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jessica Alexander stated she is committed to bringing this back in some form very quickly so that it does not get stopped because this is a very important movement and very important strategic approach to getting to functional</li> </ul>
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zero. Mrs. Alexander asked for Mr. Smith's help in creating sessions so that both the board and the CoC members feel comfortable in knowing the workings of the movement.

The Chair closed item # 5 for discussion.

Approve the following contract award recommendations from the Central Valley Region for the HHAP Round 3 Grant:

Diana Alexander,  
Vice Chair

Item# 6 approve the following contract award recommendations from the Central Valley Region

**a. Central Valley**

Recommended Applications	Recommended Awards
Operation Grace	\$365,000
Family Service Association of Redlands	\$243,847
City of San Bernardino	\$808,385.87

- Acquanetta Warren-Asked County council when a person recuses themselves do they have to disclose why they are recusing themselves.
- Sophie Curtis- Stated they may do so, but it is not required.
- Jessica Alexander-Stated that her agency Operation Grace has been recommended for an award therefore she will be recusing herself.

Jessica Alexander and Councilmember Sandra Ibarra had a conflict and recused themself from the meeting.

The Vice Chair requested a motion to be made to approve the following contract award recommendations from the Central Valley Region.

Sharon Green made a motion to approve the following contract award recommendations from the Central Valley Region and was second by Don Smith.

- A vote was taken. 17 members were in favor: Supervisor Baca, Acquanetta Warren, Erika Lewis-Huntley, Curtis Yakimow, Dr. Paul Courtney, Quinton Page, Jerry Gutierrez, Brenda Dowdy, Carrie Harmon, Diana Alexander, Georgina Yoshioka, Maria Razo, Sharon Green, Don Smith, Astrid Johnson, Sue Walker, Ruben Mendoza
- 0 members were opposed.
- Recused: Jessica Alexander, and Councilmember Sandra Ibarra

The motion made towards item #6 in the agenda was approved.

The Vice Chair closed item #6 for discussion.

Jessica Alexander and Councilmember Sandra Ibarra returned to the meeting.

Presentation of the recommendations of the GRC for the CoC Renewals, and CoC bonus application and the rating, ranking, and tiering of the CoC application renewal, planning, and bonus projects.

Scott Neeri, Office of Homeless Services and Tom Hernandez, Office of Homeless Services

- a. Approve the Recommendations of the GRC for the CoC Renewals, and CoC bonus application and the rating, ranking, and tiering of the CoC application renewal, planning, and bonus projects.

**Tier 1**

County of San Bernardino	1-Data System	\$250,158	HMIS
Inland Southern California 211+ Pathways Home	2-Coordinated Entry System	\$403,136	SSO- CES
Family Assistance Program (FAP)	3-DV Coalition	\$2,352,206	Joint TH-RRH
New Hope Village	4-New Hope Village, Tool	\$45,843	PSH
Step up on Second Street Inc	5-Step Up San Bernardino	\$2,681,672	PSH
The Time for Change Foundation	6-Homes of Hope	\$433,560	PSH
United States Veterans Initiative	7-U.S. VETS SB PSH Renewal	\$1,255,841	PSH
Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino	8-Laurelbrook	\$433,004	PSH
Lighthouse Social Service Centers	9-Hope for Heroes	\$1,003,477	PSH
Knowledge and Education for Your Success	10-KEYS for Life	\$281,281	RRH
Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino	11-Lantern Woods	\$186,134	PSH
ITH dba Inland Housing Solutions	12-Infinite Horizons	\$581,602	RRH
Lutheran Social Services of Southern California	13-PH for Homeless with HIV/AIDS	\$84,696	PSH
Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino	14-Project Gateway	\$228,918	PSH
Inland Valley HOPE Partners	15-Family Stabilization Program	\$170,621	RRH
Knowledge and Education for Your Success	16-KEYS for Success	\$341,736	RRH
Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino	17a-Cornerstone (Straddle Tier 1))	\$2,627,011	PSH

Total Renewal Request Tier One	<b>\$13,370,896.00</b>
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**Not Ranked**

Office of Homeless Services	Planning Grant	<b>\$820,251.00</b>
Total Planning Funds		<b>\$820,251.00</b>

**Tier 2**

Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino	17b-Cornerstone (Straddle Tier 2)	\$1,006,412	PSH
Family Assistance Program	18-DV Services and Support In SBC	\$1,640,501	Joint TH-RRH
Inland Housing Solutions	19-IHS-IEHP: RRH FY2023	\$643,601	PSH
Desert Manna	20-Desert Manna PH/PHS 2023	\$241,740	PSH
Step Up on Second Street	21-Step Up in Redlands	\$263,010	PSH

The rule of necessity was conducted by OHS to have a quorum. Diana Alexander and Jerry Gutierrez were selected by draw to stay in the meeting to meet quorum.

Those recused were Supervisor Baca, Acquanetta Warren, Quinton Page, Carrie Harmon, Georgina Yoshioka, Maria Razo, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Ruben Mendoza

The Chair recognized Scott Neeri and Tom Hernandez on behalf of OHS to present the recommendations of the GRC for the CoC Renewals, and CoC bonus application and the rating, ranking, and tiering of the CoC application renewal, planning, and bonus projects.

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- The Chair opened the item for comment by the ICH Board members.
- Councilmember Sandra Ibarra- requested clarification that she is not be recused because there is no funding be allocated to the City of San Bernardino.
  - Sophie Curtis- Stated that this accurate.
  - Sharon Green-Asked for clarification on tier two.

- Tom Hernandez- Stated that the reason HUD tiers everything is because there are over 300 active CoC in the country. When HUD released and stated they would have approximately 3.1 billion available in funding, that is to cover the annual renewal demands for everybody and that is 52 million for DV Bonus and 142 million for youth demonstration grant programs, but HUD always opens up bonus funds. Mr. Hernandez stated that there is not enough money to go around, and HUD only has enough money to cover 93% of what is funded right now. Mr Hernandez informed that HUD requires all CoCs to drop seven percent of their total awards into tier 2 because they are looking to reclaim money. Mr. Hernandez stated that if you are in tier two it is not guaranteed but tier two is scored based upon the application. All applications in tier 2 are scored and they compared and those at the top generally get the most point and that is part of the formula for tier one and tier two that's in the notice of funding availability. Mr. Hernandez informed that once you start scoring lower in tier two, the chances of you getting funding is very slim.
- Sharon Green- Asked if there are any of the funded agencies have to return them.
- Tom Hernandez- Stated that all of the agencies did very well and because the ICH has been very focused on making sure that they don't return funds, they are really good with their spending.
- Diana Alexander- Asked if the committee did a strategic approach to how they lined up tier one and two to position us in the best place to try to get as much of the money as possible.
- Tom Hernandez- Stated that was correct.

The Vice Chair requested a motion to be made to approve the recommendations of the GRC for the CoC Renewals, and CoC bonus application and the rating, ranking, and tiering of the CoC application renewal, planning, and bonus projects.

Astrid Johnson made a motion to approve the recommendations of the GRC for the CoC Renewals, and CoC bonus application and the rating, ranking, and tiering of the CoC application renewal, planning, and bonus projects and was second by Paul Courtney.

- Sharon Green- Asked while they are obligating this funding and awarded it, are we monitoring the spending and not waiting to the end.
- Tom Hernandez- Stated that OHS applied for a \$820,000 planning grant and Carrie Harmon has dedicated quite a lot of that to doing monitoring of the CoC recipients so that will be occurring on a regular basis. Mr. Hernandez stated that OHS will be receiving funds in order to do the HUD monitoring and report back to the ICH.
- Ericka Lewis-Huntley- Stated that the GRC did do a check in with all agencies this year.
- A vote was taken. 10 members were in favor: Erika Lewis-Huntley, Curtis Yakimow, Dr. Paul Courtney, Councilmember Sandra Ibarra, Jerry Gutierrez, Brenda Dowdy, Diana Alexander, Sharon Green, Astrid Johnson, Sue Walker,
- 0 members were opposed.
- Recused: Supervisor Baca, Acquanetta Warren, Quinton Page, Carrie Harmon, Georgina Yoshioka, Maria Razo, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Ruben Mendoza

The motion made towards item #7 in the agenda was approved.

		<p>The Vice Chair closed item #7 for discussion.</p> <p>Supervisor Baca, Acquanetta Warren, Quinton Page, Carrie Harmon, Georgina Yoshioka, Maria Razo, Don Smith, Jessica Alexander, Ruben Mendoza returned to the meeting.</p>
<b>COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>	
	Jessica Alexander, Chair	<p>The Chair opened the floor for comment to the ICH Board members.</p> <p>Discussion ensued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curtis Yakimow-Thanked Mayor Warren for her requested of expenditure of funds.</li> <li>• Maria Razo- Stated they responded to a request for funding availability from HUD for additional Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers and they are hopeful that they we will receive additional allocations. Mrs. Razo also wished Tom Hernandez happy birthday.</li> <li>• Carrie Harmon- CDH has released the city county grant application form of their website. Mrs. Harmon stated it is the new funding the Board of Supervisors approved, and it is about twenty million dollars to fund projects that are located in cities and all the details and contact information is on the website.</li> <li>• Acquanetta Warren- Stated that Second District Jesse Armendarez is about the city county grant that Carrie Harmon mentioned.</li> <li>• Tom Hernandez- Stated his birthday is tomorrow.</li> <li>• Diana Alexander- Stated she loves the group and although sometimes this is one of the more contentious meetings her heart is aligned with what they are trying to achieve. Mrs. Alexander stated looks forward to these meetings because it is getting us to where we need to be and aligning ourselves towards a common vision and common goal that is not just in homelessness but aligning our efforts in a strategic way to have collective impact result.</li> <li>• Brenda Dowdy- Stated there is an annual expanding horizons college and career event for homeless youth and foster youth and kids that have been in the juvenile hall system on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the University of Redlands. Mrs. Dowdy stated she will send the flyer to OHS so it can be distributed. Mrs. Dowdy stated that the countywide gang and drug summit is on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and sitting is limited. Mrs. Dowdy thanked Ruben for always advocating for youth with experienced homelessness. Mrs. Dowdy informed that there is a Homeless Youth Task Force meeting today at the TAY Center.</li> <li>• Ruben Mendoza- Informed that Eunice Able is the chair again for Youth Advisory Board (YAB) because Angus Comford had to step down to handle other obligations. Mr. Mendoza informed that he was voted in to be the primary seat for ICH when the bylaws were amended and Eunice Able will be his alternate. Mr. Mendoza stated that in the future they will have two listening sessions for the justice benefits incorporation on the experiences of youth that have gone through the foster care system. Mr. Mendoza stated the YAB intends to invite more speakers to the meetings to discuss innovative policy solutions to help them.</li> <li>• Sharon Green- Thanked the GRC and appreciates the effort that it took and investing into getting it right. Mrs. Green thanked Sophie Curtis for her input and correcting the board when it is needed.</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don Smith- Stated the application for the Coordinated Entry System (CES) regional hubs closed on Monday.</li> <li>• Astrid Johnson- Stated that they housed 59 people in the Morongo Basin and Twentynine Palms areas during the hurricane which included four families with veterans and children. Mrs. Johnson stated initially they were going to split the cost with Twentynine Palms, but Carrie Harmon made an offer about the bill. Mrs. Johnson stated it worked because everyone came together.</li> <li>• Jessica Alexander- Reminded everyone that the next ICH meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> will be at the West End Educational Service Center in Rancho Cucamonga.</li> </ul>
Adjournment		Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.
Next Meeting		<p>The next ICH meeting will be held as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ICH Meeting (Regular) In Person</u></b>  <b><u>Wednesday, September 27, 2023</u></b>  <b><u>9:00 am – 11:00 am</u></b>  <b><u>West End Educational Service Center</u></b>  <b><u>8265 Aspen Avenue Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730</u></b></p>

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Attendees on August 23, 2023, • Interagency Council on Homelessness – In-Person			
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ORGANIZATION	EMAIL
Alexander	Diana	San Bernardino County CAO	
Alexander	Jessica	Operation Grace	
Baca Jr	Joe	5th District – BOS	
Courtney	Paul	City of Barstow	
Curtis	Sophie	County Counsel	
Dowdy	Brenda	San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools	
Fournier	Paul	Mountain Region	
Green	Sharon	Victor Valley Family Resource Center	
Gutierrez	Jerry	County Sheriff Department	
Harmon	Carrie	Community Development and Housing	
Hernandez	Tom	Office of Homeless Services	
Ibarra	Sandra	City of San Bernardino	
Johnson	Astrid	Morongo Basin ARCH	
Mendoza	Ruben	Youth Advisory Board	
Smith	Don	Creating Community Solutions	

Page	Quinton	Mountain Region	
Razo	Maria	Housing Authority of the San Bernardino County	
Walker	Sue	Mountain Homeless Coalition	
Warren	Acquanetta	2 <sup>nd</sup> District – BOS	
Yakimow	Curtis	City of Yucca Valley	
Yoshioka	Georgina	San Bernardino County Behavioral Health	

\*Please note we do not take attendance of members of the public that joined via tele-conference



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**OHS Update**

Date September 27, 2023

Presenter Marcus Dillard, Chief of Office of Homeless Services

Announcements The table below lists the announcements for today’s meeting.

<b>Announcements</b>	
<b>Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 3 (Continuum of Care [CoC] Allocation) Update</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ICH Regional Steering Committees worked with OHS to develop an RFP for the capacity building/ workforce development activities for system service providers. This was released on Monday, August 21, 2023.</li> <li>• OHS received the budget from Family Assistance Program and the Youth Advisory Board, we are finalizing the contract and expect to go to the Board on September 26, 2023.</li> <li>• OHS is actively working with the HHAP 3 Committee to develop RFP’s for the \$200,000 for systems supports activities to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services and housing delivery system and the \$147,711 to address racial disproportionality in homeless populations and achieve equitable provision of services and outcomes.</li> </ul>	
<b>HHAP Round 4 Update:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This fourth round of HHAP funds has a five-year expenditure timeline with an initial disbursement of 50% of the funds. The remaining funds will be distributed as outcomes are achieved and reported to the State.</li> <li>• On August 10, 2023, OHS received the initial disbursement of \$2,215,50.61 from the state.</li> <li>• OHS is drafting the RFA and the approval for the recommendations for the distribution and implementation of the HHAP Round 4 funding allocated to the San Bernardino City &amp; County CoC will be discussed today.</li> </ul>	



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**HMIS**

- OHS developed and launched an HMIS new user training on August 16, 2023. Additional training dates were conducted on September 13, 2023, and September 15, 2023, and has a future training date of October 20, 2023. Agencies can enroll in the training by sending a request to the HMIS helpdesk at
  - [DBH-HMISHelpdesk@hss.sbcounty.gov](mailto:DBH-HMISHelpdesk@hss.sbcounty.gov)
- OHS is currently working with Bit Focus to migrate the custom file types. The migration will consist of two phases, each file type can take 3-6 weeks to migrate depending on the level of work required to complete each migration type.

**Phase I**

- Custom Assessments
- Custom Services
- Custom Notes
- Custom Files
- Custom Coordinated Entry Events

**Phase II**

- Custom Location
- Custom Contact
- Custom Release of Information (ROI)
- Custom Photos
- Custom Alerts

The order listed above was determined based the number of inquiries we have received from agencies.

**Roll Distinction Form**

- On June 28, 2023, the ICH Board adopted the amended Bylaws which states that all designated members are expected to attend all ICH meetings and alternates shall not attend more than three regularly scheduled meetings each calendar year. OHS sent all ICH board members a copy of the amended bylaws and a Member Roll Distinction Form. The Member Roll Distinction forms were submitted to OHS and the updated ICH Designated Member and Alternate list was posted on the website and a copy is included in the agenda packets.

**Homeless Summit**

- Filming to highlight the regions for the Homeless submit began late last month and has continued throughout the month of September. All filming for the regions has been completed.
- If you would like the good work you are doing to be featured in a slid show that will be presented during the Homeless Summit, we are still accepting photos. Please submit the photos to Yesenia Olague, Program Specialist I at [Yensenia.Olague@hss.sbcounty.gov](mailto:Yensenia.Olague@hss.sbcounty.gov) by October 6, 2023.



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## Homeless Youth Task Force Committee Update

Date September 27, 2023

Presenter Brenda Dowdy, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools

Announcements The table below lists the announcements for today’s meeting.

<b>Announcements</b>	
The Homeless Youth Task Force had their first meeting on Wednesday, August 23, 2023. During the meeting the topics of discussion were as follows:	
<b>Housing update:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homeless Housing Assistance &amp; Prevention (HHAP) - Housed 15 youth for a total of \$53,810.36 over the summer to ensure they would remain housed and not become homeless.</li> </ul>	
<b>Select Committee:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assemblyman James Ramos Eloise Reyes hosted a Select Committee.</li> <li>Ruben and Eunice participated on several panels regarding youth homelessness.</li> </ul>	
<b>Youth Coordinated Entry Systems (YCES):</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The YCES has added The Artisan's House to its agency list which has an emergency shelter service in Victorville. They are invited to present their work at the next YCES meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>Youth Advisory Board (YAB):</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YAB conducted public comment sessions at San Bernardino City Council and San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees in favor of equitable housing policies and student affordable housing.</li> </ul>	
<b>Education update:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School districts and Charter schools identified over 27,000 homeless youth who do not have a place to call home during the 2022/2023 school year.</li> </ul>	



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**Select Committee on Youth Homelessness in San Bernardino County  
Update**

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Date September 27, 2023

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Presenter Ruben Mendoza, Youth Advisor Board

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Announcements The table below lists the announcements for today’s meeting.

<b>Announcements</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On August 18, Assemblymember James Ramos and Assemblymember Eloise Reyes hosted a select committee to discuss the current state of unhoused youth and young adults within San Bernardino County. To set the stage, a statistic was provided that showed a 26% increase in youth and young adults experiencing homelessness. The select committee was an opportunity for advocates and service providers to provide solutions to reduce the number of youth and young adults experiencing homelessness. Some of the solutions that were discussed are the following: replacing school resource officers (SROs) with therapists and substance misuse counselors, making youth aware of their rights, increasing interim supportive housing beds, drawing increased funding from the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH), reduce discrimination amongst renters that are currently unhoused and many more.</li> </ul>

## Interagency Council on Homelessness

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FROM: Marcus Dillard, Office of Homeless Services

SUBJECT: Proposed 2024 Point-In-Time Count Date

DATE: September 27, 2023

### RECOMMENDATION

Approve the date of January 25, 2024, to conduct the 2024 Point-In-Time Count.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In the early 2000s, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) began requiring Continuums of Care (CoCs) to conduct a Point-in-Time Count (PITC) of people experiencing homelessness at least every other year as a means of collecting vital data in individual communities.

HUD requires a sheltered PITC be conducted annually and only requires the unsheltered portion of the count every other year. However, many CoCs including ours, include unsheltered people in their annual counts as a way to gather more accurate data and provide better services.

Nationwide all PITCs are conducted the last 10 days of January, due to HUD policy, but generally the results of the data are submitted and published a few months later. Planning activities for the PITC must begin months prior as these projects require a lot of time and manpower.

All PITCs are led by a regions' CoC, but it's crucial that multiple agencies and jurisdictions in the area work together to complete the count. First, the CoC will set up a committee (and potentially sub-committees) that will work together on planning the count over the course of several months.

The methodology includes a plan for who will be included in the count, how agencies will participate, and how to engage and prepare the community for which you're counting. The committee's plan gets CoC Board Approval before continuing with the project. In order to start the process for preparation of the PITC, the Office of Homeless Services is requesting the Interagency Council on Homelessness to approve Thursday, January 25, 2024, as the date for the 2024 PITC.

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FROM: Regional Representatives to the ICH

SUBJECT: Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program, Round 4 Grant Funding Allocations

DATE: September 27, 2023

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the San Bernardino City & County Continuum of Care Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) adopt the following recommendations for the distribution, implementation, and oversight of the **\$4,430,501.22 in Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program, Round 4** (HHAP-4) grant funding allocated to the San Bernardino City & County Continuum of Care:

1. Approve the distribution of the HHAP-4 CoC funding, as follows:
  - a. **\$310,135.08** for Administration (7%)
  - b. **\$443,050.12** for services for homeless youth populations (10%)
  - c. **\$221,525.06** for CES Regional activities (5%)
  - d. **\$3,455,790.96** for regional service projects based on 2023 PITC numbers:
    - **\$2,094,209.32** Central Valley Region (60.6%)
    - **\$739,539.27** Desert Region (21.4%)
    - **\$193,524.29** East Valley Region (5.6%)
    - **\$65,660.02** Mountain Region (1.9%)
    - **\$362,858.06** West Valley Region (10.5%)
2. Authorize the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) to initiate the project funding application and contract execution process.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The State of California has established HHAP-4 Program pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 50216 et seq.

The HHAP-4 Program is administered by the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) in the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency. HHAP-4 provides flexible block grant funds to Continuums of Care, large cities (population of 300,000+) and counties to build on the regional coordination created through previous Cal ICH grant funding and support local jurisdictions in their unified regional responses to reduce and end homelessness.

The San Bernardino City and County Continuum of Care (SBC&C CoC) has been allocated **\$4,430,501.22** in HHAP Round 4 funding based on 2022 Point-in-Time Count numbers.

The general purpose of the HHAP-4 Program is to (1) reduce homelessness by expanding or developing local



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capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges informed by a best-practices framework focused on moving homeless individuals and families into permanent housing and supporting the efforts of those individuals and families to maintain their permanent housing; and (2) continue to build on regional coordination developed through previous rounds of HHAP funding. This funding shall:

2. Continue to build regional collaboration between continuums of care, counties, and cities in a given region, regardless of population, and ultimately be used to develop a unified regional response to homelessness.
3. Be paired strategically with other local, state, and federal funds provided to address homelessness in order to achieve maximum impact. Grantees of this funding are encouraged to reference Putting the Funding Pieces Together: Guide to Strategic Uses of New and Recent State and Federal Funds to Prevent and End Homelessness to assist in using funding strategically for their planning efforts in the delivery of services to people experiencing homelessness in the community.
4. Be deployed with the goal of reducing the number of people experiencing homelessness in a given region through investing in long-term solutions, such as permanent housing.
5. Include the State as an integral partner through the provision of technical assistance, sharing of best practices, and implementing an accountability framework to guide the structure of current and future state investments.

As per Health and Safety Code section 50218.7, subdivision (e), and section 50220.8, subdivisions (e), (f), and (g), and any other applicable laws, HHAP-4 grantees shall expend funds on evidence-based programs serving people experiencing homelessness among eligible populations, including any of the following eligible uses:

- Rapid rehousing, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees.
- Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.
- Street outreach to assist persons experiencing homelessness to access permanent housing and services.
- Services coordination, which may include access to workforce, education, and training programs, or other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.
- Systems support for activities necessary to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services and housing delivery system, particularly for vulnerable populations including families and homeless youth.
- Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions, such as hotel and motel conversions.
- Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing, including rental subsidies.
- Interim sheltering, limited to newly developed clinically enhanced congregate shelters, new or existing non congregate shelters, and operations of existing navigation centers and shelters based on demonstrated need. Demonstrated need for purposes of this paragraph shall be based on the following:

6. The number of available shelter beds in the city, county, or region served by a Continuum of Care.

7. The number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the homeless point-in-time count.
8. Shelter vacancy rate in the summer and winter months
9. Percentage of exits from emergency shelters to permanent housing solutions.
10. A plan to connect residents to permanent housing.
11. Any new interim sheltering funded by HHAP-4 funds must be low barrier, comply with Housing First as provided in Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 8255) of Division 8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and prioritize interventions other than congregate shelters.
12. Improvements to existing emergency shelters to lower barriers and increase privacy.

In addition to the eligible uses described above, the grantee's expenditure of its entire HHAP-4 allocation must also comply with the following:

- At least 10 percent of the funds shall be spent on services for homeless youth populations which are defined as unaccompanied youth who are between 12 and 24 years old and experiencing homelessness.
- Not more than 7 percent of funds may be used for administrative costs incurred by the continuum of care to administer its program allocation. For purposes of this Agreement, "administrative costs" does not include staff or other costs directly related to implementing activities funded by the program allocation.

On September 30, 2022, Cal ICH released the Local Homelessness Action Plan and Application Template for HHAP Round 4. The template was created to support the development and submission of an updated Local Homelessness Action Plan and Outcome Goals required for approval by Cal ICH.

On October 26, 2022, the ICH designated the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) as the Administrative Entity for the SBC&C CoC HHAP-4 funding and authorized OHS to prepare and submit the HHAP-4 Application to Cal ICH by the November 29, 2022 deadline. The SBC&C CoC HHAP-4 Application and updated Local Homelessness Action Plan approved by Cal ICH included the following Outcome Goals to be achieved by June 30, 2025:

- Reducing the number of persons experiencing homelessness on a daily basis by 20%
- Reducing the number of persons who become homeless for the first time by 15%
- Increasing the number of people exiting homelessness into permanent housing by 25%
- Reducing the length of time persons remain homeless by 25%
- Reducing the number of persons who return to homelessness after exiting homelessness to permanent housing by 50%
- Increasing successful placements from street outreach by 100%

The Strategies to Achieve Outcome Goals identified within the Local Homelessness Action Plan include:

13. At least 300 new units of permanent supportive and/or service-enriched housing will be occupied by June 2025.
14. The number of households exiting homelessness and achieving permanent housing stability through rapid rehousing activities will increase by 300 households by June 2025.

15. At least 475 additional shelter/interim housing beds will be occupied by June 2025.
16. At least 300 households living housing insecure and/or at-risk of homelessness will be prevented from becoming homeless through systemwide diversion and prevention strategies and practices.
17. At least 375 households at imminent risk of homelessness will be prevented from becoming homeless through eviction prevention strategies.
18. At least 100 high utilizers of safety net services and experiencing chronic homelessness will achieve permanent housing stability by January 2025.

In alignment with the SBC&C CoC's Multi-Jurisdictional Homelessness Action Plan strategy "designed to address the specific needs of the various regions throughout the county", the ICH has committed to applying the annual SBC&C CoC's allocation of state HHAP funding to support projects and activities based on identified regional priorities and service needs.

Therefore, the Regional Representatives to the ICH are making the following recommendations for the regional distribution of **\$3,455,790.96** in HHAP Round 4 funding based on the geographic breakdown of the 4,195 individuals identified as homeless during 2023 PIT Count:

- a. **\$2,094,209.32** Central Valley Region (60.6%)
- b. **\$739,539.27** Desert Region (21.4%)
- c. **\$193,524.29** East Valley Region (5.6%)
- d. **\$65,660.02** Mountain Region (1.9%)
- e. **\$362,858.06** West Valley Region (10.5%)

The SBC&C CoC Regional Steering Committees shall be charged with reviewing regional project proposals for HHAP-4 funding and make recommendations to the ICH for funding project activities in alignment with the identified outcome goals and strategies to achieve the outcome goals outlined in the updated Local Homelessness Action Plan and Outcome Goals approved by Cal ICH.

In addition, we the SBC&C CoC Regional Steering Committees recommend that the OHS, as the designated Administrative Entity for the CoC HHAP-4 funding, be authorized to initiate and administer the HHAP-4 project application and contract execution process.