



High Desert Regional Steering Committee Meeting(HDRSC)

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 • 02:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**City of Barstow
City Council Chambers Room
220 East Mountain View Suite A
Barstow, CA 92311**

AGENDA

OPENING REMARKS	PRESENTER
A. Call to Order (3 minutes) B. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation C. Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes) D. Public Comment	Sharon Green Designee Board Members
REPORTS & UPDATES	
E. Regional Board Member Representatives (3 mins each) a. City of Hesperia Representative b. City of Barstow Representative c. Town of Apple Valley Representative d. City of Victorville Representative e. City of Adelanto f. Desert HPN Chair / Regional Steering Committee g. Family Assistance Program h. Victor Valley Family Resource Center/Countywide Chair i. Rescue Mission	Member/Designee Member/Designee Member/Designee Member/Designee Member/Designee Jimmy Waldron/Designee Darryl Evey/Designee Sharon Green/Designee Dawn Quigg/Designee
CONSENT ITEMS (5 mins)	
F. Approve Minutes from the August Meeting	Sharon Green
PRESENTATIONS (15 mins)	
G. CES Regional Access Point Staff Introduction – Jobi Woods	Darryl Evie
DISCUSSIONS (15 mins)	
H. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program, Round 3 a. 739,539.27 High Desert Region I. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program, Round 4 J. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program, Round 5	Sharon Green
CLOSING	
K. HDRSC Member News, Updates, Issues, and Announcements (30 sec plugs) L. Adjournment	HPN Members/Attendees Sharon Green
Next Meeting: High Desert Regional Steering Committee will next meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 2:00pm – 3:30pm City of Barstow Council Chambers 220 East Mountain View Suite A Barstow, CA 92311	

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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Meeting Notes – Regional Steering Committee – September 12, 2023

City of Hesperia – Not present

City of Barstow – Maribel

Town of Apple Valley – Not current updates

City of Victorville – enroute

Adelanto – Not present

High Desert HPN Chair – Not present

Family Assistance Program – Darryl Evey – moved into their new building early

Victor Valley Family Resource Center – Sharon Green Present

Family Assistance Program – Darryl Evey present

Meeting Called to Order:

Pledge of allegiance

Welcome/Introductions

Public Comment – No Comments

Growing Outreach Growing Opportunities – Presenter: Elizabeth Givens

1. Workshops and training
2. Personal Development
3. Working Job Bulletins
4. Street Outreach with Veteran groups – gave away 75 backpacks
5. October 2023 – opening transitional housing facility.

Family Assistance Program – Presenter: Darryl Evey

1. Moved location a few weeks early due to broke water pipes in their existing building
2. Mr. Evey discussed the Regional Access Point as Family Assistance Program was chosen as the lead.

Victor Valley Family Resource Center – Presenter: Leslie D. Earl/Designee

1. VVFR had 5 Transitional Housing clients graduated/transitioned out of Transitional Housing.
2. We have a family currently in the process of vacating a house and we should have additional family housing in the next few weeks.
3. Pastor Green added that VVFR has had recent success in advocating in repealing the Multi-Family Crime Free Housing Ordinances in the City of San Bernardino and the City of Riverside.

CYMBA Center- Presenter: Antoinette Jackson

1. Provide healthcare and recuperative for seniors and homeless
2. Providing case management services to their clients at the Interim Shelter
3. Stationed at VVC to provide mental health services to students
4. Putting together an outreach team to health services and to non-profits
5. Working with St. Mary's Medical Center
6. The Wellness Center is scheduled to open December 4, 2023.

Mrs. Green asked who has the SYMBA Center collaborated with – VVC, Family Assistance Program, Victor Valley Family Resource Center.

Rescue Mission – Presenter: Dawn Quigg/Designee

1. Their facility is at full capacity – Next year they will celebrate their 25th year of business.

Regional Access Point (211/United Way) – Nikki

1. Discussed the Regional Access Point

FROM: Victor Valley Family Resource Center (VVFRC)

SUBJECT: HHAP 3 – Scope Of Work Change Request

DATE: October 6, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

That the High Desert Regional Steering Committee (HDRSC) will approve Victor Valley Family Resource Center's (VVFRC) request to amend the scope of work submitted in response to Request for Applications (RFA) OHS 23-01, redirecting Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 3 funds awarded for the acquisition of a property in the Town of Apple Valley to the acquisition a property in the City of Barstow.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On June 13, 2023, the Desert Regional Steering Committee (RSC) adopted funding recommendations, which allocated \$388,627 of HHAP Round 3 funds to VVFRC, the region's highest-ranking applicant, for the acquisition of a multi-family property located at 21831 Arapahoe Avenue in the Town of Apple Valley. On June 28, 2023, the Interagency Council on Homelessness approved the RSC's recommendation.

VFRC is requesting to amend the scope of work originally submitted in response to RFA OHS 23-01 released by the Office of Homeless Services on April 24, 2023. VVFRC is seeking approval to utilize the HHAP Round 3 funds recommended for award for the acquisition of a single-family property located at 35190 Marks Road in the City of Barstow. The site would be used to provide interim shelter, increasing the region's sheltering capacity by 50 beds.

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FROM: Regional Representatives to the ICH

SUBJECT: Recommendations for the distribution and implementation of the HHAP Round 4 funding allocated to the San Bernardino City & County CoC.

DATE: September 27, 2023

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the SBC&C CoC 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 CoC:

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 the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program, Round 4 (HHAP-4) pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 50216) of Part 1 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code. (Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 111, Sec.4. (AB 140) Effective July 19, 2021.)

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.

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

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) 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:

- a) Rapid rehousing, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees.
- b) Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.
- c) Street outreach to assist persons experiencing homelessness to access permanent housing and services.
- d) Services coordination, which may include access to workforce, education, and training programs, or other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.
- e) 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.
- f) Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions, such as hotel and motel conversions.
- g) Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing, including rental subsidies.
- h) 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:

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- i. The number of available shelter beds in the city, county, or region served by a Continuum of Care.
- ii. The number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the homeless point-in-time count.
- iii. Shelter vacancy rate in the summer and winter months.
- iv. Percentage of exits from emergency shelters to permanent housing solutions.
- v. A plan to connect residents to permanent housing.
- vi. 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.
- vii. 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:

- a) 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.
- b) 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, the State of California Interagency Council on Homelessness (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 approved the selection of the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) as the Administrative Entity for the CoC HHAP-4 funding and authorized OHS to prepare and submit the HHAP-4 Application to Cal ICH by the November 29th deadline. The 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%

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

1. At least 300 new units of permanent supportive and/or service-enriched housing will be occupied by June 2025.
2. The number of households exiting homelessness and achieving permanent housing stability through rapid rehousing activities will increase by 300 households by June 2025.
3. At least 475 additional shelter/interim housing beds will be occupied by June 2025.
4. 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.
5. At least 375 households at imminent risk of homelessness will be prevented from becoming homeless through eviction prevention strategies.
6. 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 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 CoC 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:

- **\$2,094,209.32** Central Valley Region (60.6%)
- **\$739,539.27** Desert Region (21.4%)
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The 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 recommend that the Office of Homeless Services, 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.

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I. OVERVIEW

DATE:	September 29, 2023
MEMORANDUM FOR	ALL ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS
FROM:	Meghan Marshall, Executive Officer California Interagency Council on Homelessness
SUBJECT:	NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA) HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION (HHAP) PROGRAM – ROUND 5

The California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) is pleased to announce the availability of the Regionally Coordinated Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 5 (HHAP-5) grant funding.

The legislature appropriated \$1 billion to fund HHAP-5. This NOFA makes available \$760 million of the \$1 billion appropriated to eligible Cities, Counties, and Continuums of Care (CoCs) as the HHAP-5 base allocations and \$9.5 million for planning allocations. Of the \$1 billion appropriation, \$20 million is set aside for tribal applicants and \$161.5 million is set aside for eligible City and County applicants for Supplemental Homekey funding in Fiscal Year (FY) 24-25. Both of these set asides will be made available through separate NOFAs in 2024.

In addition to the \$1 billion appropriation, Assembly Bill [\(AB\) 129](#) reallocates \$360 million from prior HHAP funding appropriations (HHAP-3 and HHAP-4 bonus funding) towards supplemental funding under HHAP-5. Under this NOFA, \$100 million of this supplemental funding will be distributed along with the \$760 HHAP-5 base allocations for eligible Cities, Counties, and CoCs, using the same allocation methodology as the base funding. This NOFA makes a total of \$869.5 million available to eligible cities, counties, and CoCs: the \$760 million HHAP-5 base allocation, \$9.5 million planning allocation, and \$100 million in supplemental funding. The remaining \$260 million of supplemental funding will be made available through a separate application in FY 24-25.

To be considered eligible for HHAP-5 base allocations, eligible applicants **must** apply as part of a region and **must** be signatory to a Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan which must be approved by the Council. (See [definition of a region](#) for purposes of HHAP-5 under the Eligible Applicants section II.A below.)

A. Authorizing Statute

HHAP-5 is a \$1 billion grant program authorized by Section 17 of AB 129 (Chapter 40, Statutes of 2023; Health & Safety Code (HSC) § 50230, et seq.), which was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 10, 2023.