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West Valley Regional Steering Committee
Wednesday, August 9, 2023, 9:00am – 11:00am
Rancho Cucamonga City Hall – Tri-Communities Room
10500 Civic Center Dr, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730
& by Zoom Video Conference

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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June 14, 2023, Attendees: West Valley Regional Steering Committee Meeting
SUMMER 2023
CHANGES TO THE ONTARIO ACCESS CENTER
(formerly known as Mercy House)

NEW HOURS:
Monday – Thursday • 8 AM – 11 AM

City of Ontario Housing Services Department will reopen the Ontario Access Center on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 8 AM for navigation services.

Navigation services include:
• Vital Documents
  (Birth Certificate, California Driver License/ID, Social Security Card)
• Public Benefits
• Referral for Behavioral Health and/or Substance Abuse
• Bus passes
• Housing Resources

To make an appointment, please call (909) 395-2890

ONTARIO ACCESS CENTER
435 S. Bon View Ave. • Ontario, CA 91761
KEY RESOURCES

**Essential Community Services**
Inland SoCal United Way
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**Mobile Showers and Food Distribution**
Catholic Charities/SOVA (909) 391-4882
904 E. California St.
**Mobile Showers:** Fridays • 8 AM – 12 PM
**Food Distribution:** Mon – Thurs • 9 AM to 3 PM

**Behavioral Health**
County of San Bernardino Behavioral Health
Urgent Behavioral Health Services
**(888) 743-1478 (24/7 Hotline)**

**Amazing Place**
Peer Support Center (909) 458-1396
2940 Inland Empire Blvd
**Mon – Fri • 9 AM – 4 PM**

**Families with Children**
OMSD Health & Wellness (909) 418-6923
1556 S. Sultana Ave.

**Domestic Violence**
House of Ruth (877) 988-5559 (24/7 Hotline)
HouseofRuthInc.org
The Solution to Homelessness is Straightforward: **HOUSING!**

**HHAP-3 Regional Project Funding Recommendations**

*Plus,*

*San Bernardino County 2023 Affordable Housing Needs Report,*
*Updates on CoC activities,*
*City & Regional Service partners & more*

West Valley Regional Steering Committee Meeting
June 14, 2023, 9:00am

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| **PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSION ITEMS** | |
| H. Adopt Regional Project Funding Recommendations for the HOMELESS HOUSING, Assistance & Prevention Program Grant, Round 3 (HHAP-3) | Stephanie Navarro |
| a. Comment from Regional Project Applicants (2 minutes - Optional) | Office of Homeless Services |
| b. Review-Discussion of Regional Evaluation Committee Recommendations | RSC Evaluation Committee |
| c. Vote to Adopt HHAP-3 Regional Project Funding Recommendations | RSC Committee Members |

| **CLOSING** | |
| I. Public Comment (3 mins) | Don Smith |
| J. Adjournment | Erika Lewis-Huntley |
West Valley RSC Meeting, 6/14/23 – Quick Updates

**ICH Updates** – At the ICH Meeting on May 24th, the CoC governing board received information and took action on the following:

- **Vice-Chair Election**: Board members elected Diana Alexander, County Assistant Executive Officer, as ICH Vice-Chair.
- **Letters of Support**: Authorized Letters of Support for the City of San Bernardino for 2 Homekey Projects to create 240 beds of interim housing and 1 for the City of Big Bear Lake and Mountain Homeless Coalition to create 6 units of Permanent Housing.
- **OHS Updates**: OHS provided updates on the HHAP-3 Application process, HHAP-4 funding award, HMIS, outstanding CESH funding contract, Annual CoC Training activities and Homeless Summit planning. Board members approved November 8th for this year’s Homeless Summit.
- **CoC Grant Review Committee**: The Board voted, once again, to reaffirm the Grant Review Committee as a Standing Committee of the ICH. Received a report from the Committee Chair on grant spending balances for the HUD CoC funded projects.
- **CoC Ad Hoc Governance Committee**: Received a presentation on CoC/ICH roles and responsibilities from the Governance Committee consultants.

- **ICH Bylaws & Membership Committee** met twice this month to consider adjustments/additions to the Membership section of the ICH Bylaws.
- **Joint ICH-HPN Meeting**: The ICH and HPN will be holding a joint All CoC Meeting on Wednesday, July 26th, from 9:00am-12noon.
- **County Board of Supervisors**: Adopted FY 23/24 Budget which includes $20 million in one-time discretionary funding for the Homeless Initiatives Spending Plan to provide gap funding to support City/Developer projects to increase system bed capacity. The CDH Director identified a need to create 53,000 new units over the next 10 years to meet the affordable housing demand countywide.
- **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)**: HUD announced $60 million for YHDP Round 7 available to fund up to 25 communities to assist with developing and implementing a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness. Urban Initiatives is preparing an application on behalf of the CoC. Applications are due June 27th, 2023.
- **Office of Homeless Services**: No updates on the recruitment and selection of a new Chief of Homeless Services. Seeking more transparency and accountability from the OHS to the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership. OHS has received over $3.8 million in CoC planning, project and administrative funding over the last 4 years.
- **WV RSC Ad Hoc Committee on Regional Coordination**: Held first meeting on May 23rd. Next Meeting on June 22nd at 2:00pm.
- **SBCHP Homeless Provider Network** – All stakeholder partners are encouraged to register for CoC membership through Homeless Provider Network registration, OHS-HPN-Fillable-Registration-Form.pdf (sbcounty.gov)

- The next ICH Meeting will be held in-person on Wednesday, June 26th, at 9:00am at the Dorothy Ingram Learning Center in San Bernardino.

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Much appreciation to the 50+ people who joined us for the West Valley Regional Steering Committee Meeting on June 14th, in person and by Zoom, and for all of the information and input shared during the meeting. And a big thank you to the staff at the Office of Homeless Services for all of their work on the HHAP-3 RFA and Regional Project Funding Evaluation process.

### HHAP-3 West Valley Regional Project Funding Recommendations

- **The City of Ontario** - $135,000 to operate a Rapid Rehousing Program targeting households who have recently become homeless in the West Valley Region.
- **Impact Southern California** - $120,000 to establish new permanent housing units in the region through shared housing and provide homeless prevention assistance to targeted west valley households.
- **The City of Montclair** - $95,901 to support its comprehensive Homeless Outreach Program and rapid rehousing service activities.

In addition, below is some of the other information shared during the RSC Meeting –

- **West Valley RSC Ad Hoc Committee on Regional Coordination and Collaboration** – We have established a regional ad hoc committee to explore and discuss opportunities, activities and strategies to help facilitate more coordinated service delivery and strategic alignment of resources within the West Valley Region, including the potential for developing a regional navigation center and regional CES access hub. If you would be interested in participating in these discussions, please contact me by email, DonSmithSolutions@outlook.com.

- **SBCHP Annual Homeless Summit** – The Homeless Summit Committee is planning for the Annual Homeless Summit to be held on November 8th at the University of Redlands. The Committee is currently seeking feedback from the RSCs on presentation topics for the Summit as well as input on one major accomplishment and one regional goal for inclusion in a video presentation during the Summit. See attached Homeless Summit Feedback slide for more info and reach out to our regional representative ZaZette for more information and to provide your feedback, ZaZette45@gmail.com.

- **CoC Membership** – All interested service partners and stakeholders are encouraged to join the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership and register as a CoC member organization through the SBCHP Homeless Provider Network (HPN). Registration Form attached and available at the following link - 4.16.2021-OHS-HPN-Fillable-Registration-Form.pdf (sbcounty.gov)
In addition, below is some of the other information shared during the RSC Meeting –

- **City of Chino** – In the process of hiring a new Homeless Coordinator for the City. Seeking gap funding to support new affordable housing development. In addition, the City is seeking to acquire the former Youth Correctional Facility property on Euclid for the development of affordable housing, commercial activity and community-based agricultural activity.

- **City of Montclair** – Code Enforcement continues to deal with growing numbers of people experiencing homelessness coming to Montclair, including people migrating from other cities in the region and from out of state. City staff and Christian Development Center are working with the Mayor to identify opportunities for creating interim and permanent housing units in the City including a potential motel conversion and a potential residential trailer park development in partnership with Metro Honda.

- **City of Ontario** – The City will be taking over the operations of the Ontario Access Center location beginning July 5th. Hours of operation will be Monday – Thursday, 8am – 11am. The City is also exploring potential new locations to site expanded Access/Navigation Center activities and services. In addition, the City is currently recruiting for a third full-time social worker – Case Manager | Job Details tab | Career Pages (governmentjobs.com)

- **City of Rancho Cucamonga** – Seeking funding and other resources to provide emergency housing/motel vouchers to assist people living homeless in the city encountered regularly by law enforcement and homeless prevention rental assistance for households in Rancho Cucamonga at imminent risk of homelessness.

- **DBH Transitional Aged Youth programs** – Expended $225k in County HHAP 2 & 3 funding to collaborate with CFS and Probation to provide motel vouchers and move in assistance for 85 TAY households (over 175 people). Currently serving over 102 TAY Center clients: 30 attending community college, 2 in 4-year college, 42 employed. Will be providing funding assistance for summer bridge housing for TAY clients attending college at Cal State San Bernardino, University of La Verne and Chapman College.

- **Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino** – HACSB has implemented a new methodology for determining rental unit payment standards for the MTW programs using the unit’s zip code to identify the submarket and associated payment standard (see attached). The new payment standards apply to the Mainstream Voucher program as well as VASH, Family Self Sufficiency and Family Unification Program, but does not apply to the CoC funded programs and HOPWA. Other announcements from HACSB included: lease up for the Emergency Housing Voucher program (455 vouchers) anticipated to be completed by the end of July; hosting their quarterly Landlord Forum on July 12th; partnering with Reaching New Heights to support 4 new townhomes in Ontario target to Veteran households.

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- **Christian Development Center** – CDC is collaborating with the Health Service Alliance to host monthly meetings of the West End Behavioral Health Collaborative (2nd Thurs. 9:30am) and the West End Faith-Based Collaborative (4th Thurs. 9:30am). Also working with the National Council of Negro Women and Montclair Hospital to secure funding and volunteers. Recently applied for grants from Chick Fil A to expand their food program and Sierra Foundation to acquire homes for shared housing. Also talking with DBH TAY about funding to provide services for homeless youth. 909-319-2240

- **Catholic Charities/Inland Valley Hope Partners - Mobile Shower trailer unit** for people living on the streets/in their cars in the west valley region will be available every Friday, 8am-12pm, at the SOVA Center, 904 E. California St., Ontario 91761. For more information, 909-391-4882.

- **Catholic Charities** - Funding available for utility assistance, temporary motel vouchers and temporary rental assistance to support homeless diversion, prevention, and rapid rehousing. Also providing assistance to low-moderate income households with completing tax returns as well as Cal Fresh and MediCal applications. For more information, contact Catholic Charities at 909-391-4882.

- **Inland Valley Hope Partners** – Seeking a new Development Director. Has established a new portal on their website for prospective applicants and others seeking available services. Limited EFSP funding available for homeless prevention and move-in assistance. CoC RRH program for families with children currently at capacity but still accepting prospective applicants. For more information, contact Hope Partners at 909-622-3806 x201 or x204 or go to their website at www.inlandvalleyhopepartners.org.

- **Foothill AIDS Project** – Offering free HIV/STD testing in San Bernardino on the 2nd Thursday of every month (see flyer attached). Also seeking opportunities to provide testing and other information at wellness events, resource fairs, etc. throughout the County. Continue to accept referrals for the ECHO Housing Project providing transitional and rapid rehousing for persons living with AIDS and experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. For more information and referral forms, contact Za Zette Scott, zazettes@fapinfo.org, 909-884-2722.

- **Knowledge & Education for Your Success (KEYS)** – HHAP funding available for prevention and rehousing activities, with a focus on seniors in the West Valley Region. Housing Support Program (HSP) available to support rapid rehousing and homeless prevention activities for families with an active CalWORKS case; Homeless prevention and rapid rehousing funding also available for income-qualifying Veteran households; For more information, contact KEYS at 909-332-6388.

- **Inland SoCal United Way/Z11+** - Currently working on CES rebuild and expansion activities including the development of a “virtual platform” and regional access points to facilitate and support greater access to the CES for providers partners, consumers and other service stakeholders. More info to come on these developments in the coming months.
Dear CoC Agencies,

Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) hosts a Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition to award funds to local communities and organizations through a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) process. The NOFO scoring includes completion of annual trainings on several topics. The Office of Homeless Services (OHS) and the CoC Interagency Coalition on Homelessness (ICH) have arranged for a series of trainings to be available to CoC Members. Agency participation in the training series is important to the application score, so attendance will be monitored.

The schedule of the trainings currently available is:

#1: June 2nd - 11:45 AM – Virtual Meeting
• Topic – Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 2022 Reauthorization, 2023 Updated HUD Guidance, and Core Concepts

#2: June 27th - Noon – Virtual Meeting
• Topic - Anti-Discrimination Regulations and CoC Programs

#3: July 14th – 3:30 PM – Virtual Meeting
• Topic - Overview of the Equal Access Rule and Implementation

#4 July 26th - 9:00 AM – Joint meeting between the ICH and the HPN - Meeting details to be provided
• Topic – Racial Equality and Cultural Competence

Please RSVP by emailing HomelessRFP@hss.sbcounty.gov. Please type “CoC Training” in the subject line of the email and include your name, phone number and email address in the body of the email along with the training date you would like to attend.

These trainings can also be found on the San Bernardino Homeless Partnership Website Calendar: Events for June 2023 - Homeless Partnership (sbcounty.gov) ; Events for July 2023 - Homeless Partnership (sbcounty.gov)

Thank you for your investment in the CoC.

Homeless Summit 2023-Your Feedback is requested

1. We are looking to provide a 45-minute training/presentation during this year’s Homeless Summit, and we are asking for feedback from each of the regions on the topics your region would like covered. Please reach out to your region’s members and provide us with your regions top two choices. We will use the recommendation to guide our selection. Please select top 2 choices for Workshops/Trainings:
   • Practicing Effective Motivational Interviewing Skills and Techniques
   • Implementing Trauma Informed Care/Harm Reduction Practices and Techniques
   • Implementing Critical Time Intervention Strategies for Rapid Rehousing
   • Effective Strategies for housing Navigation & Landlord Engagement
   • Understanding Performance Measures and Data Driven Strategies

2. During the event, we would like to feature a short video containing 30-45 second video clips highlighting one major accomplishment and one major goal for each region. Please work with your region to determine the major accomplishment and goal your region would like to highlight at this year’s Homeless Summit. Please provide the following information:
   • 1 major accomplishment
   • 1 future goal for upcoming year
   • Filming location, selected staff member(s) and who to contact to schedule filming.

Please review the listed items with your local teams and provide your answers by 6.20.23 via email. Feel free to reach out to Kristin Stevens should you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your time and collaborative efforts.

Please reach out to Za Zette with your feedback, questions, etc. ZaZette45@gmail.com
Youth Homeless Demonstration Program

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced approximately $60 million in FY 2023 funding available through round seven of the Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

Funding will be awarded to up to 25 participating communities to assist with developing and implementing a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness.

The population to be served by this demonstration program are youth experiencing homelessness aged 24 and under, including unaccompanied youth and pregnant or parenting youth experiencing homelessness.

Additional FY 2023 YHDP NOFO Resources can be found on the YHDP: Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program - HUD Exchange.

Applications are due June 27, 2023.

The County Housing Development Grant initiative will have staff explore the development of a $20,000,000 County grant program that can be offered to third parties (primarily partner cities) to support homeless housing projects, with a focus on the construction of new units, that provide additional housing beds (which may include emergency shelters). The goal of this program would be to create and operate additional low-cost housing units for homeless and displaced individuals. This program is in the conceptual stage and specific program details and budget adjustments will be brought forward for Board approval at a future date.

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME-ARP Program allocated the County $12,700,000 to assist with addressing the region’s housing needs and provision of homeless services. As a requirement of the agreement, the County must provide an Allocation Plan by March 31, 2023, detailing for which categories the County intends to use HOME-ARP funding. A public hearing before the Board on the use of these funds is scheduled for March 28, 2023.
West Valley Regional Steering Committee  
Ad Hoc Committee on Regional Coordination & Collaboration  
May 23, 2023, 2:30pm

Agenda

- Current regional issues and challenges
- Opportunities for Regional Coordination-Collaboration
  - Temporary shelter/motel vouchers
  - Mobil shower unit(s)
  - Client referrals & service coordination
  - Behavioral Health challenges
  - Homeless Prevention/Eviction Prevention activities
  - Regional service inventory
  - CES Regional Entry Point / regional case conferencing
- Prospects for establishing a Regional Navigation Center/Supportive Housing environment
- Engaging additional regional partners
- Next Meeting – Thursday, June 22nd at 2:00pm
### Prospectus Outline
San Bernardino County
West Valley Regional Navigation Center & Supportive Housing Village

**Objective**

Create a “regional navigation center,” providing a combination of emergency, transitional and permanent living space wrapped within a collaborative service-enriched environment supported by a broad-based, multi-agency, public-private funded regional housing, and supportive service partnership.

**Key Development & Operations Principles**

- Regional Cities form Joint Partnership Agreement to support the development, management, and operations of the regional housing and supportive service environment
- “Anchor tenants” commit funding to support dedicated housing and/or service operations
- Regional service partners commit to utilizing housing/service space on an as needed, “pay-to-play” basis with requisite levels of direct service engagement for their clients placed in residence

**On-Site Housing Types**

- Emergency/Triage housing units (1-30 days; supported by participating agency/organization)
- Transitional housing units (1-12 months; program-based/supported by participating agency)
- Permanent housing units (low-cost rentals; subsidized rentals; TBRA supported rentals)

**Prospective On-Site Amenities & Services**

- On-site Property Management, Maintenance, Security
- On-site Program Support (coordinated entry, resource connections, service activity coordination)
- Community Engagement/Activity Center
- Community recreation/wellness space
- Community kitchen/dining space? (or contracted meal delivery services)
- Village Market?
- Transportation services (for appointments & service connections)
- Offices/workspace for full-time & part-time supportive service partners (including Behavioral Health, Medical CM, In-Home Supportive Services, Employment Development, Public Benefits, Housing Navigation, Life Skills, Legal assistance, Spiritual care, etc. etc.)

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**Prospective Site Partner Participation Levels**

- Investment Partner - funding/in-kind support for general site development/operations activities
- Operations Partner - funding to support dedicated housing units and/or service activities
- Contributing Partner – reserve-rent available housing units/service space on an as needed basis
- Supporting Partner – provide on & off-site service connections and activities
KEY FINDINGS

- Renters in San Bernardino County need to earn $36.36 per hour - 2.3 times the state minimum wage - to afford the average monthly asking rent of $1,891.

- 54,954 low-income renter households in San Bernardino County do not have access to an affordable home.

- State and federal funding for housing production and preservation in San Bernardino County is $196 million, a 115% increase from the year prior.

- 84% of extremely low-income households in San Bernardino County are paying more than half of their income on housing costs compared to 2% of moderate-income households.

- In 2022 in San Bernardino County, there were only 2,866 beds available in the interim and permanent housing supply for persons experiencing homelessness.
AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOMES
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COST BURDENED HOUSEHOLDS
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HOUSING FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
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ASKING RENT TRENDS

Asking rents in San Bernardino County increased by 2.6% between Q4 2021 and Q4 2022.

WHO CAN AFFORD TO RENT

Renters need to earn 2.3 times the minimum wage to afford the average asking rent in San Bernardino County.
STATE & FEDERAL FUNDING

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LIHTC PRODUCTION AND PRESERVATION

Low-income Housing Tax Credit production and preservation in San Bernardino County increased by 78% between 2021 and 2022.
CALIFORNIA Affordable Housing Needs Report 2023

KEY FINDINGS

1. Median rent in California has increased 38% since 2000 while median renter household income has only increased by 7% (adjusted for inflation).

2. Renters need to earn 2.9 times the state minimum wage to afford average asking rent in California, which increased by 4%.

3. Although California has more than tripled production of new affordable homes in the past four years, the state is only funding 20% of what is needed to meet its goals.

4. California spends twice as much supporting homeowners than renters and only 17% of renter resources are permanent compared to 97% of the support for homeowners.

5. 79% of extremely low-income (ELI) renter households are paying more than half of their income on housing costs compared to 6% of moderate-income renter households.

6. Black renter households are 41% more severely cost burdened than white renter households.

POLICY SOLUTIONS

Fund affordable housing and homelessness solutions at scale by:

1. Investing $7.9 billion in the 2023/2024 budget as requested by a broad coalition.

2. Placing AB 1657 (Wicks), an affordable housing bond, on the 2024 ballot.

3. Develop an on-going revenue source at the scale needed over 10 years.

4. Reduce the cost of developing affordable homes by a) applying the welfare property tax exemption at the time a property is dedicated to affordable housing; b) making state funds available during construction to reduce interest costs; and c) capping disproportionately large state monitoring fees.

Roadmap Home 2030

These actions while important will not be sufficient in and of themselves to solve California’s affordable housing crisis, which requires a long-term, comprehensive, evidence-based set of policy solutions at scale, similar to those described in the Roadmap Home 2030. The Roadmap Home 2030 lays out a bold vision for solving California’s affordable housing and homelessness challenges over a 10-year period. Which is why we are supporting an additional package of Roadmap Home legislative priorities you may view on our website.

MARCH 2023
The Cost of Housing Has Skyrocketed in Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA
Samuel Stebbins, 24/7 Wall St. via The Center Square May 31, 2023

The rising cost of shelter has been one of the major components of the current surge in inflation that began around the middle of 2021. According to the recent consumer price index summary from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Americans were paying 8.2% more to keep a roof over their heads compared to March last year.

The Wall Street Journal reported in April that local home prices and rental costs are heavily influenced by migration patterns, and as Americans relocate from high-cost metropolitan areas like Los Angeles and New York to lower-cost destinations like Tampa and Dallas, they bring up housing inflation.

According to CPI data, the cost of housing in the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario metro area in California is up 8.7% compared to last year, the 10th largest increase of the 23 metro areas included in the BLS analysis.

As of 2021, the most recent year of available data from the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey, the median home value in the metro area was $453,000, and the median gross monthly rent was $1,552, the 33rd and 24th highest, respectively, of all 386 U.S. metro areas.

Metro area-level housing CPI is for March 2023 and year-over-year change was calculated by comparing to March 2022.
(The Center Square) - One in three households in California struggle to afford basic necessities and over half the households with young children earn below a realistic measure of poverty, according to the United Ways study, “The Real Cost Measure in California 2023,” released Tuesday.

“A family of four - two adults, one preschooler, and one school-aged child - living in Riverside County would have to earn $84,969 annually to cover the costs of housing, food, health care, childcare, transportation, and other basic needs. The average income for such families of four earning below the Real Cost Measure, however, is slightly below $52,000,...which means that this household would have to earn an additional $33,237 to reach the Real Cost Measure,” the report said.

The study calculated the Real Cost Measure for different locations throughout California by including housing, food, health care, childcare, transportation, taxes and other basic costs, to a typical family’s annual expenses. How well a family is doing is revealed by deducting the average income for a family in that particular geographic region from the average annual expense for the area, to show any gaps between real cost and income.

“Of the estimated 3.7 million households that fall below the Real Cost Measure, 97% of them are actively engaged in the workforce and have at least one working adult in their household. These data highlight the fact that hard work alone does not always guarantee financial security,” the report revealed.

The report continued, “In reality, poverty is a pervasive issue that families of all races and ethnicities grapple with in California. The latest data show that the majority of households below the Real Cost Measure are Latino (over 1.7 million), and the next largest group of struggling households are White (approx. 1.2 million), with significant numbers of Asian American (over $18,000) and Black or African American (over 279,000) households also struggling to meet basic needs.”

The high cost of housing seemed to be of great concern with questions being asked about what can be done to prevent people living below the Real Cost Measure from becoming homeless. It is the stabilizing foundation, upon which all progress is built. Households falling below both the Federal Poverty Level and the Real Cost Measure spend 81% of their income on housing.

“The purpose of the Real Cost Measure is to enable people and communities to see with clear eyes the challenges that families face and the systems that either serve to lift them up or require a change in order to do so.”
More baby boomers are becoming homeless: ‘It takes just one crisis’ to push someone onto the streets

Story by Jessica Hall • June 12 9:40 AM

People aged 65 and older are the fastest-growing group of people who are homeless and their ranks will peak by 2030.

This daunting forecast comes amid escalating rents nationally, stubborn inflation and a potential recession that compounds woes for baby boomers who have minimal savings for retirement. It also comes as traditional workplace pensions are increasingly rare and workers must rely on the savings they have accumulated through their working lives. About 27% of people who are 59 or older have no retirement savings, according to a survey from Credit Karma.

According to a 2019 study by University of Pennsylvania and others that analyzed the populations of homeless shelters in New York City, Los Angeles and Boston that predicted by 2030, the number of people 65 and older who are unhoused will nearly triple compared with 2017. University of Pennsylvania professor Dennis Culhane says this significant growth, especially in those 65 and over, will continue nationwide through 2030.

Patti Prunhuber, director of housing advocacy at Justice in Aging, a legal advocacy group focused on senior poverty, pointed to escalating rents, depleted savings, loss of a spouse or partner, or an unexpected medical costs, or a loss of a job because of injury as factors contributing to older homelessness. According to new research from the New School, between 2013 and 2020, the share of low-income older households who had to pay rent exceeding 30% of their income increased from 18.2% to 23.7. “It takes just one crisis to push someone who is rent-burdened onto the streets,” Prunhuber said.

Many of the older homeless adults are newly unhoused. Margot Kushel, the director of the University of California San Francisco Center for Vulnerable Populations, said nearly half of single adults 50 and over experiencing homelessness had never been unhoused before age 50. Kushel said that those who are first homeless after 50 tend to stay unhoused and tend to die faster than those who have experienced homelessness throughout their lives.

Meanwhile, living on the street is hard for anyone, but especially older adults who may suffer from a lack of medication, access to bathrooms, suffer from attacks and violence and may lack necessary help with activities of daily living such as dressing, feeding themselves and bathing, Prunhuber said. “Many older adults who are experiencing homelessness have an acceleration of geriatric conditions. They age much more quickly and have exacerbated health conditions. Their chronological age may be 55 or 60, but they have the health of a person 15 or 20 years older,” Prunhuber said. “Their health degrades so quickly when living on the street.”

Addressing homelessness among older adults will require increasing the supply of affordable housing, targeted prevention efforts, and expanding permanent supportive housing, adapted to older adult needs, Prunhuber said. “Affordable housing is great and needed, but we also need deeply affordable housing. A lot of affordable housing is still out of reach for people who may be living on less than $1,000 a month,” Kushel said. The focus needs to be on preventive measures, Prunhuber said. “Increasing the supply of affordable housing is important, but we can’t build our way out of this problem. We need to focus on preventing older adult homelessness,” Prunhuber said.

Connect Homes on the National Mall

We’re bringing a small house to Washington, DC’s National Mall this week as part of HUD’s Innovative Housing Showcase. (It’s the 460sf one bedroom Connect 1 ADU, shown above at the Modernism Show in Palm Springs earlier this year.)

This is the second time we’ve delivered a house to the East Coast. The first was a Connect 4T, which sits above a lake in Connecticut. This time, for a few days, the Connect 1 sits auspiciously between the Air and Space Museum and the National Gallery.

We’re in DC to share the news that Connect’s innovative, award-winning housing solutions are now being delivered to national markets. And even though we are bringing a Connect Home ADU, we’re ready to talk Connect Shelters — our innovative, flexible housing system that has been serving critical housing needs in California.

New Shelter Website Launch

Connect Shelters is finally getting a real website! Our updated, consolidated Connect Homes website now provides information for single family homeowners, developers, and those interested in supportive housing solutions. It’s exciting to be able to share all of Connect’s innovative housing solutions at one address: connect-homes.com. The Supportive Housing navigation button will take you to more information about Connect Shelters. As will the Shelter navigation.

As always, we would love to show you how this flexible, affordable, and dignified housing system can be deployed on your next project.

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The Solution to Homelessness is Straightforward: Housing

Adopt Regional Project Funding Recommendations for Homeless Housing, Assistance & Prevention Program – Round 3, (HHAP-3)

West Valley Regional Steering Committee Meeting
June 14, 2023, 9:00am
Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP)

Round 3 allocations for the San Bernardino County CoC and the County of San Bernardino are as follows:
• CoC: $3,901,874.80 / County: $3,641,749.82 – Regional Project App process coming soon.

Round 4 allocations for the San Bernardino County CoC and the County of San Bernardino are as follows:
• Projected - CoC: $4,430,501.22 / County: $4,156,768.02 – FY 22-23 NOFO coming soon.

Eligible activities include:
• 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.

SBC&C CoC Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Round 3 - $3,901,874.80

Systems Improvement and Supports activities approved by ICH with the 20% initial disbursement of HHAP-3 funds, $780,374.96, which include:
• $300,000 - Capacity Building/Workforce Development for system service providers
  • Structured series of Education, Training & Technical Assistance activities to include:
    o Racial, Gender, Ethnic Equity & Cultural Competency
    o Best Practice service delivery strategies and activities
    o Organizational capacity building, fund development & govt. contract compliance
    o College student apprenticeship program
• $200,000 – Systems support for activities necessary to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services & housing delivery system
  • Regional Planning activities linked to systemwide coordination and service delivery improvement
  • Recommendations to facilitate improvements to intra-system and cross-system data collection, analysis & resource alignment
• $147,711 – Commitment to address racial disproportionality in homeless populations and achieve equitable provision of services and outcomes
  • Comprehensive evaluation of racial, ethnic, and gender disproportionality and cultural biases in accessing resources and services within the countywide homeless service system
  • Recommendations to facilitate improvements to help achieve equitable provision of services & outcomes
• $78,037.50 to support development of the CoC Youth Advisory Board and youth-specific coordinated entry system activities
Program Overview

HHAP Round 3 funding is designed to build on regional coordination developed through previous rounds of HHAP grant funding, as well as the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) and COVID-19 funding administered by Cal ICH. HHAP Round 3 funds should be used to continue to build regional coordination and a unified regional response to reduce and end homelessness 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.

On January 25, 2023, the SBC CoC Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) authorized the San Bernardino County Office of Homeless Services (OHS) to release a Request for Applications (RFA) for the SBC CoC to fund $2,902,994.85 in HHAP-3 eligible activities throughout San Bernardino County to be distributed as follows:

a. $1,417,232.87 - Central Valley Region which encompasses the cities of Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, Yucaipa, and the surrounding unincorporated communities.

b. $518,169 - Desert Region which encompasses the cities of Adelanto, Apple Valley, Barstow, Hesperia, Victorville, and the surrounding unincorporated communities.

c. $162,725 - East Valley Region which encompasses the cities of Needles, Twentynine Palms, Yucca Valley, and the surrounding unincorporated communities.

d. $141,817 - Mountain Region which encompasses the City of Big Bear Lake and the unincorporated San Bernardino mountain communities which include Big Bear, Blue Jay, Cedar Glen, Cedarpine Park, Crestline, Forest Falls, Green Valley Lake, Lake Arrowhead, Rimforest, Running Springs, Skyforest, Sugarloaf, and Twin Peaks.

e. $350,901 - West Valley Region which encompasses the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, and the surrounding unincorporated communities.

f. $312,149.98 for countywide services to unaccompanied homeless youth populations

All project proposals will be evaluated for compliance with eligible uses of HHAP-3 funds as identified in Section V.B.1 of this RFA and the core components of Housing First as defined in state Welfare and Institutions Code §255(b).

In addition, project proposals for CoC HHAP-3 funds must align with one or more of the Strategies to Achieve Outcome Goals identified above in Section V.A. and outlined in Table 5 (attached as Exhibit B) of the CoC Local Homelessness Action Plan and identify how many units, beds and/or households served the project will contribute to achieving the following results:

1. At least 300 new units of permanent supportive and/or service-enriched housing will be occupied by June 2024.

2. At least 300 additional households will exit homelessness and achieve permanent housing stability through rapid rehousing activities by June 2024.

3. At least 200 additional shelter/interim housing beds will be occupied by January 2024.

4. At least 500 households living housing insecure and/or at-risk of homelessness will be prevented from becoming homeless through systemwide diversion and prevention strategies.

5. At least 500 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 2024.
EXHIBIT A
San Bernardino City & County Continuum of Care (SBC CoC)
2023 HHAP-3 Regional Project Application Scoring Guidelines

The Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Round 3 (HHAP-3) Program funding provides local jurisdictions with funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address their immediate homelessness challenges informed by a best-practice 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.

All HHAP Regional Project Applications will be reviewed by their respective SBCHP Regional Steering Committee which will submit their recommendations to the Interagency Council on Homelessness for final approval. All project applications will be reviewed and scored by the Regional Steering Committees based on the following:

• The extent to which the proposed project meets the CoC’s HHAP-3 Project Application Eligibility threshold.
• The extent to which the proposed project aligns with the Strategies to Achieve Outcome Goals outlined in the CoC HHAP-3 Local Homelessness Action Plan.
• The extent to which the proposed project is for a HHAP-3 eligible use that will expend funds on evidence-based solutions that address and prevent homelessness among eligible populations – persons who are currently experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness.
• The extent to which the proposed project addresses a priority activity and/or target population.
• The extent to which the proposed project aligns with CoC goals, strategies, and services, both short-term and long-term, to make the experience of homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring in San Bernardino County.

Housing First Emphasis (Pass or Fail)
• Does the proposed project conform to California and the CoC’s Housing First policy? Yes or No
• Does the applicant organization emphasize housing first practices that include rapid placement and stabilization for housing permanency without service participation requirements or preconditions? Yes or No

A. Addressing Regional Needs & CoC Outcome Goals (30 points)
• The extent to which the proposed project addresses one or more of the Strategies to Achieve Outcome Goals outlined in the CoC HHAP-3 Local Homelessness Action Plan.
• The extent to which the proposed project addresses an identified Regional priority for eligible use of HHAP-3 funding, if applicable.
• The extent to which the proposed project addresses an identified or otherwise unmet Regional service need.
• The extent to which the Applicant has an existing service presence within the Region.

B. Project Focus (25 points)
• The extent to which the proposed project is for a HHAP-3 eligible use.
• The extent to which the proposed project helps to expand or develop regional capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges.
• The extent to which the proposed project applies a best-practice framework focused on moving homeless individuals and families into permanent housing and/or supporting the efforts of those individuals and families to maintain their permanent housing.
• The extent to which the proposed project will expend funds on evidence-based solutions that address and prevent homelessness among eligible populations.

C. Coordination and Collaboration (20 points)
• The extent to which the proposed project supports regional coordination and collaboration to address immediate homelessness challenges.
• The extent to which the applicant will coordinate the proposed project activities through the CoC coordinated entry system and within the CoC homeless crisis response system structure.
• The extent to which the proposed project involves a multi-agency/entity collaboration.
• The extent to which the applicant leverages funding and resources in collaboration with other agencies/entities.

D. Experience and Capacity (25 points)
• The applicant’s experience and capacity in providing similar services, the length and type of experience it has working with homeless service populations, the quality of programs/services it provides and the experience level of key staff.
• The applicant’s ability and capacity to begin implementation of the proposed project upon HHAP-3 contract execution.
• The extent to which the applicant’s proposed project supplements and does not supplant any current program funding.
• The applicant’s ability and capacity to document, track and report eligible use of funds and measurable outcomes as required by the state.
• The applicant’s proposed budget costs are adequate, efficient, and realistic to complete the project and meet proposed outcomes.
VII. EVALUATION

Applications will be subject to an Initial Review to confirm responsiveness, by determining whether each Application includes the stipulated content, required information, and is presented in the required format, in order for the Application to advance for evaluation. Any reasonable person reviewing for responsiveness must be able to ascertain that the Application meets these requirements.

The evaluation process includes the categories listed on Exhibit A – HHAP-3 Regional Project Scoring Guidelines and may include additional specific criteria.

Evaluation panels will be established comprised of voting members of each Regional Steering Committee with responsibility for reviewing all regional specific Applications and conducting the evaluation process. A Facilitator will manage the integrity of the evaluation process and will not be a voting member of the evaluation panels. An initial meeting will be scheduled via telephone/teleconferencing and held with the evaluation panel members, and all relevant documents will be distributed electronically to the evaluators including the RFA, evaluation worksheets for each Application, and written evaluation instructions.

After the initial meeting, evaluators will independently review and score the Applications. The evaluation panel will then convene again to discuss the individual scores to resolve questions and to discuss the basis for individual scores, but not for the evaluators to agree upon scoring. At the end of this discussion, each evaluator will be given an option to revise their scores.

Evaluators will make independent determinations for scores, including review and understanding of any additional information obtained by the group discussion. In the event a score is revised, the evaluator will strike out the original score, document the new score, and provide comments to support the revision.

Once all ratings are finalized and documented, the Facilitator will collect and compile all individual evaluation worksheets to present the regional evaluation panel recommendations to the full Regional Steering Committee for review and adoption. It is anticipated that the results of the evaluation process and the Regional Steering Committee recommendations will be presented to the ICH on June 28, 2023, for review and approval.

CALIFORNIA RULE OF NECESSITY

According to Government Code Section 87100 and the California Attorney General’s Office Guide to Conflicts of Interest public officials at any level of state or local government are prohibited from making, participating in making or in any way attempting to use his or her official position to influence a governmental decision in which he or she knows or has reason to know he or she has a financial interest. (Gov’t Code § 87100.)

However, there are certain limited circumstances in which disqualified board or committee members may participate under a legal exception known as the Rule of Necessity, which provides, in pertinent part, that “Section 87100 does not prevent any public official from making or participating in the making of a governmental decision to the extent his participation is legally required for the action or decision to be made.” (Gov’t Code § 87101.)

The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted regulations specifying the procedure to be followed to invoke the Rule of Necessity. Each member of the board or committee that has a financial interest in the governmental decision must recuse themselves from participation and may accompany the determination to recuse with an oral or written disclosure of the financial interest. (2 C.C.R. § 18707(b)(1).)

If, upon recusal by all members with a financial interest in the governmental decision to be considered, there are an insufficient number of members without a financial interest in the decision to constitute a quorum, the Rule of Necessity may be invoked.

Participation by the smallest number of officials with a conflict that are “legally required” in order for the decision to be made shall be reinstated by lot or some other impartial method. (Hudson opinion, 4 FPPC Ops. 13 (1978), 2 C.C.R. § 18708(c)(3).) The best random method of selecting which disqualified member should participate is by lot, although other impartial, equitable means of random selection may be used. (78 Ops. Atty. Gen. 332.) Whatever method is used, all disqualified officials must participate in the random selection and all must have an equal likelihood of being chosen. (Heisinger Advice Letter, No. A-95-333.)
Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program – Round 3 (HHAP-3)
RFA 23-01
Regional Steering Committee: Evaluators Summary Sheet and Recommendations

Date: 6/8/23
Region: West Valley
Evaluators: André Bossieux, Kami Grossenor, Leif Ozier
Proctor: Stephanie Navarro, Community Revitalization

Application(s):
1. City of Montclair
2. City of Ontario
3. City of Rancho Cucamonga
4. God's Little Voices
5. Impact Southern California
6. Inland Empire Rebound
7. Water of Life Community Church/CITYLINK

Evaluation Summary/Final Score:
Evaluation Summary includes applications that met threshold for review:

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Evaluator's Recommendations:
Based on the scoring and discussion, the Regional Evaluator's have recommended funding the top three applicants in the following manner:
- City of Ontario be awarded $135,000, which is 90% of their requested budget amount of $150,000.
- Impact Southern California be awarded $210,000, which is 80% of their requested budget amount of $262,500.
- City of Montclair be awarded the remaining West Valley allocation in the amount of $95,900.