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**Santa Cruz County  
Housing for Health Partnership (H4HP) Policy Board  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
August 6, 2025; 3 pm  
420 Capitola Ave., Capitola – Capitola City Hall - Community Room**

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**Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions**

**Non-Agenda Public Comment**

**Action Items** (vote required) {3:10 – 3:40 pm}

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 18, 2025
2. Approve HHAP-6 DRAFT Regional Homelessness Action Plan and Application Submission

**Lived Expertise Workgroup Updates** {3:40 – 4:00 pm}

3. General Updates and Report Back on National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference

**Information Items** (no vote required) {4:00 – 4:20 pm}

4. 2025 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Report Release
5. Construction Starts on Three Interim Housing Projects
6. Santa Cruz Inn Acquisition

**Report/Discussion Items** (no vote required) (4:20 pm - }

7. "System Map" Initial DRAFT for Review and Comment
8. HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) and White House Executive Order Update and Discussion

**Board Member Announcements**

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:              Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 3 pm**

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**Action Item 1 : Approval of Meeting Minutes**

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(Action required) – Robert Ratner

**Recommendations**

Approve the June 18, 2025, Housing for Health Partnership Policy Board Regular Meeting minutes.

**Suggested Motions**

I move to approve the June 18, 2025, Housing for Health Partnership Policy Board Regular Meeting minutes.

**Attachments**

June 18, 2025, updated Housing for Health Partnership Policy Board Regular Meeting minutes



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## **Housing for Health Partnership (H4HP) Policy Board**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**June 18, 2025; 3 pm**

#### **Call to Order/Welcome**

*Present: Courtney Lindberg, Eric Krebs, Justin Cummings, Kyrolos Saad, Mali LaGoe, Manuel Caceres, Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson, Susie O'Hara, Terence Concannon, Tom Stagg*

*Absent: Heather Rogers, Jorge Zamora, Karen Kern, Kate Nester, Mars Nored, Monica Martinez, Rosie Garcia,*

*Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None*

#### **Non-Agenda Public Comment**

*Organizations with CalAIM ECM and Housing services contracts should have access to CoC training and support like the Connector collaborative meetings and trainings and those in the housing sector should have access to the CalAIM trainings and support.*

#### **Action Items (vote required)**

1. Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 26, 2025

*Discussion: None*

*Public Comment: Great*

*Motion: Move to approve the updated February 26, 2025, Housing for Health Partnership Policy Board Regular Meeting minutes.*

*Motion to Approve: Susie O'Hara*

*Motion Seconded: Justin Cummings*

*Abstentions: None*

*Board Action: Motion passed unanimously*

2. Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 16, 2025

*Discussion: None*

*Public Comment: Great*

*Motion: Move to approve the April 16, 2025, Housing for Health Partnership Policy Board Regular Meeting minutes.*

*Motion to Approve: Terence Concannon*

*Motion Seconded: Susie O'Hara*

*Abstentions: None*

*Board Action: Motion passed unanimously*

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3. Approve Nomination of Courtney Lindberg, City of Watsonville, Public Works and Utilities Director to serve as Policy Board Co-Chair through December 2026  
*Discussion: Chief Jorge Zamora is retiring.*  
*Public Comment: Great*  
*Motion: Move to approve the nomination of Courtney Lindberg, to serve as a co-chair of the Policy Board at least through the end of calendar year 2026.*  
*Motion to Approve: Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson*  
*Motion Seconded: Mali LaGoe*  
*Abstentions: None*  
*Board Action: Motion passed unanimously*
  
4. Approve Nomination of Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools, to serve as an Educational Sector Representative on the Board through at least December 2027  
*Discussion: Dr. Robert Ratner, Director of Housing for Health, expressed appreciation for Dr. Faris Sabbah's willingness to participate and engage in housing conversations.*  
*Public Comment: Great*  
*Motion: Move to approve the nomination of Dr. Farris Sabbah, to serve as educational sector representative on the Board at least through December 31, 2027, serving part of a partial two-year term.*  
*Motion to Approve: Justin Cummings*  
*Motion Seconded: Mali LaGoe*  
*Abstentions: None*  
*Board Action: Motion passed unanimously*
  
5. Approve Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention, Round 6 (HHAP-6), Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Santa Cruz and Continuum of Care (CoC)  
*Discussion: Since HHAP Round 3, the Santa Cruz County Human Services Department, specifically the Housing for Health Division, has been administering HHAP funding through approved Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) between the County and the Continuum of Care (CoC). The Housing for Health staff recommends continuing this practice. The discussion highlighted that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) references the Action Plan, which has not yet been finalized, and discussed that the MOU can be adjusted and renegotiated.*  
*Public Comment: Great*  
*Motion: I recommend approval of the HHAP-6 MOU between the CoC and County and authorize Tom Stagg, co-chair of the CoC Policy Board, to sign the Agreement on behalf of the CoC, pending approval of the MOU by the County Board of Supervisors.*  
*Motion to Approve: Terence Concannon*  
*Motion Seconded: Courtney Lindberg*  
*Abstentions: None*  
*Board Action: Motion passed unanimously*



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6. Approve HHAP-6 Initial Proposed Budget for the HHAP-6 Application

**Discussion:** *Discussed that the California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program funding allocations have been declining over time. Housing for Health staff recommend using HHAP-6 funding to help sustain existing programs. It was mentioned that the state has no plans for new HHAP-7 funding. Discussed the proposed HHAP-6 budget allocates funds as follows: 13% for permanent housing, 9% for homelessness prevention, 74% for interim housing (including youth transitional housing), and 4% for non-housing solutions. Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson suggested providing a more detailed explanation of the sources of funding for shelter beds. Susie O'Hara would like to have an in-depth conversation about the programs that the CoC would like to fund, discussing the creation of a service list that includes shelter, outreach, permanent housing, and the status of the funding. Justin Cummings would like to take a holistic approach to gain a broader understanding of everything the County and CoC are doing regarding homelessness, to determine the best way to keep new and existing projects and services functional. Mentioned that new low-barrier navigation center and youth transitional housing projects currently under development will be facing funding operational challenges and will be relying on Medi-Cal funding to continue operations.*

**Public Comment:** *It was suggested that adding demographics to the service list would be beneficial. It is recommended that Housing for Health staff collaborate with non-profits to help them identify and apply for grants.*

**Motion:** *Approve HHAP-6 proposed budget for the HHAP-6 application with direction to staff to return at the time of final adoption with a program landscape list of homeless response services with the CoC's support.*

**Motion to Approve:** *Susie O'Hara*

**Motion Seconded:** *Justin Cummings*

**Abstentions:** *None*

**Board Action:** *Motion passed unanimously*

7. Approve Posting of HHAP-6 DRAFT Regional Homelessness Action Plan and Application for Feedback and Finalization

**Discussion:** *Discussed the initial draft of the HHAP-6 application and regional action plan has included in the CoC Policy Board packet. The current draft incorporates feedback gathered from meetings with members of the Lived Expertise Action Boards, the Operations Workgroup, and a CoC community meeting held on May 28, 2025. Housing for Health staff request comments from members of the CoC Policy Board and the public on the DRAFT document. Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson shared that staff should explicitly name under interim housing that we are working to sustain shelter beds in the regional action plan. Susie O'Hara recommended that staff*

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*complete an Executive Summary of the Regional Action Plan. The HHAP-6 application deadline is August 29, 2025. Prior to final application submission to HCD, the application and plan must be approved by the County Board of Supervisors and CoC Policy Board.*

**Public Comment:** *It was suggested that the County should encourage non-profits to apply for funding and add proof of concept or something that demonstrates whether clients like a program to be judged when evaluating applications.*

**Motion:** *Approval of posting of the HHAP-6 DRAFT Regional Action Plan and application documents for feedback and finalization with the addition of a context-setting executive summary to promote more accessibility.*

**Motion to Approve:** *Susie O'Hara*

**Motion Seconded:** *Mali LaGoe*

**Abstentions:** *None*

**Board Action:** *Motion passed unanimously*

**8. Approve Submission of CoC Builds Application for Veterans Village of Santa Cruz County**

**Discussion:** *During the Biden administration, the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Builds program provided a funding opportunity of \$6 million for the creation of new Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). The county invited potential developers and partners to express their interest in this funding. Only one project applied, which was Vets Village, a Home Key project located in Ben Lomond. Mentioned that although a full application was submitted on time, it was never reviewed by the federal government. Notification of a reopening/reset of the application process was received in mid-May, with a new submission deadline set for June 26, 2025. The county re-invited expressions of interest from the community. Two projects responded - Vets Village and Park Haven Plaza. Park Haven Plaza was found ineligible due to requirements associated with this funding application. The application for Vets Village from the previous year can be updated with minimal changes. Discussed that since the CoC Board had previously approved a CoC Builds application for the Vets Village project, and no other qualifying project expressed interest in applying, staff recommends supporting the resubmission of an updated Veterans Village CoC Builds application.*

**Public Comment:** *A story that emphasizes the importance of contracting with vendors that prioritize client safety was shared.*

**Motion:** *Approval of the resubmission of an updated CoC Builds application for \$6M for the Veterans Village Supportive Housing Project.*

**Motion to Approve:** *Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson*

**Motion Seconded:** *Justin Cummings*

**Abstentions:** *None*

**Board Action:** *Motion passed unanimously*





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9. Approve Earlier or Special Session Meeting of CoC Policy Board in August 2025 for Anticipated CoC NOFO – reallocation, DV bonus, approval of CoC planning grant
- Discussion:* A special CoC Policy Board meeting is scheduled on August 6th to allow time for staff to make any final adjustments to the materials before the deadline.
- Public Comment:* None
- Motion:* Approve a motion to hold a special session or earlier Policy Board meeting in August 2025 to account for CoC and HHAP funding timelines.
- Motion to Approve:* Terence Concannon
- Motion Seconded:* Susie O'Hara
- Abstentions:* None
- Board Action:* Motion passed unanimously

**Lived Expertise Workgroup Updates (no vote required):**

10. General Updates
- Discussion:* Lived Expertise Action Board member Manuel Caceres shared that the Lived-Expertise Action Board (LEAB) members participated in the H4HP Community Meeting on May 28th to provide feedback for the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Round 6 (HHAP-6) and the Santa Cruz Community Action Plan. In May, the LEAB partnered with Housing Matters' Lived Experience Advisory Group (LEAG) and Abode Services to host a Career Panel focused on the housing System of Care. In April, the LEAB participated in a Coordinated Entry training facilitated by Monica Lippi from H4H. The next professional development training is scheduled for August 2025 and will focus on equity. Rosie Garcia, co-chair of the LEAB, has been actively participating in the Prevention and Resources Workgroup for the City of Watsonville's Homelessness Strategic Plan. Manuel Caceres, the LEAB Policy Board Liaison, has attended recent meetings of the Housing Matters Lived Experience Advisory Group (LEAG) and Neighbor to Neighbor. Lisa Bordenave continues to serve as the Operations Committee Liaison. LEAB members are planning a summer bonding event. The LEAB and Youth Lived Expertise Action Board (YLEAB) have voted to participate in the Behavioral Health 2026-2029 Community Planning Process. The LEAB will collaborate with community partners to highlight housing and supportive service resources for the unhoused community. The YLEAB has recently onboarded a new member, and recruitment is underway for two remaining open seats. Four members of the LEAB and two members of the YLEAB are confirmed to attend the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) conference in Washington, D.C., at the end of June.

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**Information Items** (no vote required):

11. 2025 Point-in-Time Count Report expected release July 2025

*Discussion: Applied Survey Research (ASR) and the Housing for Health Division are in the process of finalizing the 2025 Point-in-Time (PIT) count report on individuals experiencing homelessness in Santa Cruz County, with an expected release date in early July 2025. Preliminary findings indicate an overall 20% reduction in homelessness throughout the county compared to 2024. Discussed that the data also reveals concerning trends, including increased levels of homelessness among seniors, individuals with disabilities, and those with long histories of homelessness.*

12. Preparations for Medi-Cal BH-Connect transitional rent benefit

*Discussion: The Housing for Health Division will collaborate with County Behavioral Health, the Central California Alliance for Health, and Kaiser Permanente to launch a Medi-Cal transitional rent benefit beginning January 2026. This benefit is part of California's Section 1115 Medicaid BH-Connect waiver, providing up to six months of rental assistance for eligible Medi-Cal managed care members from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2029. Mentioned that the program targets individuals transitioning from various systems, including criminal justice, healthcare, shelters, and other forms of institutional care. While the assistance is available for six months, recipients must have a clear path to long-term housing after the assistance period. The state has recently released a proposed rate structure and guidance for administrative reimbursement, enabling local planning efforts to move forward. In Santa Cruz County, access to permanent housing remains limited. A new development is the Harvey West Studios project at Santa Cruz Harbor, which is expected to deliver 120 permanent supportive housing units by summer 2026. If the county can identify eligible individuals who are likely to move into those units, the six-month rental assistance could help them secure housing in the interim while they wait to move-in to the property. Santa Cruz County has applied for technical assistance support and a \$2M state-grant to support implementation of the transitional rent benefit within Santa Cruz County.*

13. HUD CoC Contract Language updates

*Discussion: All organizations, including the County of Santa Cruz, that receive funding from HUD through the Continuum of Care (CoC) process are now being provided with updated contract templates. These new templates reflect changes in federal priorities and emphasis following the recent change in the federal executive branch. Discussed examples of this new language including references to "gender ideology", abortion, and immigration issues.*



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**14. State Funding and Organizational Structure Updates**

***Discussion:***

*Governor Newsom presented a proposal to the Little Hoover Commission to divide the existing Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency into two separate entities: a Housing and Homelessness Agency and a Business and Consumer Services Agency. On May 29, 2025, the Little Hoover Commission endorsed this plan and proposed five pieces of companion legislation. Mentioned that the new Housing and Homelessness Agency will manage funding of the No Place Like Home, Homeless Housing Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) programs, among others.*

***Report/Discussion Items (no vote required)***

**15. Provide Final Round of Feedback on County of Santa Cruz Encampment Response Guidelines**

***Discussion:***

*At the February 26, 2025, meeting of the Housing for Health Partnership Policy Board, staff presented a draft of encampment response guidelines for Santa Cruz County. This draft was shared with Policy Board members for feedback. Recommended changes were incorporated into this current draft. County staff plan to present the final guidelines to the County Board of Supervisors in August or September 2025. Mentioned that the HHAP application does not require all jurisdictions within a Continuum of Care (CoC) to adopt a shared response protocol. Since the CoC cannot implement a protocol on its own, staff recommend using the County's response protocol for the County and CoC HHAP application. Feedback was received suggesting the inclusion of a line in the protocol to emphasize that relocation should be coordinated, equitable, and not simply result in displacement across jurisdictions. It is also recommended to include a clear explanation that relocation does not imply a specific destination. It was suggested to keep a roster tracking individuals from camp to camp. It was asked that this not be connected to enforcement or ordinance issues. Mentioned that Housing for Health is working on updating a grievance policy and procedure.*

**Board Member Announcements**

*Board Member Courtney Lindberg shared that encampment response planning sessions related to the Pajaro River have been taking place. The meetings have included representatives from Santa Cruz County, Monterey County, the City of Watsonville, and the Pajaro Regional Flood Management Agency (PRFMA). Clearing of the encampments along the river were originally scheduled to take place in early July. Action was delayed due to clean-up bids exceeding PRFMAs available resources. Further conversations will continue to ensure unsheltered individuals clear unsafe areas, particularly before any levee improvement/construction work takes place.*



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## Action Item 2: Approve HHAP-6 DRAFT Regional Homelessness Action Plan and Application Submission

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(Action required) – Robert Ratner

### Recommendation

Approve HHAP-6 DRAFT Regional Homelessness Action Plan and Application Submission

### Discussion

The California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention, Round 6, (HHAP-6) 2025 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) submission deadline is August 29, 2025. Staff completed an initial draft of the HHAP-6 application that includes a regional homelessness action plan, and it shared this draft with the Policy Board at its June 18, 2025, meeting. The Policy Board provided suggestions to staff regarding the document and plans for public release of the draft. A special session of the CoC Policy Board was scheduled for August 6, 2025, to provide an opportunity for the Board to provide additional direction to staff in advance of the HHAP application being presented to the Board of Supervisors on August 19, 2025.

Following the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, staff updated the application document based on Board member and community feedback. The updated document was distributed via an e-newsletter and posting on the Housing for Health website. Both the newsletter and website included a high-level overview of the funding and application process. A copy of the publicly posted DRAFT application can be found at this link: [hhhap-round-6-application-template.pdf](#)

The only written public comments received to date included a person with lived experience of homelessness requesting information on how to get more involved and a request to increase and promote utilization of SB4 opportunities – Affordable Housing on Faith Lands Act. Staff plan to incorporate the SB4 comment into planned Action 12 in the current draft – *“Co-facilitate local affordable housing pipeline and housing preservation meetings with developers and public agencies, including efforts to track progress on RHNA goals and securing prohousing designation status from CA HCD for more jurisdictions within the County.”*

Staff are seeking approval from the CoC Policy Board to submit the HHAP-6 funding application on or before the August 29, 2025, application deadline. The final application submission will incorporate additional substantive feedback received from the CoC Policy Board, the County Board of Supervisors at their August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, and any additional public comments received.

### Suggested Motion

I move to direct staff to submit the HHAP-6 funding application on or before the application deadline that incorporates any additional substantive feedback or recommended changes received on or before August 20, 2025.

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## Lived Expertise Workgroup Updates 3: General Updates and Report Back on National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference

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### LEAB Updates:

- **Professional Development Events**
  - Starting in August 2025, LEAB will receive ongoing Equity focused training.
  - Starting in September 2025, LEAB will receive ongoing professional development training every other month on various topics. Training topics will be finalized at their August board meeting.
- **NAEH Conference**
  - Four LEAB members attended the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) conference in Washington, D.C. at the end of June. Reflections will be shared at the August Policy Board meeting.
- **Projects**
  - At their July board meeting, LEAB received an introduction to the Behavioral Health 2026-2029 Community Planning Process from Karen Kern. LEAB will discuss how they'd like to be involved in this project at their August board meeting. LEAB's participation will ensure that people with lived experience are included in planning for the behavioral health system.
  - LEAB will continue to accept external project requests through its [online form](#), supporting community partners seeking lived experience input.
  - The board is beginning to scope its own project: hosting regular person peer-led workshops and peer support groups for people experiencing homelessness. LEAB will work with community partners to highlight housing and supportive service resources for the unhoused community.
  - Rosie Garcia, LEAB co-chair, has been participating in the Prevention and Resources Workgroup for the City of Watsonville Homelessness Strategic Plan. This workgroup is working to compile a comprehensive and updated list of resources countywide for people at risk of homelessness or experiencing homelessness.
  - Manuel Caceres, LEAB Policy Board Liaison, has attended recent Housing Matters Lived Experience Advisory Group (LEAG) and Neighbor to Neighbor meetings. Potential for future collaboration between LEAB, YLEAB, and LEAG.

- Lisa Bordenave continues to serve as the Operations Committee Liaison, attending meetings every other month.
- LEAB members are planning a bonding event in August.

#### **YLEAB Updates:**

- **Professional Development Events**

- Starting in August 2025, YLEAB will receive ongoing Equity focused training.
- Starting in September 2025, YLEAB will receive ongoing professional development training every other month on various topics. Training topics will be finalized at their August board meeting.

- **NAEH Conference**

- Two YLEAB members attended the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) conference in Washington, D.C. at the end of June. Reflections will be shared at the August Policy Board meeting.

- **Recruitment**

- Recruitment continues for two remaining open seats. Current board members are actively leading outreach and interviews with prospective candidates, helping shape the future direction and makeup of the board. Please help advertise this opportunity to youth with lived experience. The group aims to onboard new members by the September or October YLEAB meetings.
- At their July board meeting, YLEAB developed a new member onboarding checklist to help ensure a smooth transition for incoming members.

- **Projects**

- YLEAB will receive an introduction to the Behavioral Health 2026-2029 Community Planning Process at their August meeting. YLEAB participation will ensure that youth perspectives are represented in behavioral health planning.
- YLEAB will continue to accept external project requests through its [online form](#), supporting community partners seeking lived experience input.
- YLEAB members are planning a bonding event in August.
- Kyro Saad (YLEAB member) continues to serve as the Operations Committee Liaison, attending meetings every other month, and YHDP Collaborative Liaison, attending meetings every month.

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## Information Items 4 - 6

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### **4. 2025 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Report Release**

The release of the 2025 PIT Count report is scheduled to occur the first or second week of August. The report will get distributed via the Housing for Health e-newsletter and posted on the Housing for Health partnership website. A press release will also be distributed.

### **5. Construction Starts on Three Interim Housing Projects**

Three interim housing projects launched construction since the last CoC Policy Board meeting. CFSC, Inc. began construction of a new 11-unit youth transitional housing project at 2716 Freedom Blvd. The project is scheduled to be completed in December 2026 and the Bill Wilson Center will be the operator of the site. The project is supported with funding from Homekey Round 3, County general funds, and HHAP youth set-aside funding.

The County began construction of a 32-bed behavioral health bridge low-barrier navigation center project at 2202 Soquel Avenue. Once completed, Housing Matters will operate the site in partnership with County Behavioral Health. The project is scheduled to be completed some time between January and March 2026. The project is supported with Behavioral Health Bridge Housing, Whole Person Care Housing, and County general funds.

Monterey County in partnership with Dignity Moves began construction of a 34-bed low-barrier navigation center project at the Westview Presbyterian Church at 118 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Watsonville. Once completed, the Community Action Board will be the operator. The project is supported with Monterey County encampment resolution grant funding, Monterey County HHAP funding, and County of Santa Cruz general fund dollars.

All these projects are supported with one-time funding. Current funding available can sustain these projects for 2-5 years, depending on the site. Sustaining these projects will require establishing and expanding Medi-Cal reimbursable services as well as advocacy for stable local, state, and federal funding.

### **6. Santa Cruz Inn Acquisition**

With support from the City and County of Santa Cruz, Housing Matters was able to acquire the Santa Cruz Inn, a 20-unit motel, at 2950 Soquel Avenue in an unincorporated area of the County. The acquisition was supported by City of Santa Cruz Encampment Resolution funding, Measure K funding from the County, and private funding secured by Housing Matters. The acquisition was supported as an alternative to leasing motel/hotel rooms in the private sector with one-time funding. The site will be utilized as an interim housing resource for clients struggling with behavioral health issues experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the City of Santa Cruz through at least December 2029. Housing Matters is working to have the site ready for utilization in October 2026 with an estimated initial capacity of 20-30 beds. Funding for site operations will come from the City of Santa Cruz encampment resolution grant, Behavioral Health Bridge housing funds, and Medi-Cal reimbursement for services provided.



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## **Report and Discussion Items 7-8**

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### **7. “System Map” Initial DRAFT for Review and Comment**

Per direction from the CoC Policy Board, staff created a “map” of current programs that are part of the Housing for Health Partnership network. The document includes a list of programs in six categories: (1) Homelessness Prevention; (2) Interim Housing; (3) Rapid Rehousing; (4) Permanent Supportive Housing; (5) Street Outreach; and (6) Supportive Services. Programs that enter data into HMIS or that have an existing agreement (contract or MOU) with the Housing for Health Division were included in the document. Projects serving people experiencing homelessness that do not participate in HMIS or have an agreement with the Housing for Health Division were not included in this document.

The document outlines target populations, capacity, funding sources, and funding status for each program as of July 2025. Many of the programs listed currently rely on one-time and unstable funding sources to support their activities.

The item is on the agenda for information sharing and discussion.

#### **Attachment**

Housing for Health Partnership “System” Map

### **8. HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) and White Housing Executive Order Update and Discussion**

The HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) federal funding process shifted from an annual to two-year application cycle during the Biden administration. Under the Trump administration, HUD recently announced they do not plan to honor the two-year cycle and will require a competitive application process this year. Santa Cruz County currently receives over \$7.7M per year in HUD CoC funding. Entities receiving CoC funds will likely need to participate in another funding application cycle unless federal plans change. A slide presentation included in the Board packet provides additional information about these changes.

On July 24, 2025, the White House issued an executive order, entitled “Ending Crime and Disorder on America’s Streets” that proposed dramatic changes in federal policies and approaches to addressing homelessness. A copy of the executive order is included in the Board packet.

This item is on the agenda for information sharing and discussion.

#### **Attachments**

HUD FY 2025 CoC YHDP Update

Ending Crime and Disorder on America’s Streets – the White House

*Housing for Health Partnership "System" Map - July 2025- Homelessness Prevention*

Organization	Project Name	Project Type	Target Population(s)	Funding Source(s)	Funding Status Notes	PIT Capacity	Annual Capacity
The Hub for Sustainable Living - Tenant Sanctuary	Legal Services	Prevention - Legal	Housed, at-risk of eviction, tenant right violations	County general fund	Annual budget cycle, unstable	5	50
Human Services Department	Home Safe	Prevention - financial assistance	Adult protective services clients, at-risk of or currently experiencing homelessness	CDSS - Home Safe Grant	Annual state budget cycle, unstable	2	20
Community Action Board	Housing Assistance Fund	Prevention - financial assistance	At-risk of or currently experiencing homelessness	Mixed (General Fund, HHAP, HUD CoC, BHBH)	Annual dollar amount fluctuates	4	40
Community Action Board	South County Homelessness Prevention	Prevention - legal, financial assistance, services	At-risk of homelessness, south County	County general fund	Three-year funding commitment	3	30

Housing for Health Partnership "System" Map - July 2025- Interim Housing

Organization	Project Name	Project Type	Target Population(s)	Location	Funding Source(s)	Funding Status Notes	Total Units	Estimated Beds
Housing Matters	Housing Matters Shelter Services (Loft)	Emergency Shelter	Homeless adults	Santa Cruz	PLHA, County General Fund, HHAP	State funding declining (PLHA, HHAP)	40 pallet, 1 congregate	57
Housing Matters	Rebele Family Shelter	Emergency Shelter	Homeless families	Santa Cruz	CalWorks HSP, CalWorks emergency housing, private funds	Declining private and state funds	27	87
Housing Matters	Recuperative Care/Short-Term Post Hospitalization Housing	Emergency Shelter	Health care system referred and need; homeless adults	Santa Cruz	Central California Alliance for Health (Medi-Cal)	Stable through December 2026; then unknown	22	32
Association of Faith Communities (AFC)	North County Faith Community Rotating Shelter	Emergency Shelter	Homeless adults	Santa Cruz / Unincorporated	County General Fund, HHAP interest	State funding declining (HHAP)	Congregate, rotating sites	16
Association of Faith Communities (AFC)	South County Faith Community Rotating Shelter	Emergency Shelter	Homeless adults	Watsonville / Unincorporated	County General Fund, HHAP interest	State funding declining (HHAP)	Congregate, rotating sites	19
Pajaro Valley Shelter Services (PVSS)	PVSS - Emergency Shelter	Emergency Shelter	Homeless families	Watsonville	Private funding	Unknown	5	30
Pajaro Valley Shelter Services (PVSS)	PVSS - 1-Year Transitional Housing	Transitional Housing	Homeless families	Watsonville	Private funding	Unknown	2	16
Pajaro Valley Shelter Services (PVSS)	PVSS - 2-Year Transitional Housing	Transitional Housing	Homeless families	Watsonville	Private funding	Unknown	13	64
Front St.	Paget Center	Emergency Shelter	Homeless veterans	Santa Cruz	VA: Contract Residential Services	Stable	14	14
Siena House	Siena House	Emergency Shelter	Homeless mothers, prenatal, infant children	Santa Cruz	Private funding	Unknown	8	8
Monarch Services	Mariposa House	Emergency Shelter	Domestic violence survivors	Watsonville	DV funding, private funding	Unknown	7	19
People First	Armory Shelter	Emergency Shelter	Homeless, city of santa cruz referral	Santa Cruz	City of Santa Cruz General Fund, County General Fund	Unknown	Congregate	60
Families In Transition	YHDP Young Adults Achieving Success Transitional Housing	Transitional Housing	Homeless youth, preference for families	Mixed	HUD YHDP CoC	Stable but generally fixed funding	3	5
Bill Wilson Center	Shared Housing/Host Homes for Youth	Transitional Housing	Homeless youth	Unincorporated	HUD YHDP CoC	Stable but generally fixed funding	7	7
Housing Matters	Santa Cruz Inn	Emergency Hotel Program	Homeless, behavioral health, encampments (during grant funded period), City of Santa Cruz unsheltered	Unincorporated	City of Santa Cruz Encampment Resolution Grant, BHBH, County Genral Fund, Medi-Cal	One-time funding to launch; unstable long-term funding	20	30
Housing Matters	Bridge Housing	Low-Barrier Navigation Center	Homeless, behavioral health, CARE Act preference	Unincorporated	BHBH, County General Fund, Medi-Cal	One-time funding to launch; unstable long-term funding	32	32
Community Action Board	Recurso de Fuerza	Low-Barrier Navigation Center	Homeless, Pajaro river encampment (during grant funded period), unsheltered south county (Santa Cruz), north county (Monterey - during grant period)	Watsonville	County of Monterey Encampment Resolution Grant, HHIP, County General Fund, Medi-Cal	One-time funding to launch; unstable long-term funding	34	34

**Housing for Health Partnership "System" Map - July 2025- Rapid Rehousing (RRH)**

Organization	Project Name	Project Type	Target Population(s)	Funding Source(s)	Funding Status Notes	Housing Type	Total Units	Estimated Beds
Families In Transition	ESG Rapid Rehousing	Rapid Rehousing	Homeless families	ESG	Ending	Scattered-site	2	8
Families In Transition	HUD First Step Scattered Site for Families with Children	Rapid Rehousing	Homeless families	HUD CoC	Stable, annual renewals, service dollars generally do not grow over time	Scattered-site	7	25
Families In Transition	YHDP Young Adults Achieving Success (YAAS) Transitional Housing	Rapid Rehousing	Homeless youth, families	HUD CoC	Stable, annual renewals, service dollars generally do not grow over time	Scattered-site	8	22
Families In Transition	CHAMP Collaborative	Rapid Rehousing	CalWorks families	CDSS CalWorks Housing Support Program (HSP)	Annual renewals, unstable allocations	Scattered-site	22	68
Housing Matters	Bringing Families Home (BFH)	Rapid Rehousing (Transition to PSH)	Child welfare involved families, experiencing homelessness	CDSS Bringing Families Home, CalAIM Medi-Cal	Unstable, unpredictable state funding allocations, Medi-Cal revenue possible but not fully in place	Scattered-site	27	59
Housing Matters	Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP)	Rapid Rehousing (Transition to PSH)	Homeless, disabled, without disability benefits	CDSS HDAP, CalAIM Medi-Cal	Unstable, unpredictable state funding allocations, Medi-Cal revenue possible but not fully in place	Scattered-site	27	27
Housing Matters	ESG Rapid Rehousing	Rapid Rehousing	Homeless adults	ESG	Ending	Scattered-site	4	4
Housing Matters	Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)	Rapid Rehousing	Homeless veterans - adults, families	VA	Stable	Scattered-site	24	30
Nation's Finest	Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)	Rapid Rehousing	Homeless veterans - adults, families	VA	Stable	Scattered-site	21	29
Bill Wilson Center	YHDP Rapid Rehousing	Rapid Rehousing	Homeless youth	HUD CoC	Stable	Scattered-site	9	10
Monarch Services	Monarch Rapid Rehousing	Rapid Rehousing	DV survivors	HUD CoC	Stable	Scattered-site	9	23
Walnut Avenue Family and Women's Center	Rapid Rehousing	Rapid Rehousing	DV survivors	HUD CoC	Stable	Scattered-site	8	25

**Housing for Health Partnership "System" Map - July 2025- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)**

Organization	Project Name	Project Type	Target Population(s)	Funding Source(s)	Funding Status Notes	Housing Type	Total Units	Estimated Beds
Housing Matters	Casa Azul	PSH	HUD chronically homeless, preference for those with history of using recuperative care	Homekey Round 2, HUD CoC grant, tenant rent, CalAIM	Federal CoC funding cuts proposed.	Single-site building	7	7
Housing Matters	HUD Unsheltered NOFO	PSH	HUD chronically homeless, preference for those with barriers accessing Housing Authority programs	HUD CoC unsheltered NOFO grant	Federal CoC funding cuts proposed.	Scattered, multi-site	13	13
County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency (HPHP, Front St.)	MATCH	PSH	HUD chronically homeless	HUD CoC grant	Federal CoC funding cuts proposed.	Scattered, multi-site, master-leased units	40	44
Eden Housing	Nuevo Sol	PSH	HUD homeless, referrals from Homeless Persons Health Project	Housing Authority Project Based Vouchers	Federal Housing Authority cuts proposed	Single-site building	11	12
Housing Authority of County of Santa Cruz	Shelter Plus Care	PSH	HUD chronically homeless	HUD CoC grant	Federal CoC funding cuts proposed.	Scattered, multi-site	44	50
Pajaro Valley Shelter Services	PVSS-Long Term Housing for Families	PSH	Homeless families	Private funding		Building-based	6	26
Housing Authority of County of Santa Cruz	VASH	PSH	Homeless veterans	Housing Authority dedicated VASH funding	No cuts to program anticipated, VA service cuts anticipated	Scattered, multi-site	319	319
Housing Authority of County of Santa Cruz	Disabled Medically Vulnerable (DMV)	PSH	Homeless, disabled	Housing Authority set-aside program	Federal Housing Authority cuts proposed	Scattered, multi-site	132	198
Housing Authority of County of Santa Cruz	Stability Vouchers	PSH	Homeless, disabled	Housing Authority special federal program	Federal Housing Authority cuts proposed	Scattered, multi-site	40	57
Housing Authority of County of Santa Cruz	Homeless Families with Minor Children	PSH	Homeless families	Housing Authority set-aside program	Federal Housing Authority cuts proposed	Scattered, multi-site	41	125
Housing Authority of County of Santa Cruz	Brommer Street	PSH	Homeless families, disabled	Housing Authority property with project-based subsidies	Federal Housing Authority cuts proposed	Single-site building	6	15
Housing Authority of County of Santa Cruz	Family Unification Program	PSH	Child-welfare involved families and youth	Housing Authority special federal program	Federal Housing Authority cuts proposed	Scattered, multi-site	189	472
Housing Authority of County of Santa Cruz	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	PSH	Homeless	Housing Authority special federal program	EHV funds expected to run-out December 2026	Scattered, multi-site	266	517
Front Street	Supported Housing	PSH	Behavioral health clients	Behavioral Health Services Act	Cuts anticipated due to declines in behavioral health funding	Scattered, multi-site, master-leased units	56	60
Front Street	Willowbrook Residential Care	Licensed adult residential	Behavioral health clients	County behavioral health dollars, Medicaid	Cuts anticipated due to declines in behavioral health funding	Single-site building	17	34
Front Street	Willowbrook Residential Care-2	Licensed residential care for the elderly	Behavioral health clients	County behavioral health dollars, Medicaid	Cuts anticipated due to declines in behavioral health funding	Single-site building	3	6

*Includes programs participating in HMIS and those with formal agreements - contracts/MOUs with H4H Division*

***Housing for Health Partnership "System" Map - July 2025- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)***

Organization	Project Name	Project Type	Target Population(s)	Funding Source(s)	Funding Status Notes	Housing Type	Total Units	Estimated Beds
Front Street	Front Street Residential Care (county-owned property)	Licensed adult residential	Behavioral health clients	County behavioral health dollars, Medicaid	Cuts anticipated due to declines in behavioral health funding	Single-site building	23	47
Front Street	Wheelock Residential Care (county-owned property)	Licensed adult residential	Behavioral health clients	County behavioral health dollars, Medicaid, Community Care Expansion grant (1x)	Cuts anticipated due to declines in behavioral health funding	Single-site building	8	16
Front Street	Drake Residential Care Home (Monterey County)	Licensed residential care for the elderly	Behavioral health clients	County behavioral health dollars, Medicaid	Cuts anticipated due to declines in behavioral health funding	Single-site building	1	2
Montecito Manor	Montecito Manor	Licensed residential care for the elderly	Behavioral health clients	County behavioral health dollars, Medicaid	Cuts anticipated due to declines in behavioral health funding	Single-site building	20	40
CFSC, Inc.	Lotus Apartments	PSH	Behavioral health clients, transition age youth	Housing Authority subsidies, behavioral health services	Potential cuts in behavioral health and Housing Authority funding	Single-site building	12	12
MidPen Housing	Bienestar Plaza	PSH	Behavioral health+ homeless; Medi-Cal + homeless	Housing Authority subsidies, behavioral health services	Potential cuts in behavioral health and Housing Authority funding	Single-site building	15	15
MidPen Housing	Sparrow Terrace	PSH	Behavioral health + homeless	Housing Authority subsidies, behavioral health services	Potential cuts in behavioral health and Housing Authority funding	Single-site building	6	6
MidPen Housing	Jessie Street	PSH	Homeless veterans, Behavioral health + homeless	Housing Authority subsidies, behavioral health services	Potential cuts in behavioral health and Housing Authority funding	Single-site building	35	35
MidPen Housing	Aptos Blue	PSH	Behavioral health + homeless	Housing Authority subsidies, behavioral health services	Potential cuts in behavioral health and Housing Authority funding	Single-site building	5	5
Eden Housing	Tabasa Gardens	PSH	Behavioral health + homeless	Housing Authority subsidies, behavioral health services	Potential cuts in behavioral health and Housing Authority funding	Single-site building	6	6
Abode	Resetar Residential Hotel	PSH	Behavioral health + homeless, homeless veterans, homeless	Housing Authority subsidies, behavioral health services	Potential cuts in behavioral health, Housing Authority	Single-site building	90	90
Pacific Housing, Inc.	Cedar Street Apartments	PSH	Homeless families; homeless + disabled; homeless veterans	Housing Authority subsidies, state-funding for services	Potential cuts in behavioral health, Housing Authority, and state funding	Single-site building	17	21



Housing for Health Partnership "System" Map - July 2025- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

Organization	Project Name	Project Type	Target Population(s)	Funding Source(s)	Funding Status Notes	Housing Type	Total Units	Estimated Beds
Vets Hall Board of Trustees	Veterans	PSH	Homeless veterans	Housing Authority subsidies, VA services	Potential VA service cuts	Single-site building	5	7
Housing Matters	Harvey West Studios	PSH	Behavioral health + homeless; HUC hronically homeless; homeless with disability and no disability income	Housing Authority subsidies, behavioral health services, HDAP subsidies, Medi-Cal, HUD CoC grants	Potential cuts in behavioral health, Housing Authority, and CoC funding	Single-site building	120	120
Novin Development	Park Haven Plaza	PSH	Homeless families, homeless veterans, homeless youth	Housing Authority subsidies, county/state funding for services	Potential cuts in county/state dollars, Housing Authority	Single-site building	35	39

*Housing for Health Partnership "System" Map - July 2025- Street Outreach*

Organization	Project Name	Project Type	Target Population(s)	Funding Source(s)	Funding Status Notes	PIT Capacity	Annual Served Target
Housing Matters	Unincorporated Outreach	Street Outreach	Unsheltered, unincorporated areas	HHIP, CDBG	One-time grants expiring June 2026	60	220
Community Action Board	Watsonville Outreach	Street Outreach	Unsheltered, watsonville	HHIP, City of Watsonville, HHAP	Primarily one-time funding supporting	30	60
Front Street	Integrated Housing and Recovery Team (IHRT)	Street Outreach	Unsheltered, enrolled in BH	County BH, SAMHSA	Unstable federal funding, BH department deficits	60	120

Housing for Health Partnership "System" Map - July 2025- Supportive Services

Organization	Project Name	Project Type	Target Population(s)	Funding Source(s)	Funding Status Notes	PIT Capacity	Annual Served
Abode Services	Rehousing Wave	Supportive Services	Permanent Supportive Housing clients	CalAIM, HHAP	Unstable funding, state funding continues to decline	90	90
Abode Services	Real Estate Partnership	Landlord Engagement	Permanent Supportive Housing Landlord Engagement	HHAP, HNMP (Youth)	Unstable funding, state funding continues to decline	100	100
Housing Matters	Housing Now	Supportive Services	Permanent Supportive Housing clients	CalAIM, HHAP	Unstable funding, state funding continues to decline	90	90
Community Action Board	Housing Assistance Fund	Financial Assistance	Households at-risk or currently experiencing homelessness	General Fund, BHBH, HHAP	Unstable and one-time state funding	5	250
Association of Faith Communities	Safe Parking (North and South)	Safe Parking	Unhoused individuals living in their vehicles	General Fund, HHAP	Unstable and declining state funding	60	120
Community Action Board	Housing navigation and case management services for youth	Supportive Services	Homeless youth, focus on those eligible for FUP vouchers	THP/HNMP	Unstable state funding, allocations declining	40	40
Housing Authority	Risk Mitigation, Incentives	Financial Assistance	Formerly homeless individuals/families receiving a Housing Authority voucher	HHAP, HNMP (Youth)	Unstable state funding, allocation declining	N/A	138
County of Santa Cruz - Housing for Health	PSH Services	Supportive Services	Permanent Supportive Housing clients	County general fund, MAA	Stable funding	40	60
County of Santa Cruz - Housing for Health	Connector Services	Supportive Services	Targeted street outreach to high-need unsheltered clients	County general fund, MAA	Stable funding	20	40
Bill Wilson Center	Connector Services	Supportive Services	Youth-focused coordinated entry connection services	HUD	Historically stable funding	10	20
Encompass Community Services	Connector Services	Supportive Services	Clients enrolled in other Encompass programs	Medi-Cal	Medi-Cal funding changes may impact capacity	40	60
Families in Transition	Connector Services	Supportive Services	Families experiencing homelessness	CalWorks, HUD funding	Federal and state budget cuts may impact	20	40
Homeless Persons Health Project (HPHP)	Connector Services	Supportive Services	HPHP clients	FQHC/federal funding and Medi-Cal	Federal funding and Medi-Cal cuts may impact	15	30
Homeless Garden Project	Connector Services	Supportive Services	Internal Garden Project clients	Primarily private funding	Depending on fundraising/fund development	15	30
Santa Cruz Community Health	Connector Services	Supportive Services	Internal clients	FQHC/federal funding and Medi-Cal	Federal funding and Medi-Cal cuts may impact	90	180
Housing Matters	Drop-In Services (Mail, Hygiene, Phone Charging, etc.)	Supportive Services	Unsheltered individuals (currently no screening in/out)	Primarily private funding, CalWorks, County general fund, HHAP	Primarily supported with private funding, reductions in CalWorks and HHAP funding could impact	Not defined	860
Miracle Messages	Santa Cruz Project (Reunification, volunteer mentors, basic income pilot)	Supportive Services	Individuals participating in coordinated entry	HUD CoC	Historically stable funding	Not defined	43
United Way	Coordinated Entry Information and Connection Hub	Supportive Services	Phone, online, and follow-up services for those experiencing or at-risk of homelessness	HUD CoC	Historically stable funding	Not defined	1,200
People First	RV Safe Parking	Safe Parking	Safe parking program for individuals living in RVs (City of Santa Cruz)	One-time state funding, City of Santa Cruz funds	One-time state funding not continuing; long-term funding status unclear	15	30
People First	Safe Sleeping- Armory	Safe Sleeping	Safe sleeping program at the National Guard Armory for unsheltered individuals referred by City of Santa Cruz staff	One-time state funding, City of Santa Cruz funds	One-time state funding not continuing; long-term funding status unclear	75	150
City of Santa Cruz	1220 River Street	Safe Sleeping	Safe sleeping program supported by City of Santa Cruz staff for unsheltered individuals working with a case manager	One-time state funding, City of Santa Cruz funds	One-time state funding not continuing; long-term funding status unclear	30	60



# **CoC & YHDP Funding Update**

August 6, 2025, Policy Board Meeting

# 2024 CoC/YHDP Competition Recap

- HUD made funding announcements on FY2024 awards in January 2025
- Awards for projects submitted in October 2024
- The CoC was awarded a total of \$7,712,851 in renewal and new projects
  - A 21% increase from FY2023  
*(Includes special for Unsheltered NOFO funding for both years)*
- Most renewals received an FMR increase
- Renewals also receive a COLA for Supportive Services, HMIS, and Admin

# Summary of 2024 CoC/YHDP Projects Awarded

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Project Type	CoC Renewal	CoC New	YHDP Renewals	Total
PSH	\$4,137,345			\$4,137,345
RRH	\$793,443	\$76,717	\$512,986	\$1,383,146
TH-RRH	\$656,587		\$316,274	\$972,861
TH/Host Homes			\$164,372	\$164,372
SSO			\$389,169	\$389,169
CES	\$243,596		\$63,818	\$307,414
HMIS	\$71,387			\$71,387
CoC Planning		\$287,157		\$287,157
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,254,248</b>	<b>\$363,874</b>	<b>\$1,446,619</b>	<b>\$7,712,851</b>



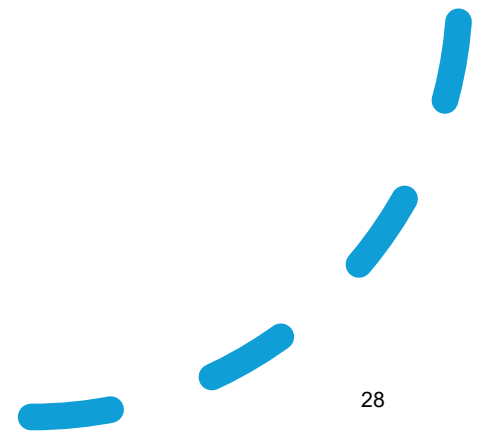
# 2024 CoC Scoring


Scoring Category	Maximum Points	Santa Cruz 2023 Points	Santa Cruz 2024 Points
Coordination & Engagement–Inclusive Structure/Participation	5	5	5
Coordination & Engagement–Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private & Other Organizations	28	27	26
Coordination and Engagement–Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private & Other Organizations (cont.)	51	41	50
Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking–Local Competition	28	25	27.5
HMIS-Implementation	9	6	5
Point-in-Time (PIT) Count	5	5	5
System Performance	60	47	37.5
Coordination with Housing and Healthcare	14	7	14
<b>Total Score</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>170</b>
<i>Median Score Nationally</i>			151.5
<i>Highest Score Nationally</i>			185.5
<i>Lowest Score Nationally</i>			54.5 <sup>27</sup>

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## Key Areas for Improvement

- HMIS - bed coverage has gaps
- System performance – problems with some performance measures
- These are mainly data issues – cannot write our way to a higher score





# Updated on 2025 NOFO

Wait, Weren't We Supposed to  
Have Year Off?



# What About the Two- Year NOFO

- In the 2024 Competition, HUD published a “2-Year’ NOFO
- Our understanding (at that time):
  - There would be no overall CoC application, and no national CoC competition
  - HUD would provide “some” type of mechanism for CoCs to indicate projects that needed to be renewed for their 2026-2027 grant terms, or perhaps reallocated
  - Apparently no CoC or DV bonus opportunities
  - Unclear if HUD would automatically renew projects, or if the CoC or applicants would have to submit something
- As 2025 rolled around, we were awaiting/anticipating more information on how projects would be renewed for their 2026-2027 terms
- The only due date we had to work with at that time was a late August due date

# Steps the the H4HP Policy Board Has Taken

- At the June 18 meeting, the H4HP Policy Board agreed to today's special meeting
- This was in part to make any policy decisions needed to respond to the then-expected HUD direction or “mechanism” on submitting renewal and new projects for the 2026-27 cycle

# What Has Changed?

- On July 3, the HUD Secretary issued an email communicating that HUD intends to release an FY2025 NOFO
- The CoC will have to carry out the annual process and prepare the community-wide CoC Application narrative that serves as the basis for scoring; HUD hints that the *scoring* will have a focus on CoC plans and actions around:
  - Treatment and recovery
  - Reducing unsheltered homelessness
  - Reducing returns to homelessness
  - Increasing earned income of participants
- HUD's email also hints at there being an opportunity for *new project funding* for:
  - Street outreach programs
  - Transitional housing programs
- No additional details are currently available although it seems clear that the expected late August “mechanism” for the 2026-27 cycle is now off and that HUD will release the FY2025 NOFO sometime later; we will keep you posted



# Wait, There is More!

- On July 24, the President issued the “Ending Crime and Disorder on America’s Streets” executive order
- Reveals more about the Administration and HUD’s strategy
- Calls for committing to long-term institutions persons with severe mental illness or substance use disorder, or “who are living on the streets and cannot take care of themselves”
- Prioritizes discretionary funding to communities that:
  - Enforce laws against public drug use, camping, “loitering,” and squatting
  - Require outpatient treatment or civil commitment to long-term facilities
  - Increase registration/public notification of sheltered sex offenders
  - Eschew Housing First, “broaden” the applicant pool, and meet higher standards for reducing homelessness and increasing public safety

# Wait, There is More! (cont.)

- Require recipients of “housing and homelessness assistance” to:
  - Condition assistance on willingness to participate in treatment
  - Prosecute agencies that operate drug injection or safe consumption sites
  - Disclose participant health information to law enforcement
- No additional details are currently available regarding which programs – CoC, ESG, HUD housing, other federal homelessness funding – are impacted; how exactly these provisions will be included in federal regulations, the CoC NOFO, other funding processes, federal contracts, and enforcement.
- This could further delay the CoC NOFO; we will keep you posted

# Looking Toward 2026 CoC and Other Funding

## House Appropriations Bill:

- \$4.158 billion for Homeless Assistance, including:
  - \$3.858 billion – Continuum of Care (CoC) only for renewals and reallocations
  - No new domestic violence or CoC bonuses
  - No new permanent housing
  - No new YHDP
  - \$290 million – Emergency Solutions Grants
  - Does not reinstate 2-year CoC
- No new new HUD VASH vouchers
- \$3.3 billion – CDBG
- No new HOME Partnership

## Senate Appropriations Bill:

- \$4.53 billion for Homeless Assistance, including:
  - \$4.023 billion – Continuum of Care
  - \$52 million new domestic violence bonus
  - \$290 million – Emergency Solutions Grants
  - \$100 million – new permanent housing
  - \$107 million – new YHDP
  - Reinstates 2-year CoC NOFO 2026 -2027
- \$15 million – new HUD VASH vouchers
- \$3.1 billion – CDBG
- \$1.25 billion – HOME Partnership

# Next Steps for 2025 CoC NOFO & Advocacy

- Suggest waiting till HUD issues the 2025 NOFO and information before deciding on any local steps, funding priorities, and timeline
- Consider sending out regular updates to CoC/YHDP applicants
- Advocacy suggestions (in line with the National Alliance to End Homelessness):
  - 2025:
    - Support Housing First and Harm Reduction approaches
    - Support 2025 new project opportunities for PSH and RRH (not street outreach and transitional housing)
    - Oppose forced institutionalization
    - Oppose conditioning housing/services on accepting treatment
    - Oppose required health data sharing with law enforcement
    - Reinstate 2-year NOFO
  - 2026:
    - Support Senate (not House) version of 2026 appropriations bill

PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS

ENDING CRIME AND DISORDER ON AMERICA'S STREETS

Executive Orders

July 24, 2025

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose and Policy. Endemic vagrancy, disorderly behavior, sudden confrontations, and violent attacks have made our cities unsafe. The number of individuals living on the streets in the United States on a single night during the last year of the previous administration — 274,224 — was the highest ever recorded. The overwhelming majority of these individuals are addicted to drugs, have a mental health condition, or both. Nearly two-thirds of homeless individuals report having regularly used hard drugs like methamphetamines, cocaine, or opioids in their lifetimes. An equally large share of homeless individuals reported suffering from mental health conditions. The Federal Government and the States have spent tens of billions of dollars on failed programs that address homelessness but not its root causes, leaving other citizens vulnerable to public safety threats.

Shifting homeless individuals into long-term institutional settings for humane treatment through the appropriate use of civil commitment will restore public order. Surrendering our cities and citizens to disorder and fear is neither compassionate to the homeless nor other citizens. My Administration will take a new approach focused on protecting public safety.

Sec. 2. Restoring Civil Commitment. (a) The Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall take appropriate action to:

- (i) seek, in appropriate cases, the reversal of Federal or State judicial precedents and the termination of consent decrees that impede the United States' policy of encouraging civil commitment of individuals with mental illness who pose risks to themselves or the public or are living on the streets and cannot care for themselves in appropriate facilities for appropriate periods of time; and
- (ii) provide assistance to State and local governments, through technical guidance, grants, or other legally available means, for the identification, adoption, and implementation of maximally flexible civil commitment, institutional treatment, and "step-down" treatment standards that allow for the appropriate commitment and treatment of individuals with mental illness who pose a danger to others or are living on the streets and cannot care for themselves.

Sec. 3. Fighting Vagrancy on America's Streets. (a) The Attorney General, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and the Secretary of Transportation shall take immediate steps to assess their discretionary grant programs and determine whether priority for those grants may be given to grantees in States and municipalities that actively meet the below criteria, to the maximum extent permitted by law:

- (i) enforce prohibitions on open illicit drug use;
- (ii) enforce prohibitions on urban camping and loitering;
- (iii) enforce prohibitions on urban squatting;
- (iv) enforce, and where necessary, adopt, standards that address individuals who are a danger to themselves or others and suffer from serious mental illness or substance use disorder, or who are living on the streets and cannot care for themselves, through assisted outpatient treatment or by moving them into treatment centers or other appropriate facilities via civil commitment or other available means, to the maximum extent permitted by law; or
- (v) substantially implement and comply with, to the extent required, the registration and notification obligations of the Sex Offender Registry and Notification Act, particularly in the case of registered sex offenders with no fixed address, including by adequately mapping and checking the location of homeless sex offenders.

(b) The Attorney General shall:

- (i) ensure that homeless individuals arrested for Federal crimes are evaluated, consistent with 18 U.S.C. 4248, to determine whether they are sexually dangerous persons and certified accordingly for civil commitment;

- (ii) take all necessary steps to ensure the availability of funds under the Emergency Federal Law Enforcement Assistance program to support, as consistent with 34 U.S.C. 50101 *et seq.*, encampment removal efforts in areas for which public safety is at risk and State and local resources are inadequate;
- (iii) assess Federal resources to determine whether they may be directed toward ensuring, to the extent permitted by law, that detainees with serious mental illness are not released into the public because of a lack of forensic bed capacity at appropriate local, State, and Federal jails or hospitals; and
- (iv) enhance requirements that prisons and residential reentry centers that are under the authority of the Attorney General or receive funding from the Attorney General require in-custody housing release plans and, to the maximum extent practicable, require individuals to comply.

Sec. 4. Redirecting Federal Resources Toward Effective Methods of Addressing Homelessness. (a) The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall take appropriate action to:

- (i) ensure that discretionary grants issued by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery fund evidence-based programs and do not fund programs that fail to achieve adequate outcomes, including so-called “harm reduction” or “safe consumption” efforts that only facilitate illegal drug use and its attendant harm;
- (ii) provide technical assistance to assisted outpatient treatment programs for individuals with serious mental illness or addiction during and after the civil commitment process focused on shifting such individuals off of the streets and public programs and into private housing and support networks; and
- (iii) ensure that Federal funds for Federally Qualified Health Centers and Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics reduce rather than promote homelessness by supporting, to the maximum extent permitted by law, comprehensive services for individuals with serious mental illness and substance use disorder, including crisis intervention services.

(b) The Attorney General shall prioritize available funding to support the expansion of drug courts and mental health courts for individuals for which such diversion serves public safety.

Sec. 5. Increasing Accountability and Safety in America’s Homelessness Programs. (a) The Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Housing and Urban



Development shall take appropriate actions to increase accountability in their provision of, and grants awarded for, homelessness assistance and transitional living programs. These actions shall include, to the extent permitted by law, ending support for “housing first” policies that deprioritize accountability and fail to promote treatment, recovery, and self-sufficiency; increasing competition among grantees through broadening the applicant pool; and holding grantees to higher standards of effectiveness in reducing homelessness and increasing public safety.

(b) The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall, as appropriate, take steps to require recipients of Federal housing and homelessness assistance to increase requirements that persons participating in the recipients’ programs who suffer from substance use disorder or serious mental illness use substance abuse treatment or mental health services as a condition of participation.

(c) With respect to recipients of Federal housing and homelessness assistance that operate drug injection sites or “safe consumption sites,” knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia, or permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control:

- (i) the Attorney General shall review whether such recipients are in violation of Federal law, including 21 U.S.C. 856, and bring civil or criminal actions in appropriate cases; and
- (ii) the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, in coordination with the Attorney General, shall review whether such recipients are in violation of the terms of the programs pursuant to which they receive Federal housing and homelessness assistance and freeze their assistance as appropriate.

(d) The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall take appropriate measures and revise regulations as necessary to allow, where permissible under applicable law, federally funded programs to exclusively house women and children and to stop sex offenders who receive homelessness assistance through such programs from being housed with unrelated children.

(e) The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall, as appropriate and to the extent permitted by law:

- (i) allow or require the recipients of Federal funding for homelessness assistance to collect health-related information that the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development identifies as necessary to the effective and efficient operation of the funding program from all persons to whom such assistance is provided; and



(ii) require those funding recipients to share such data with law enforcement authorities in circumstances permitted by law and to use the collected health data to provide appropriate medical care to individuals with mental health diagnoses or to connect individuals to public health resources.

Sec. 6. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

(d) The costs for publication of this order shall be borne by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

DONALD J. TRUMP

THE WHITE HOUSE,

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