



**San Luis Obispo
Countywide 10 Year
Plan to End
Homelessness**

*We envision a future
in which the housing
and comprehensive
services necessary to
remain housed are
available for all,
affording everyone
maximum self-
sufficiency, and the
opportunity to be
productive and
participating
members of our
community*

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
Emergency Meeting Agenda**

March 27, 2020, 1 p.m.

Physical Location: Room 101, Department of Social Services, 3433 S Higuera
Street, San Luis Obispo, CA

Members and the public may also participate by phone.

Call In Number: (717) 275-8940

PIN #: 798 2958

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Action/Information/Discussion
 - 3.1 Discussion Item: COVID-19 Emergency Homelessness Funding
 - 3.1.1 Action Item: Vote to designate the County as the Administrative Entity for the San Luis Obispo County Continuum of Care's (CoC-614) COVID-19 Emergency Homelessness Funding Allocation
 - 3.2 Discussion Item: Create an HSOC sub-committee to review and make recommendations on the best use of PLHA (Permanent Local Housing Allocation) funds over the next five years to address homeless needs in the county.
4. Adjournment

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
ACTION ITEM
March 27, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3.1.1

ITEM: Vote to designate the County as the Administrative Entity for the San Luis Obispo County Continuum of Care's (CoC-614) COVID-19 Emergency Homelessness Funding Allocation

ACTION REQUIRED:

Authorize the County of San Luis Obispo to serve as the Administrative Entity for the COVID-19 Emergency Homelessness Funding Grant.

SUMMARY NARRATIVE:

On March 17, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed SB 89, which was approved unanimously by the state Legislature. SB 89 authorized a total appropriation of up to \$1 billion to provide assistance to help fight the spread of COVID-19. On March 18, 2020, Governor Newsom's Administration allocated \$100 million in emergency funding from SB 89 to local governments to help protect this vulnerable population and reduce the spread of COVID-19 by safely getting individuals into shelter and providing immediate housing options.

On March 19, 2020, the California Homeless Coordinating and Finance Council (HCFC) released the [COVID-19 Emergency Homelessness Funding Grant Allocations](#). California's 13 largest cities, or cities that are also a county, will receive \$42,968,750, while the state's 58 counties will receive \$27,434,750 and California's 44 Continuum of Care will receive \$29,687,500.

On March 23, 2020, the HCFC sent out award letters. The County is eligible to receive up to \$265,896.53 from the County allocation. The San Luis Obispo County Continuum of Care is eligible to receive up to \$289,009.57. Combined, these two allocations would equal \$554,906.10.

Specifically, this funding is intended for investments into COVID-19 prevention and containment efforts for shelters, including, but not limited to, medically indicated services and supplies, such as testing and handwashing stations, and enhancements to existing shelter facilities. This will allow for proper social distancing and isolation to reduce the spread of COVID-19 among the homeless population. While eligible uses for funding are broad and should be determined based on the need of the jurisdiction, suggested uses include but are not limited to:

- Emergency Shelter Operations - furnishings, supplies, and equipment needed to maintain a sanitary shelter environment for clients and staff.
- Shelter Capacity - support for increasing shelter capacity and the acquisition of new shelters.

- Isolation Capacity- support for the acquisition/lease of hotels, motels, trailers, and other alternative isolation placements.
- Street Outreach - supplies and equipment needed to protect staff engaging with unsheltered people from COVID-19 and to meet the urgent physical needs of people experiencing homelessness.
- Transportation - support for the transportation of those experiencing homelessness to and from shelters and medical care.
- Staffing - support for additional staff for infectious disease preparedness and case management for clients.

The County of San Luis Obispo serves as the “Collaborative Applicant” for the San Luis Obispo Continuum of Care under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD’s) Continuum of Care program. In this role, the County administers and manages HUD Continuum of Care grant funding. The County is also the Administrative Entity under the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) grant, and the California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) grant.

This item requests that the HSOC vote to authorize the County to serve as the Administrative Entity for the funding that will be allocated under COVID-19 Emergency Homelessness Funding Grant to the San Luis Obispo County Continuum of Care, which is \$289,009.57.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of this item would clarify that the County would be responsible for the costs of applying for and administering the grants under these programs.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Staff recommend that this item be adopted.

3.2 Discussion Item: Create an HSOC sub-committee to review and make recommendations on the best use of PLHA (Permanent Local Housing Allocation) funds over the next five years to address homeless needs in the county.

Review the timeline for the PLHA submission:

- County to prepare draft recommendations for funding as a percentage of the 2020 annual allocation of \$872,000 and the projected 5-year total of \$5.2M by April 17th;
- County Administrators to review draft recommendations and draft application by April 30th;
- Draft application w/ funding percentage recommendations out for Public Comment from May 1st to May 28th;
- Modify PLHA application to include changes required from Public Comment period; and
- County's internal process for Board approval at their July 14, 2020 meeting¹ County to submit application before July 27, 2020.

Once PLHA application is accepted:

- Funding from HCD by October 2020;
- County plans to issue the NOFA for CDBG, HOME, ESG, Title 29, GFS, and PLHA in early September. This will get PLHA funds into our regular funding cycle; and
- If there is an immediate need for the PLHA we could go to the Board earlier than the regular cycle for the Action Plan which usually goes to the Board in April/May.

PLHA APPLICATION WORKBOOK

May include subawards to Administrative Entities as defined in HSC Section 50490(a)(1-3) that were awarded CESH program or HEAP funds for rental assistance
Rapid rehousing, rental assistance, navigation centers, emergency centers, and Accessibility modification in lower-income owner-occupied housing
Acquire/rehabilitate foreclosed/vacant homes/apts
Homeownership opportunities (including down payment)
Fiscal incentives to a city for housing, provided that the city has an equal amount of funding. PLHA shall be grant or low-interest loan to project.

		All activities related to affordable rental housing at 60% and below	All activities related to rental and ownership housing (including ADUs- must be long-term occupancy) to 150%	Matching portion of funds placed into Local or Regional Housing Trust Funds	Matching portions of funds available through the Low- and Mod-Income Housing Asset Fund pursuant to subdivision (d) of HSC Section 34176	Capitalized Reserves for Services connected to the preservation and creation of new Permanent supportive housing	Assisting persons who are experiencing or At risk of homelessness	5% Administration set-aside	Two or more local governments that receive PLHA funds may expend those \$ on jointly funded eligible projects	May use the flow of PLHA funds to incentivize private lender loans- Payment for Bonds	
	Percentage	10%	20%	30%			35%	5%			100%
Annual	\$ 872,502	\$ 87,250	\$ 174,500	\$ 261,751	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 305,376	\$ 43,625	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 872,502
5-year	\$ 5,235,012	\$ 523,501	\$ 1,047,002	\$ 1,570,504	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,832,254	\$ 261,751	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,235,012