

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL  
HSOC HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING  
AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021, 2pm-3:30pm  
Zoom Call**

| <b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>                                       | <b>STAFF &amp; GUESTS</b>                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Anne Robin<br>Anne Wyatt<br>Kathy McClenathen<br>Mark Lamore<br>Scott Smith |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Joanna Balsamo-Lillien<br>Ken Trigueiro<br>Marianne Kennedy | Abby Lassen<br>Dee Torres<br>George Solis<br>Kelsey Nocket<br>Laurel Weir<br>Leon Shordon<br>Molly Kern<br>Russ Francis<br>Sam Blakesley<br>Susan Warren<br>Tom Sherman<br>Tony Navarro<br>Yael Korin |
| <b>AGENDA ITEM</b>                                                          | <b>DISCUSSION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                             | <b>CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS</b>                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1. Call to Order and Introductions                                          | Scott called the meeting to order at 2:05pm and introductions were made.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2. Public Comment                                                           | Yael reported that the Los Osos Community Advisory Council's (LOCAC) Unhoused Residents Committee has been working to provide sanitary services to the population in the Los Osos encampment. Some people from the local community (separate to LOCAC) have been discussing a plan to relocate people to the El Chorro campground, and have brought the plan to the County Administrative Office and certain Supervisors. Yael cautioned that the El Chorro campground would be too far from the center of town where people need to be for essential purposes, so this would cause a lot of hardship for people. |                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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|                                              | George reported that the Department of Social Services released the RFP (Request for Proposals) for the State ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant) program for Fiscal Year 2021. Applications are due to the County on August 23 <sup>rd</sup> . An ad hoc Grant Review Committee will meet in early September to review applications. Recommendations from the Grant Review Committee will be reviewed by the full HSOC on September 15 <sup>th</sup> , then final recommendations will go to the Board of Supervisors on October 5 <sup>th</sup> . Eligible activities include street outreach, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, homelessness prevention and activities supporting the countywide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 3. Consent: Approval of Minutes              | Yael proposed a correction. In the Public Comment section, the minutes stated that People's Self Help Housing were providing services to the 20-30 people living in cars, trailers and encampments in Los Osos. It is in fact volunteers from Los Osos Community Advisory Council who are providing these services.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Anne Robin made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction proposed by Yael, seconded by Mark. The minutes were approved with all in favor, except for Scott who abstained as he was not present. |
| 4. Action/Information/Discussion             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 4.1 Discussion Item: 2022 County Action Plan | Tony presented on the Planning & Building Department's (Planning) 2022 Action Plan, which includes Federal ESG, HOME and CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funding. The NOFA will be released in the week commencing August 23 <sup>rd</sup> . Planning will also carry out a series of workshops to establish the needs that should be addressed through the various grant programs. Planning had previously required applicants to submit applications through ZoomGrants, but after experiencing problems with this, they are most likely going to require applicants to submit applications in the form of fillable PDF files.                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|                                                 | <p>October 25<sup>th</sup> is the application deadline for Action Plan grants. Recommendations will then go to HSOC, then to the Board of Supervisors. Separately, in October-November, the County will complete a review of CDBG applications from the cities. Planning will work more closely with City Councils in December-January to take recommendations on the share of funds made available to the cities (only CDBG funding is split up between jurisdictions in this way). This will be followed by a 30 day public review period.</p> <p>Also included is 35% of the FY20 PLHA (Permanent Local Housing Allocation) funding, in total estimated at around \$1.3 million for affordable housing. 50% of this funding will go to the local Housing Trust Fund, which then provides loans to other local groups with 1:1 match funding.</p> <p>The 2021 allocations from HUD (US Department of Housing &amp; Urban Development) contained an error, and there is an additional \$27,000 to be received. All funded projects have been pro-rated up; no new projects were created with the additional funding.</p> <p>Tony clarified that the formula used to allocate certain grants is HUD's formula for distributing CDBG funds at the national level. This formula is used by the County at the local level to determine how much each city receives, except for Grover Beach, which opted not to be part of the Urban County. The formula is based on population, overcrowding and poverty in each jurisdiction.</p> |  |
| 4.2 Discussion Item: Emergency Housing Vouchers | <p>Scott reported that HASLO (Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo) received an award of Emergency Housing Vouchers. These are available for homeless people, people at risk of homelessness, people fleeing domestic violence, and people fleeing human trafficking. HASLO has formed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the CoC (Continuum of Care) and other agencies they are taking referrals from. Many vouchers have been issued already. HASLO has created a landlords incentives program, including a \$4,000 signing bonus, plus</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |

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|                                                              | \$1,000 for each additional unit leased, in addition to rent collected. HASLO are aiming to lease all 156 vouchers by the end of the year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| 4.3 Discussion Item: Project Homekey                         | Laurel reported that the State has authorized a second round of Project Homekey, which provides funding for acquisition, renovation and conversion of property (mainly motels, though the statute does allow for other kinds of property) into permanent housing. The County is currently waiting to hear more details from the State, i.e. if the program will be competitive or based on a formula, and how much funding will be available. The first round was highly competitive, and funding was capped at \$12 million (with the provision that a property which cost more than this must matched 1:1). Expenditure deadlines have not been made clear yet; these were very tight in the first round.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| 4.4 Discussion Item: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding | George reported that the American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides \$5 billion to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country. These grant funds will be administered through HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). More than \$3 million has been allocated to SLO County. The County may take up to 15% of the grant for administrative costs. In addition, up to 5% may be allocated to Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) for operating costs. Eligible activities include the production or preservation of affordable housing, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), supportive services (including homeless prevention services and housing counseling), and the purchase and development of non-congregate shelter. |  |
| 5. Next Meeting Date: September 7, 2021                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency Housing Vouchers and Project Homekey Update – requested by Committee</li> <li>• Update on Los Osos encampment – Yael</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |

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| 6. Adjournment | Scott adjourned the meeting at 3:55pm. |  |
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