



**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) Special Meeting Agenda

October 20, 2021, 11 a.m.

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1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Action/Information/Discussion
 - 3.1. Action Item: Vote to Approve a Resolution Acknowledging Governor Newsom's Proclamation of a State of Emergency and Authorizing Meetings by Teleconference Until the HSOC's Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, as Authorized by Assembly Bill (AB) 361
 - 3.2. Action Item: Vote to Approve the Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee's recommendation for prioritization of FY2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) grant applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
4. Next Regular Meeting: November 17 at 1 p.m.
5. Adjournment

The full agenda packet for this meeting is available on the SLO County HSOC web page:

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ITEM: VOTE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING MEETINGS BY TELECONFERENCE UNTIL THE HSOC'S NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT, AS AUTHORIZED BY ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 361.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Vote to approve a resolution acknowledging Governor Newsom's proclamation of a State of Emergency and authorizing meetings by teleconference until the HSOC's next regularly scheduled meeting pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, as authorized by Assembly Bill (AB) 361.

SUMMARY NARRATIVE:

Recently enacted AB361 amended Government Code Subsection 54953 to allow local legislative bodies to continue to hold virtual public meetings after the expiration of the Governor's Executive Order on September 30, 2021 that had waived provisions of the Brown Act requiring local legislative bodies to hold in person meetings.

The authority to hold virtual public meetings under the provisions of AB361 remain effective through January 24, 2021. In order to exercise the right to hold a virtual public meeting, one of the following three conditions must be met:

1. The local agency is holding a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing¹; or
2. The meeting is held during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or
3. The meeting is held during a proclaimed state of emergency and the legislative body has determined, by majority vote, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

¹ There currently is no state or local order in place requiring social distancing, nor is there a formal recommendation from State or local officials on social distancing, with the exception of a CalOSHA regulation

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To continue to hold virtual meetings, the Board of Supervisors, and other local legislative bodies, must make the following findings by a majority vote² no more than 30 days after holding its first virtual meeting under one of the circumstances above, and every 30 days thereafter; unless the body is not scheduled to meet within 30 days, in which case it must make the following findings at its next regularly scheduled meeting:

(A) The legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency.

(B) Any of the following circumstances exist:

(i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.

(ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

COVID transmission in San Luis Obispo County is rated as high by the Centers for Disease Control as of October 15, 2021. Due to the increased risk of transmission of COVID-19 in indoor settings, the HSOC is being asked to consider approving the resolution allowing for the used of virtual meetings for the next 30 days

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact if the HSOC votes to approve the attached resolution.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Staff recommend approval of this resolution.

ATTACHMENT:

- A. A RESOLUTION OF HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC) ACKNOWLEDGING GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING MEETINGS BY TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY DAYS PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT

² A majority vote is not needed if the conditions of criterion 1 have been met.

Homeless Services Oversight Council
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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PRESENT:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. 1-21

**A RESOLUTION OF HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
ACKNOWLEDGING GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF
EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING MEETINGS BY TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS FOR A
PERIOD OF THIRTY DAYS PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT**

The following resolution is now offered and read:

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the proclaimed state of emergency remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that suspended the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, Government Code section 54950 et seq. (the "Brown Act"), provided certain requirements were met and followed; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21 that clarified the suspension of the teleconferencing rules set forth in the Brown Act, and further provided that those provisions would remain suspended through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361, allowing legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue meeting by teleconference if the legislative body determines that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and further requires that certain findings be made by the legislative body every thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, California Department of Public Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") caution that the Delta variant of COVID-19, currently the dominant strain of COVID-19 in the country, is more transmissible than prior variants of the virus, may cause more severe illness, and that even fully vaccinated individuals can spread the virus to others resulting in rapid and alarming rates of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>); and

WHEREAS, the CDC has established a "Community Transmission" metric with 4 tiers designed to reflect a community's COVID-19 case rate and percent positivity; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Luis Obispo currently has a Community Transmission metric of "high" which is the most serious of the tiers; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the HSOC deems it necessary to find holding in person meetings would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and thus intends to invoke the provisions of AB 361 related to teleconferencing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the HSOC that:

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct.
2. The Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic issued by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, remains in effect.
3. Based on the recitals above, the HSOC finds that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
4. Staff is directed to return at its next regularly scheduled meeting with an item for the HSOC to consider making the findings required by AB 361 to continue meeting under its provisions.

Upon motion of _____, seconded by _____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

the foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Chairperson of the HSOC

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND EFFECT:

RITA L. NEAL

County Counsel

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rita L. Neal", is written over a horizontal line.

By: Deputy County Counsel

Dated: October 15, 2021

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AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3.2

**ITEM: VOTE TO APPROVE THE AD HOC GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE'S
RECOMMENDED PRIORITIZATION OF CONTINUUM OF CARE APPLICATIONS TO BE
SUBMITTED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

ACTION REQUIRED:

Vote to approve the ad hoc Grant Review Committee's recommendation for prioritization of FY2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) grant applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SUMMARY NARRATIVE:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the FY2021 CoC Program Funding Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on August 18, 2021. Per HUD's NOFA, the San Luis Obispo County CoC is eligible to apply for \$1,002,026 to renew existing CoC projects or reallocate to new projects, \$80,577 for new bonus projects or expansion of existing renewal projects, and \$241,732 for new Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus projects. Per 24 CFR 578.15, eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations; state governments; local governments; instrumentalities of state and local governments.

The CoC Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit organizations, state governments, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

Eligible Activities

Four project categories (Renewal Projects, New Projects, Youth Demonstration Grant Renewal and Replacement Projects, and Domestic Violence Bonus Projects) and their associated activities are eligible to receive funding.

The following activities are eligible for renewal funding or may have funding reallocated from one project to another:

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Joint (RRH+TH),

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- Homeless Management of Information System (HMIS);
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration-funded Projects (YHDP)(not applicable to SLO County CoC)
- YHDP Replacement Grants (not applicable to SLO County CoC)
- Coordinated Entry System

Bonus funding is available for expansion of existing permanent supportive housing programs, Coordinated Entry System projects, Transitional Housing, and Rapid Rehousing; as well as for new Permanent Supportive Housing projects. This year, HUD is giving bonus points to communities that propose new projects that connect housing and health services. The County is also eligible to apply for up to \$241,732 in new funding for RRH or Joint (TH+RRH) projects dedicated to serving only participants who are fleeing from domestic violence.

HUD Continuum of Care funds are awarded partially on a formula basis and partially on a competitive basis. The majority of the funding, called the Annual Renewal Demand, is provided on a formula basis. In addition, a smaller amount of funding, referred to as bonus funding, is available for expansion projects or new projects in eligible categories. This bonus funding is awarded on a competitive basis. The CoC will also receive non-competitive funds for a Planning grant.

Project Review Criteria

HUD reviews all projects to on a pass/fail standard and will not award funds to a new project unless the project was created through reallocation, or the CoC has demonstrated to HUD's satisfaction that projects are evaluated and ranked based on the degree to which they improve the CoC's system performance. Any project requesting renewal funding, including renewing Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP), will be considered as having met these requirements through its previously approved grant application unless information to the contrary is received the renewal project has compliance issues which results in the project not operating in accordance with the Rule. If awarded, a recipient is required to meet all the criteria listed in the criteria column for its component.

HUD CoC funding availability is highly competitive. HUD expects each CoC to implement a thorough review and oversight process at the local level for both new and renewal project applications submitted to HUD in the FY 2021 CoC Program Competition. HUD requires that CoCs rank applications based on funding priority using a two-tier ranking system.

Tier 1 is equal to 100 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) as described in Section III.B.2.a of the NOFO minus the Annual Renewal Amounts (ARAs) for communities that have YHDP renewal and YHDP replacement projects. HUD will select from the highest scoring CoC to the lowest scoring CoC, provided the project applications pass both project eligibility and project quality threshold review, and if applicable, project renewal threshold. In the event insufficient funding is available to award all Tier 1 projects, Tier 1 will be reduced proportionately, which could result in some Tier 1 projects falling into Tier 2. Therefore, CoCs

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should carefully determine the priority and ranking for all project applications for Tier 1 as well as Tier 2.

Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation, and CoC Bonus funds that a CoC can apply for but does not include YHDP renewal or YHDP replacement projects, CoC planning projects, and if applicable, UFA Costs projects, or projects selected with DV Bonus funds.

DV Bonus

DV Bonus funds, authorized under The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 provides up to \$52 million for “rapid re-housing projects and supportive service projects providing coordinated entry, and for eligible activities that the Secretary determines to be critical in order to assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.” Additionally, up to \$50 million is added to the amount from the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 as HUD did not conduct an FY 2020 CoC Program Competition, but instead only awarded eligible renewal projects. Therefore, the total amount of DV Bonus funding is \$102 million which that can be used for new DV-specific project applications where 100 percent of the participants are or will be survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

For new projects the CoC indicates it would like considered as part of the DV Bonus, HUD will award a point value to each project application combining both the CoC Application score and responses to the domestic violence bonus specific questions in the CoC Application using the following 100-point scale:

(1) Rapid Rehousing and Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects:

(a) *CoC Score*. Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC Application;

(b) *Need for the Project*. Up to 25 points based on the extent the CoC quantifies the need for the project in its portfolio, the extent of need, and how the project will fill that gap; and

(c) *Quality of the Project Applicant*. Up to 25 points based on the previous performance of the applicant in serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and their ability to house survivors and meet safety outcomes.

(2) SSO Projects for Coordinated Entry to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC’s coordinated entry to better meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness who are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (e.g., to implement policies and procedures that are trauma-informed, client-centered or to better coordinate referrals between the CoC’s coordinated entry and the victim service providers coordinated entry system where they are different):

(a) *CoC Score*. Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC Application.

(b) *Need for the Project*. Up to 50 points based on the extent to which the CoC demonstrates the need for a coordinated entry system that better meets the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and how the project will fill this need.

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Non-DV Projects

HUD will award a point value to each new and renewal project application that is in Tier 2 – that is not seeking the DV bonus – using a 100-point scale:

- (1) *CoC Score*. Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC Application, e.g., if a CoC received 81.5 out of 163 points on the CoC Application, the project application would receive 25 out of 50 points for this criterion.
- (2) *CoC Project Ranking*. Up to 40 points for the CoC's ranking of the project application(s). To consider the CoCs ranking of projects, point values will be assigned directly related to the CoCs' ranking of project applications. The calculation of point values will be 50 times the quantity $(1-x)$ where x is the ratio of the cumulative funding requests for all projects or portions of projects ranked higher by the CoC in Tier 2 plus one half of the funding of the project of interest to the total amount of funding available in Tier 2. For example, if a CoC is eligible to apply for projects totaling \$500,000 in Tier 2 and applies for 5 projects ranked in Tier 2 of \$100,000 each: the highest-ranked project would receive 45 points, and then the subsequently ranked projects would receive 36 points, and then the subsequently ranked projects would receive 28, 20, 12, and 4 points.
- (3) *Commitment to Housing First*. Up to 10 points based on the project application's commitment to follow a housing first approach as defined in Section III.B.2.o of this NOFO. Dedicated HMIS projects and centralized or coordinated assessment system SSO projects will automatically receive 10 points.

Any project that is partially funded by Tier 1 is considered a "Straddling Project." If a project application straddles the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding line, HUD will conditionally select the project up to the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1. Using the CoC score, and other factors described in Section II.B.11 of the NOFO, HUD may fund the Tier 2 portion of the project. If HUD does not fund the Tier 2 portion of the project, HUD may award the project at the reduced amount, provided the project is still feasible with the reduced funding (e.g., is able to continue serving homeless program participants effectively).

FY2021 CoC funding amounts available to the San Luis Obispo County CoC are listed below:

Annual Renewal Demand – amount required to renew existing projects from FY2021	\$1,002,026
Bonus	\$ 80,577
DV Bonus	\$ 241,732
Tier 1 (100% ARD)	\$1,002,026
Tier 2	\$ 322,309

Local Requests for Proposals

The County Department of Social Services released a local Request for Proposals for project applications on September 10, 2021 and held an informational session on September 17, 2021

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via Zoom, with County staff meeting with potential project applicants to explain the grant application process and project rating criteria. The local rating criteria, published to the County's Homeless Services website on September 10, 2021, is based on HUD's application evaluation criteria and point system as presented in the FY2021 HUD NOFO.

A total of seven applications were received: three renewal projects, one HMIS project, one expansion project, two permanent housing bonus projects, and one Domestic Violence bonus project. Staff reviewed all applications to ensure they met the minimum threshold. A non-conflicted Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee met on October 15th, 2021 to discuss and rank the applications. Staff from the Department of Social Services to guide the discussion. Submitted applications were ranked in accordance with HUD guidelines in accordance with the HUD scoring rubric based upon guideline presented in the FY 2021 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants NOFO and local priorities.

Applications Received

Agency	Project Name	Type	New or Renewal	# of Beds	Request
TMHA	CCPH+BE	PSH	Renewal	38	\$439,265
TMHA	SLO City PSH	PSH	Renewal	20	\$281,047
CAPSLO	Coordinated Entry Program	SSO	Renewal	N/A	\$220,554
CAPSLO	Coordinated Entry Program	SSO	Expansion	N/A	\$26,526
TFS	Permanent Housing and Improved Health	Joint TH & PH-RRH	New	16	\$80,577
Salvation Army	Atascadero Permanent Supportive Housing Program	PSH	New	4	\$48,682
5CHC	DV Bonus Collaboration 5CHC Lumina Alliance	Joint TH & PH-RRH	DV Bonus Project	6	\$241,732
County of San Luis Obispo	HMIS	HMIS	Renewal		\$61,160
TOTAL Amount of Requests					\$1,399,543

Project Selection and Review Process

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The Ad Hoc Review Committee examined entity applications and considered factors such as a subrecipient's past performance, project cost efficiency, severity of needs served, financial capacity, returns to homelessness, housing first policies, client income stability, client housing retention, HMIS data quality, and consistency with local HSOC priorities and plans. Analysis of cost efficiency was conducted by the Grant Review Committee regarding each project's cost per client for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Coordinated Entry projects. In addition, the Grant Review Committee evaluated performance measures derived from HMIS data and Annual Performance Reports for each of the renewal projects.

The Grant Review Committee ranked all submitted applications based on their local application review criteria scores. The Coordinated Entry Project and Permanent Supportive Housing renewal projects with existing clients were placed into Tier 1, along with the Homeless Management Information Systems project. The CES expansion project, the PSH bonus projects and the DV Bonus projects were placed into Tier 2, per HUD guidelines. No funding was proposed for reallocation.

Committee Recommendations					
TIER 1					
Rank	Project	Agency	New, Renewal or Expansion	# of Beds	Amount
1	CCPH + BE PSH	TMHA	Renewal	38	\$439,265
2	SLO City PSH	TMHA	Renewal	20	\$281,047
3	Coordinated Entry	CAPSLO	Renewal	N/A	\$220,554
4	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	County of San Luis Obispo	Renewal	N/A	\$61,160
TIER 2					
1	Atascadero Permanent Supportive Housing Program	Salvation Army	New	4	\$48,682
2	Coordinated Entry Expansion	CAPSLO	Expansion	N/A	\$26,526
3	DV Bonus Collaboration 5CHC Lumina Alliance	5Cities Homeless Coalition	New (DV Bonus)	6	\$241,732
4	Permanent Housing and Improved Health	Transitional Food and Shelter	New	16	\$80,577
Tiered Projects Subtotal				\$1,399,543	
PLANNING (non-competitive)					
	Planning	County of San Luis Obispo	Renewal	N/A	\$48,346
Total Request				\$1,447,889	

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HSOC recommendations will be brought to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors in November for final action. Recommendations approved by the Board will be submitted to HUD through the CoC Program Competition.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Should HUD Award all Tier 1, CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, and CoC Planning amounts, up to \$1,372,681 will be made available to the CoC to assist homeless persons in the county.

STAFF COMMENTS:

No additional comments.

Full applications are available here:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Social-Services/Homeless-Services/Funding-Availability.aspx>