

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

HSOC Meeting

January 20, 2021 1:00 p.m.

Members and the public were able to participate by Zoom call.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS
Anne Robin Bettina Swigger Bill Crewe Brenda Mack Carlyn Christianson Caroline Hall Dawn Ortiz-Legg Devin Drake Grace McIntosh Janna Nichols Jeff Smith Jessica Thomas Kathy McClenathen Kristen Barneich Marcia Guthrie Mariam Shah Mark Lamore Nicole Bennett Rick Gulino Scott Smith Shay Stewart Steve Martin Susan Funk Susan Lamont	Amelia Grover Marlys McPherson	Abby Lassen Airlin Singewald Becky Jorgeson Cara Vereschagin Carlos Mendoza Carolyn Berg Carrie Collins Dona Hare Price Elaine Archer Elaine Mansoor Elidia Lopez George Solis Jan Maitzen Jeff Al-Mashat Joanna Balsamo-Lillien John DiNunzio Julia Collins Laurel Weir Leon Shordon Lisa Howe Lisa Jouet Lucy Passaglia Marianne Kennedy Matt Leal

		Patti Toews Ray McKelvey Riley Smith Russ Francis Sue Warren Theresa Harpin Toffi Boreham Tom Sherman Tony Navarro Vincent Escoto Yael Korin
AGENDA ITEM		CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS
1. Call to Order and Introductions	Mariam called the meeting to order at 1pm.	
2. Public Comment	<p>Becky announced that Hope's Village are moving ahead with their Tiny House Village for chronically homeless people including those with disabilities, elderly people, and veterans. Hope's Village will know on January 22nd if they will be leased the land in North County for 30 tiny homes.</p> <p>Yael announced that Los Osos Community Advisory Council will be holding a homelessness forum on January 26th.</p> <p>Mariam announced that she will soon be moving from Grover Beach, and so stepping down from Grover Beach City Council, which also means stepping down from her position with HSOC.</p>	

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes		Janna made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Grace. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
4. Action/Information/Discussion		
4.1. Action Item: Vote to recommend \$11,694,982 in grant awards for CARES Act Funding under the Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus (ESG-CV) Round 2 allocation, the State of California’s ESG-CV Continuum of Care Allocation Round 2 allocation, and the Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Round 3 allocation	<p>Laurel and Tony provided background on the ESG-CV (Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus) and CDBG-CV (Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus) funding programs. Both ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant) and CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funding are made available annually, based on a block grant formula rather than a competitive process. The County receives two ESG grants – one directly from the federal government via HUD (Department of Housing & Urban Development), and one via the State of California. The Department of Social Services (DSS) administers the State ESG grants, while the Department of Planning & Building (Planning) administers the Federal ESG grants. CDBG grants are also made available through HUD and are managed by Planning.</p> <p>The ESG-CV and CDBG-CV grants are funding programs in addition to the annual ESG and CDBG grants. These funding programs were made available through the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and</p>	<p>Susan Funk made a motion to recommend \$11,694,982 in grant awards for CARES Act Funding under the Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus (ESG-CV) Round 2 allocation, the State of California’s ESG-CV Continuum of Care Allocation Round 2 allocation, and the Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Round 3 allocation, seconded by Carlyn. The vote passed with a majority in favor. Brenda voted against. Grace, Janna, Mark, Rick, Scott, Steve and Susan</p>

	<p>Economic Security) Act, which was enacted in March 2020. The ESG-CV program includes the same eligible activities as the annual ESG program, but includes additional activities focused on preventing, preparing for an responding to coronavirus, including non-congregate shelter, activities to prevent the spread of the virus (including hygiene and sanitation), and hazard pay to allow nonprofits to retain essential workers. For the State ESG-CV program, funding cannot be used for homelessness prevention activities (unless all people experiencing homelessness in the jurisdiction have been permanently housed). For ESG-CV funding, there was an additional focus on ensuring equity in health and racial disparities.</p> <p>CDBG-CV program funding must be used to meet the CDBG national objectives, while also being used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.</p> <p>An ad hoc Grant Review Committee met on January 11th to review applications for all three funding programs and to make recommendations. The CDBG-CV applications were also reviewed by an Inter-agency Review Committee, consisting of representatives from the County and cities, on January 12th.</p> <p>Laurel and Tony presented the recommendations made by the Grant Review Committee and Inter-agency Review Committee:</p>	<p>abstained.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$125,400 in State ESG-CV funding for Transitional Food & Shelter • \$1,906,184 in Federal ESG-CV and State ESG-CV funding for Salvation Army • \$20,000 in State ESG-CV funding for TMHA (Transitions Mental Health Association) • \$13,000 in State ESG-CV funding for RISE • \$20,000 in State ESG-CV funding for Stand Strong • \$7,016,948 in State ESG-CV, Federal ESG-CV, and CDBG-CV funding for a collaborative project led by CAPSLO (Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo) • \$1,054,091 in CDBG-CV funding for HASLO (Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo) to make improvements to their Project Homekey Permanent Supportive Housing project • \$1,490,909 in Federal ESG-CV funding for HASLO for shelter rehabilitation • \$48,850 in CDBG-CV funding for People's Self Help Housing <p>More details, including breakdown of funds between grant program, and funding requested, can be found in the agenda packet.</p> <p>Tony and Laurel took questions from the Council and clarified the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAPSLO are requesting funding for an isolation room as the current alternative housing sites 	
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	<p>for people who test positive for coronavirus would not allow for continuation of services, particularly for medically fragile people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Grant Review Committee consisted of representatives from DSS, the Public Health Department, SLO Community Foundation, and a consultant who has been involved in helping providers ensure better access to healthcare • The total funding available through CDBG-CV is \$1.8 million, though \$1.5 million is available to applicants as \$300,000 will be the administrative portion which pays for staff time in the Planning and Public Health Departments • The proposed 40 Prado renovation would provide a safer environment by fixing ventilation and adding a deionizer, thereby increasing capacity to serve medically fragile people <p>Kristen requested that in future, the Council be provided with the full applications and information including who was part of the Grant Review Committee, prior to taking a vote. Bettina requested that, in future, more information be provided on the impact the money will have, such as the number of beds added and whether these are short term or permanent housing beds.</p> <p>Tony also reported that the Interagency Review Committee had recommended an additional \$98,000</p>	
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	<p>be awarded to People's Self Help Housing through the CDBG-CV allocation, if reimbursement of lost rent is an eligible activity. It was not clear in the Interagency Review Committee's meeting that this was eligible, but Planning have since confirmed that it is.</p> <p>This would require amending the motion in order to move \$98,000 from one of the other recipients. This was not discussed or proposed in the meeting, so the motion carried by HSOC did not include an amendment to this effect.</p>	
4.2. Action Item: Authorize Creation of a Ten-Year Plan Strategy Committee	<p>Laurel reported that the County is working with a vendor to update the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness. Laurel asked the HSOC to authorize the creation of a Ten-Year Plan Strategy Committee.</p>	<p>Janna moved to authorize the creation of a Ten-Year Plan Strategy Committee, seconded by Devin. All were in favor, with none opposed and no abstentions.</p>
4.3. Action Item: Vote to Approve Priorities for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 2 Funding	<p>Laurel provided some background on the HHAP (Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention) funding program. HHAP is a grant from the State, split into two rounds. The first round of funding has been secured, and the RFP (Request for Proposals) will be released later this year.</p> <p>The County is working to complete the application for the second round. Applicants are required to identify priorities for the funding, although these can be amended later. The State has asked for the priorities to be informed by a community planning process. In</p>	<p>Scott moved to approve the priorities for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 2 funding, with the addition of emergency shelter, seconded by Kristen. All were in favor, with none against and no abstentions.</p>

	<p>December 2018, HSOC developed a needs assessment and carried out public consultation for the HEAP (Homeless Emergency Aid Program) and CESH (California Emergency Solutions & Housing) grant programs. The County has brought the priorities that came out of this work to three of the HSOC committees, which have confirmed that these are still the main priorities. In particular, the Housing Committee stated that the first priority is permanent supportive housing, followed by street outreach and case management.</p> <p>Laurel clarified that the key priority for the first round of HHAP ('making whole' the HEAP projects which still needed funding) cannot be used for the second round, as applicants must choose from a list of eligible categories. However, by including emergency shelter as a priority, some of the funding could be used to support existing projects. The HSOC advised that the motion be amended to include emergency shelter as one of the priorities.</p>	
4.4. Discussion Item: Provide Input on the Alternatives to Encampments recommendations from the HSOC Ad Hoc Encampment Committee	<p>Laurel explained that the Alternatives to Encampment recommendations have had input from several of the committees, and the Executive Committee wanted the full HSOC to review the draft document. The HSOC recommended that the document be forwarded to city managers and the County Administrative Officer for comment, then be reviewed at the next full HSOC meeting in March.</p>	

4.5. Action Item: Vote to Elect HSOC Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Chairs for 2021	<p>Mariam nominated Susan Funk as HSOC Chair. Janna nominated Kristen as Vice Chair. Scott nominated himself to continue as Housing Committee Chair. Devin nominated himself to continue as Services Coordinating Committee Chair. Janna nominated herself to continue as Finance & Data Committee Chair.</p>	<p>Devin made a motion to elect those nominated to the positions of HSOC Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Chairs for 2021, seconded by Kathy. All were in favor, with none opposed and no abstentions.</p>
5. Committee Updates	<p>Janna reported that the Finance & Data Committee's report was included in the agenda packet.</p> <p>Scott and Devin reported that there were no updates from the Housing and Services Coordinating Committees.</p>	
6. Future Discussion/Report Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternatives to Encampment recommendations document • Staff recommendations on how to move forward with the Ten-Year Plan Strategy Committee 	
7. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: Wednesday 17 th March at 1pm		
8. Adjournment	<p>Mariam adjourned the meeting at 3pm.</p>	