

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL  
 HSOC HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING  
 SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> 2020, 2pm-3:30pm  
 Zoom Call**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>		<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>STAFF &amp; GUESTS</b>
Anne Robin Anne Wyatt Cara Vereschagin Ken Triguero Marianne Kennedy Mark Lamore Scott Smith		Joanna Balsamo-Lillien Kathy McClenathen	Amelia Grover Elizabeth Snyder Jessica Thomas Laurel Weir Leon Shordon Lucy Sue Matt Leal Nicole Bennett Russ Francis Shay Stewart Susan Warren Tom Sherman Wendy Lewis
<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>		<b>CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS</b>
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Scott called the meeting to order at 2pm.		
2. Public Comment	Susan Warren gave a brief summary of a HUD (Department of Housing & Urban Development) document on Recovery Housing Policy.		County staff to forward this document to Committee email list.
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes	Marianne made a correction – her comments in the August 4 minutes were in reference to HomeShareSLO, not the Women’s Shelter.		Anne Robin made a motion to approve the minutes, with the above correction, seconded by Mark Lamore. The minutes were approved,

		with none against and no abstentions.
4. Action/Information/Discussion		
4.1 Discussion Item: Project Homekey	<p>Scott provided background on Project Homekey, a state program to house homeless people through the purchase and rehabilitation of housing, including hotels, motels and vacant apartment buildings. HASLO (Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo) submitted an application in partnership with PSHH (People’s Self Help Housing) and ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization). This application is for the purchase of the Motel 6 in Paso Robles. If successful, this will provide around 120 rooms. ECHO will manage and oversee interim housing, while HASLO and PSHH will operate the permanent housing. The State has confirmed that they have reserved funds for this project, though have clarified this does not mean the funding has been awarded.</p> <p>Wendy shared that the State has been very positive about this application, as they are focusing on funding non-congregate settings. There is still some construction work to be done, including creating interior hallways for staff and volunteers to monitor individual rooms.</p>	
4.2 Discussion Item: County Action Plan – Planning & Building		
4.2.1 Discussion Item: 2021 Action Plan  4.2.2 Discussion Item: Action Plan NOFA	<p>Matt Leal from the Department of Planning &amp; Building (Planning) shared information about the 2021 Action Plan. Planning has much more grant funding available this year (\$10.6 million) compared to the previous year (\$4 million). This is mostly due to the additional money made available via the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act, which provides \$6.2 million through the second tranche of the ESG-CV (Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus) program. Funding sources for the HUD grants are around the same as in previous years - \$1.8 million is expected for the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) program, \$154,000 for the Federal ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant)</p>	

	<p>program, and \$950,000 for the HOME program. General Fund Support includes \$253,000 for homeless services, and Title 29 funding will provide \$278,000. This is slightly lower than usual, due to the Board of Supervisors having pre-allocated \$100,000 to the Housing Trust Fund.</p>	
<p>4.2.3 Discussion Item: Identifying Community Needs</p>	<p>Planning are hosting two virtual workshops on September 16, at 10am and 5pm. This is an outreach opportunity to identify community needs and help Planning to use funding to address local needs. Applications will be due on October 23 at 5pm, through the Zoom Grants system. Recommendations will then go to the Board of Supervisors on November 17.</p> <p>Matt took questions on the Action Plan and confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title 29 funds are broken out across four different areas of the County. The Action Plan NOFA details how much funding is available to each area.</li> <li>• The \$100,000 set aside through the Housing Trust Fund is not restricted to any of the four areas.</li> <li>• The State wants some of the PLHA allocation to go towards home ownership (\$87,250 for the first year, and it is assumed 10% of the annual allocation over 5 years will go towards this).</li> <li>• Planning will be working more closely with the Housing Trust Fund in the coming year.</li> <li>• For 2020 Action Plan funded projects, Planning only recently received agreements from HUD, and so will be reaching out to successful applicants soon to begin developing agreements.</li> <li>• While there is an ongoing general need for homeless services, the CARES Act funding is specifically for COVID-related challenges, and can be used to retroactively reimburse agencies</li> </ul>	
<p>4.3 Discussion Item: Paso Robles Encampment Update</p>	<p>Wendy reported that the City of Paso Robles sees the alternative encampment site as a temporary measure. Very few people from the riverbed are now staying at the alternate site. Feedback from outreach teams is that clients do not feel the alternate site is welcoming. The recent heatwave was particularly painful as there was not adequate</p>	

	<p>shade at the alternate site.</p> <p>Wendy thanked HSOC for guiding CESH priorities and making the decision to put more into case management, as this is where funding is needed.</p>	
5. Next Meeting Date: October 6, 2020	Future discussion item: Cara to discuss SLO City's Housing Element	
6. Adjournment	Scott adjourned the meeting at 3:05pm.	