



## **HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC) Executive Committee Meeting Agenda**

December 15, 2025, 11 a.m.

**Committee members must participate in person** (unless excused for just cause reasons, or for emergency reasons approved by HSOC).

Room 356, County of San Luis Obispo Department of Social Services  
3433 South Higuera, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

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1. Call to Order and Introductions (2 minutes\*)
2. Public Comment (6 minutes\*)
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes (2 minutes\*)
4. Action/Information Discussion
  - 4.1. HSOC Administration
    - 4.1.1. Action Item: Vote to recommend a slate of candidates for next year's HSOC Executive Committee (20 minutes\*)
      - 4.1.1.1. Committee Questions
      - 4.1.1.2. Public Comment



- 4.1.1.3. Committee Discussion and Vote
- 4.1.2. Discussion Item: Create optional Vice Chair positions for Committees (5 minutes\*)
  - 4.1.2.1. Committee Questions
  - 4.1.2.2. Public Comment
  - 4.1.2.3. Committee Discussion and Vote
- 4.2. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 1 - Create Affordable and Appropriately Designed Housing Opportunities and Shelter Options for Underserved Populations
  - 4.2.1. Action Item: Vote to a) Make Funding Recommendations for Up to \$2,335,694 in Fiscal Year 2025 Funding from the Annual Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and b) to Approve Rankings of Proposed Projects (30 minutes\*)
    - 4.2.1.1. Committee Questions
    - 4.2.1.2. Public Comment
    - 4.2.1.3. Committee Discussion and Vote
- 4.3. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 4: Create, identify, and streamline funding and resources.
  - 4.3.1. Discussion Item: Federal Grants and Entitlement Programs Update (5 minutes\*)
    - 4.3.1.1. Committee Questions
    - 4.3.1.2. Public Comment
    - 4.3.1.3. Committee Discussion



- 4.4. Discussion Item: Planning for the Annual Strategic Planning meeting in March (20 minutes\*)
  - 4.4.1.1. Committee Questions
  - 4.4.1.2. Public Comment
  - 4.4.1.3. Committee Discussion
- 4.5. Information Item: Committee Reports (12 minutes\*)
  - 4.5.1.1. Committee Questions
  - 4.5.1.2. Public Comment
  - 4.5.1.3. Committee Discussion
- 4.6. Discussion Item: Future Agenda Items for HSOC (5 minutes\*)
  - 4.6.1.1. Committee Questions
  - 4.6.1.2. Public Comment
  - 4.6.1.3. Committee Discussion
- 4.7. Information Item: Updates from County Staff on County Initiatives (5 minutes\*)
  - 4.7.1.1. Committee Questions
  - 4.7.1.2. Public Comment
  - 4.7.1.3. Committee Discussion
- 4.8. Discussion Item: Learnings, Trends and Concerns, Future Issues and Next Steps (5 minutes\*)
  - 4.8.1.1. Committee Questions
  - 4.8.1.2. Public Comment
  - 4.8.1.3. Committee Discussion



5. Future Discussion/Report Items (3 minutes\*)
6. Next Regular Meeting: February 18, 2026
7. Adjournment

\*Times allotted for discussion are approximate and subject to change

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

[https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Social-Services/Homeless-Services/Homeless-Services-Oversight-Council-\(HSOC\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Social-Services/Homeless-Services/Homeless-Services-Oversight-Council-(HSOC).aspx)

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Date**

October 15, 2025

**Time**

3:03 pm-4:58 pm

**Location**

Rm 356, Department of Social Services  
3433 S. Higuera St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

**Members Present**

Brenda Mack  
Jack Lahey  
Janna Nichols  
Michelle Shoresman  
Susan Funk

**Absent Members**

Michelle Pedigo  
Wendy Lewis

**Staff and Guests**

Addison Gregory  
Erica Jaramillo  
George Solis  
Kate Bourne  
Laurel Weir  
Linda Belch  
Mark Lamore  
Merlie Livermore

**1. Call to Order and Introductions**

Michelle S. called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm. Addison Gregory introduced herself as the new DSS Administrative Analyst.

**2. Public Comment**

None shared.

**3. Consent: Approval of Minutes**

Susan moved the motion for approval of the minutes. Jack seconded the motion. Janna abstained. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

#### **4. Action/Information/Discussion**

##### **4.1. HSOC Administration**

###### **4.1.1. Action Item: Appoint Rachel Whalen as an alternate for Jim Dantona**

Susan moved the motion for approval of Rachel Whalen as Jim Dantona's alternate at the HSOC. Janna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

###### **4.1.2. Action Item: Recommend Twelve Persons for Appointment to the Homeless Services Oversight Council for a Term Beginning January**

Laurel briefly shared that an Ad hoc nominating committee convened and has decided to recommend twelve persons for appointment in January. She also mentioned that they also considered geographical representations as the committee decided on their recommendations. Laurel also clarified that since Juanetta Perkins was appointed last September, there are only two At-Large seats considered for this set of recommendations. Jack and Mark recused during discussion of candidates as they have reapplied for their respective expiring seats.

The nominations are as follows:

Jack Lahey for an additional term for the At Large seat he currently holds, in the category of Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Provider; Luke Dunn for a term in the category of Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons; Mark Lamore to renew his term for the Nonprofit Homeless Services Agencies seat he currently holds; James Davis for a first term for the Organizations Serving Homeless Veterans seat currently vacant; Wendy Blacker for a term for an At Large seat; Frank Warren for the County Government Service Provider seat currently held by Star Graber; Daniel Suttles for the Public Safety Organization seat previously held by Jeff Smith; Michelle Pedigo for a second term for the Housing Authority seat she currently holds; Rick Gulino for the Affordable Housing Developer seat he currently holds; Margaret Shephard-Moore for the Advocate seat she currently holds; Devon McQuade for the Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers seat previously held by Janna Nichols; and Rosie Ojeda for the Local School Districts seat.

During the discussion, Janna supported the recommendations but suggested replacing Margaret Shephard-Moore with Kirsten Cahoon of Good Samaritan for the Advocate seat representing service providers. Janna also suggested that Good Samaritan needs to be engaged in Coordinated Entry sooner than later and be up to speed with HMIS as they start the Welcome Home Village project in March 2026. Susan agreed, citing the benefits of the experience that Good Samaritan is bringing in, at the same time also encouraging Margaret to continue to engage in HSOC.

Brenda objected to having Daniel Suttles as part of the candidate slate based on her provided reasons. In addition, Susan shared her thoughts about supporting Chief Suttles.

Janna made a motion to approve the slate, swapping Kirsten for Margaret and postponing the nomination for Chief Suttles for the Public Safety Organizations seat, pending further discussion. Susan seconded the amended recommendations. Roll was called and the motion passed.

Jack and Mark came back to join the meeting and were informed of the passed motion. After further discussion regarding the Public Safety Organizations seat, Janna made the motion recommending reaching out to other agencies involved in public safety issues (e.g. State Parks) and informing them

of this opportunity to be a part of the HSOC. Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed via roll call.

#### **4.2. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 1 - Create Affordable and Appropriately Designed Housing Opportunities and Shelter Options for Underserved Populations**

##### **4.2.1. Discussion Item: 2025 Continuum of Care Program Update and Possible Need for HSOC Executive Committee Special Meeting**

Laurel referred to the attached article in the meeting packet regarding anticipated funding cuts in the Continuum of Care grant program for permanent supportive housing projects.

Mark also shared the impact of this funding cut on their clients.

Laurel also mentioned that when the federal government shutdown ends, the CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is expected to be published soon after that. Because of the expected deadlines for funding decisions, the Executive Committee might need to convene for a special meeting for funding recommendations. In September, in anticipation of potentially abbreviated turn-around times for the local funding competition, the full HSOC delegated to the Executive Committee the authority to approve the funding recommendations and rankings in the event that the full HSOC is not able to be convened in the timeline needed for compliance with the deadlines in the NOFO.

#### **4.3. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 2: Reduce or Eliminate Barriers to Housing Stability**

##### **4.3.1. Discussion Item: Federal Grants and Entitlement Programs Update**

With the government shutdown, there is not much to report so Laurel asked for input from agency partners on how they are affected by the current shutdown.

Mark mentioned that vouchers are affected. He shared that their Housing Now program has an MOU for sixty (60) vouchers which they cannot renew right now due to the shutdown, so they are looking at potential shortfalls in the program.

Jack mentioned that they are experiencing delays as they wait for some responses regarding the operation of some of their programs.

#### **4.4. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 3 – Improve and Expand Data Management Efforts Through HMIS and Coordinated Entry System to Strengthen Data-Driven Operational Guidance and Strategic Oversight**

##### **4.4.1. Discussion Item: Performance Data**

Kate shared that it has been an item of discussion to present standing metrics data during the public comment section at HSOC meetings. So, at the meeting today, as a preview, she provided information regarding HSOC System Metrics, from the reporting period of 08/01/2025-09/30/2025. The reported information reflected the inflow and outflow of households in the local homeless Continuum of Care as documented in the SLO HMIS from all providers within the system.

During the Committee discussion, it was suggested to present data in a simpler form to show information (e.g. New Households, New Persons, People exiting the program). For more information, it was also suggested to refer the audience to the dashboard on the County website.

George also suggested presenting updates on the available affordable housing units that have opened.

#### **4.5. Discussion Item: Planning for Update to the Five-Year Plan**

Linda shared that in preparation for next year's planning for the Five-Year Plan, she and Laurel have talked about having smaller subcommittees focusing on specific subpopulations, such as families and veterans. They want to do a deeper dive regarding gaps that prevent individuals from exiting homelessness. She mentioned that they have a small amount of funding to hire a consultant to help in prioritization of the needs. For the subcommittees, they are looking at having one representation from the following sectors: Social Services, Behavioral Health, person with lived experience, Housing Authority, Law Enforcement, Homeless Coordinator from a city, City Manager, City elected official, Affordable Housing, Education, Provider who focuses on services for families, Provider who focuses on services for veterans. In addition, they want to have representatives from two homeless services providers, totaling to 14 committee participants. Linda mentioned that they want to make sure they have robust and different viewpoints to help make good decisions. This information will be announced at the next HSOC meeting to invite interested individuals. The first committee meeting is to be convened sometime in January.

For the committee composition, George suggested adding an organization who has youth -specific programs, and a representation from San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) as they look at transportation and housing from a different lens.

Susan cautioned that the larger the committee becomes, the harder it is to come up with decisions at the appropriate timeframe.

Michelle S. commented on making sure that the plan's goals and objectives are smart and reasonable in correlation with the shrinking funding budget.

Brenda cited that more data is available this time to help see what worked and what did not.

#### **4.6. Information Item: Committee Reports**

Jack reported that at the last Coordinated Entry Committee meeting, they reviewed data points, on-going guidances, focused on working on a non-financial MOU, and amended meeting time to meet in December instead of November, to bring a draft of the MOU.

There was no update provided by the Data and Performance Committee since Janna had to leave the meeting early.

Laurel shared that since the holidays are busy time for providers, the next Services Coordinating Committee meeting has been moved to January. In the meantime, the Workforce Development Board will be providing a CalJOBS database training for service providers in the fall so they can learn how to access that employment resource for their clients.

#### **4.7. Discussion: Future Agenda Items for HSOC**

None presented.

#### **4.8. Information Item: Updates from County Staff on County Initiatives**

George shared that they are still working on reviews of August 2025 HHAP applications.

**4.9. Discussion Item: Learnings, Trends and Concerns, Future Issues and Next Steps**

None presented.

**5. Future Discussion/Report Items**

- More Performance data discussion

**6. Next Regular Meeting: December 17, 2025**

**7. Adjournment**

Michelle S. adjourned the meeting at 4:58 pm.

**Draft Slate of Candidates\* for HSOC Leadership in CY2026  
For Discussion at December 2025 HSOC Executive Committee Meeting**

**Chair** – Michelle Shoresman

**Vice Chair** – Susan Funk

**Data and Performance Committee Chair** – Mark Lamore

**Services Coordinating Committee Chair** – Wendy Lewis

**Coordinated Entry Committee Chair** – Jack Lahey

**Representative with Lived Experience** – Brenda Mack

\*Members of the Executive Committee are elected on an annual basis at the January meeting of the full HSOC. The Nominating Committee develops initial recommendations to provide to the Executive Committee for its December meeting. Nominations from the floor are also accepted at the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee may approve or modify the proposed slate of candidates. The slate of candidates approved by the Executive Committee will be presented to the full HSOC at its annual January meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the HSOC January meeting and the full HSOC will conduct the elections at that meeting to appoint members to the Leadership positions.

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#### AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4.2.1

**ACTION ITEM: VOTE TO A) MAKE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UP TO \$2,335,694 IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 FUNDING FROM THE ANNUAL CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) AND B) TO APPROVE RANKINGS OF PROPOSED PROJECTS**

#### **ACTION REQUIRED:**

Vote to a) Make Funding Recommendations for Up to \$2,335,694 in Fiscal Year 2025 Funding from the Annual Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and b) to Approve Rankings of Proposed Projects

#### **SUMMARY NARRATIVE:**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the FY2025 CoC Program Funding Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) on November 13, 2025. The San Luis Obispo County CoC is eligible to apply for up to \$1,515,398 to renew existing CoC projects or reallocate to new projects, \$546,864 for new bonus projects or expansion of existing renewal projects, and \$273,432 for new Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus projects. Per 24 CFR 578.15, eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, state 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 persons experiencing homelessness; 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 (PSH)
- Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Joint RRH+TH
- Homeless Management of Information System (HMIS)
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration-funded Projects (YHDP)

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- YHDP Replacement Grants (not applicable to SLO County CoC)
- Coordinated Entry System (CES)

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. The County is also eligible to apply for up to \$273,432 in new funding for RRH or Joint (TH+RRH) projects dedicated to serving only participants who are fleeing from domestic violence.

The funding amount that is available for renewals or reallocations is set by HUD and is referred to as the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). The 2025 competition ARD is based on the amount of funding awarded by HUD to the CoC in the previous year's CoC Competition that will be expiring in Calendar Year 2026. Of the ARD funding available, the first 30% of the funding (aka Tier 1) is available provided the CoC and the projects recommended for that funding submit approvable applications and provided that they meet HUD's threshold review standards. The remainder, or 70% of the ARD (aka Tier 2), will be awarded on a competitive basis and CoCs must compete against each other to maintain their funding. CoC's can gain, maintain, or lose funding in the competition, depending on the CoC's overall score, combined with the project ranking and funding proposed in relation to other projects being proposed by the CoC. As noted above, additional funds are available through the national competition for bonus projects. The CoC will also receive non-competitive funds for a Planning grant.

#### ***Project Review Criteria***

HUD reviews all projects 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 will be considered as having met these requirements through its previously approved grant application unless information to the contrary is received, i.e. the renewal project has compliance issues which results in the project not operating in accordance with the CoC Program Interim Rule. If awarded, a recipient is required to meet all the criteria listed in the CoC Program Interim Rule 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 2025 CoC Program Competition. HUD requires that CoCs rank applications based on funding priority using a two-tier ranking system.

**Tier 1** is equal to 30 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) as described in Section V.D.3.a of the NOFO. HUD will select projects 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, HUD advises CoCs to

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determine carefully 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 CoC Renewal (including DV Renewal), CoC Reallocation, DV Bonus, DV Reallocation, and CoC Bonus funds that a CoC applies for.

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 V.D.3.b 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).

FY2025 CoC funding amounts available to the San Luis Obispo County CoC are listed below:

Annual Renewal Demand – amount required to renew existing projects from FY2024	\$ 1,515,398
Bonus	\$ 546,864
DV Bonus	\$ 273,432
Tier 1 (30% ARD)	\$ 454,619

### ***Cap on Permanent Housing Funding***

The FY2025 CoC Program Competition includes a new requirement that limits the amount of CoC funding that may be awarded to Permanent Housing (PH) projects (i.e. PSH, RRH, and Joint TH-RRH) to no more than 30% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). This is a significant change from last year's competition, which did not include a federal cap on PH and allowed CoCs to allocate the majority of their funding to PH based on local priorities. In FY2024, the San Luis Obispo County CoC awarded approximately 70% of total CoC funds to PSH. Because of the new 30% cap, the CoC must substantially reduce the amount of funding that can be allocated to PH projects in the FY2025 competition. This cap will require the CoC to rebalance its overall project portfolio and make strategic decisions about how remaining funds will be redirected to other HUD-eligible activities.

### ***Local Requests for Proposals***

The County Department of Social Services announced the local competition on November 14, held an informational session on November 18, 2025, via Zoom, with County staff meeting with potential project applicants to explain the grant application process and project rating criteria, and released a local call for proposals for project applications on November 21, 2025. The local

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rating criteria is based on HUD's application evaluation criteria and point system as presented in the FY2025 HUD NOFO.

A total of eight (8) applications were received: four renewal projects (including one HMIS renewal project), three bonus projects, and one Domestic Violence bonus project. Staff reviewed all applications to ensure they met the minimum threshold requirements. A non-conflicted Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee met on December 8 and 10, 2025, to discuss and rank the applications. Staff from the Department of Social Services guided the discussion. Submitted applications were ranked in accordance with a scoring rubric based upon guidelines presented in HUD's FY2025 CoC NOFO and local priorities. Per HUD guidelines, scoring criteria included aggregate client outcomes on measures including housing retention for permanent housing projects and whether the project increased clients' incomes.

#### ***Applications Received***

Agency	Project Name	New, Renewal, or Expansion	# of Clients	Request
CAPSLO	CAPSLO HUD CoC Renewal	Renewal	6,000	\$312,000
CAPSLO	CAPSLO HUD CoC – Renewal Expansion	Expansion		\$425,919
County of San Luis Obispo, DSS	San Luis Obispo County HMIS	Renewal		\$65,220
County of San Luis Obispo, DSS	HMIS Expansion Project	Expansion		\$109,365.20
Lumina Alliance	Transitional Housing DV Bonus Project	New	80	\$273,432
People's Self-Help Housing	PSHH Supportive Housing Services	Renewal	20	\$224,214
Transitions Mental Health Association	SLO City PSH	Renewal	30	\$454,619
Transitions Mental Health Association	SLO Transitional Housing Program	New	40	\$453,000
Transitions Mental Health Association	SLO County Outreach Program	New	600	\$275,000

#### ***Project Selection and Review Process***

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The Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee examined entity applications and considered factors such as an applicant'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), Rapid Rehousing (RRH), Transitional Housing (TH) 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. TMHA's Permanent Supportive Housing project was placed into Tier 1 with a ranking of one. Renewal projects for CAPSLO's Coordinated Entry and SLO County's HMIS were placed in Tier 2, with the rankings of two and three, respectively. TMHA's New Transitional Housing project was ranked fourth and Lumina Alliance's New <TBD> project was ranked fifth and both were placed in Tier 2. Both expansion projects, SLO County's HMIS and CAPSLO's Coordinated Entry, were also placed in Tier 2, and ranked sixth and seventh, respectively. PSHH's Supportive Housing Services project was not placed in either Tier.

GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS					
TIER 1					
Rank	Agency	Project Name	New, Renewal, or Expansion	# of Clients	Request
1	TMHA	SLO City PSH	Renewal	30	\$454,619
TIER 2					
2	CAPSLO	Coordinated Entry	Renewal	4,000	\$312,000
3	SLO County	HMIS	Renewal		\$65,220
4	TMHA	SLO Transitional Housing Program	New	40	\$453,000
5	Lumina Alliance	Transitional Housing DV Bonus Project	New	80	\$273,432
6	SLO County	HMIS Expansion	Expansion		\$109,365.20
7	CAPSLO	Coordinated Entry	Expansion		\$425,919
8	TMHA	SLO County Outreach Program	New		\$275,000
				<b><i>Tiered Projects Subtotal</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 2,368,555</i></b>

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<b>NON-COMPETITIVE</b>					
Rank	Agency	Project Name	New or Renewal	# of Clients/ Households	Request
N/A	County	Planning	Renewal	N/A	
<b><i>Non-Competitive Subtotal</i></b>				<b>\$ TBD</b>	
				<b>TOTAL REQUEST</b>	<b>\$ 2,368,555</b>

HSOC recommendations will be brought to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors on January 6, 2026, 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 \$2,335,694 will be made available to the CoC to assist people experiencing homelessness in the county.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS:**

##### ***Funding Approval Contingency Plan***

The Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC) voted at the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to authorize the HSOC Executive Committee to approve federal Continuum of Care project funding and ranking recommendations if the HSOC was unavailable to meet in time to approve. Staff attempted to convene a special meeting of the HSOC in December to meet grant deadlines but were not able to achieve quorum within the timeline required.

##### ***Impact of PSH Funding Caps on Project Tier Placement***

Because TMHA's PSH project fully utilizes the 30% cap on PSH funding and the 30% of Annual Renewal Demand allocated to Tier 1, no additional PSH projects could be included within the available Tier 1 or Tier 2 funding slots. As a result, PSHH's Supportive Housing Services project, despite receiving the second-highest ranking from the Grant Review Committee, could not be placed in either tier.

##### ***Withdrawal and Litigation***

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, HUD formally withdrew the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO in response to ongoing litigation and indicated that they will be making revisions to the document. In addition, two federal lawsuits have been filed in U.S. District Court challenging the legality of certain

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elements of the NOFO. The Court held a hearing on December 8<sup>th</sup> and is expected to issue a ruling on the pending Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction requests. At this time, the potential impact of the Court's ruling on either the timing or the content of the NOFO remains unknown. Given this uncertainty, staff requests that the Executive Committee authorizes staff to make minor adjustments to local application materials based on changes from HUD (e.g. if the cap on PH funding is changed), provided the adjustments do not alter project rankings or funding requests. If HUD's revisions are substantial enough to necessitate significant changes, staff may need to restart the local competition.

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### **EXHIBIT A**

#### **FY2025 CoC SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT APPLICATION NARRATIVES**

The following project descriptions were provided by applicants in their supplemental applications submitted for the Continuum of Care FY2025 – San Luis Obispo County CoC Supplemental Application process.

**APPLICANT NAME:** Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County, Inc. (CAPSLO)

**PROJECT NAME:** CAPSLO HUD CoC Renewal

**FUNDING REQUESTED:** \$312,000

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** CAPSLO's proposed project continues San Luis Obispo (SLO) County's Coordinated Entry System (CES), operated by CAPSLO since CES was first established in the Continuum of Care (CoC). The renewal sustains CES as the centralized access, assessment, prioritization, referral, and system coordination entity for all CES participating agencies. CES will continue managing assessment workflows, queue operations, data quality monitoring, referral coordination, training, and documentation standards for the CoC. During this grant year, CES will implement meaningful system improvements achievable within renewal resources, including targeted rework of HMIS workflows, refinement of CES documentation, the development of a CES website, and advancement of the transition away from the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) to a more impartial, locally developed assessment approach.

CES will also continue improving the efficiency of shelter referral processes, strengthening prioritization practices, facilitating the integration of the Veteran By Name

List into CES, and enhancing cross-system communication with local partners through the CES website, regular collaborative meetings, and continued expansion of in-person training. Community priorities such as Diversion, Homelessness Prevention coordination, 211 integration, Enhanced Care Management (ECM) or Community Supports (CS) onboarding, and embedded staffing will continue to be developed at the planning level, though full implementation will require additional resources beyond this renewal.

**APPLICANT NAME:** Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County, Inc. (CAPSLO)

**PROJECT NAME:** CAPSLO HUD CoC - Renewal Expansion

**FUNDING REQUESTED:** \$ 425,919

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** CAPSLO's proposed project expands the Coordinated Entry System (CES) to establish a unified Diversion (diverted from the shelter) and Homelessness Prevention framework that strengthens early identification, problem solving, and coordinated stabilization throughout San Luis Obispo (SLO) County. The project continues all existing CES functions while expanding system capacity through integration of the 211 community resource and referral line as an access point, and onboarding non-traditional providers such as healthcare systems, workforce programs, school districts, the County of SLO Probation Department, and other community-based organizations.

CenCal Health is the Medicaid (Medi-Cal) provider in SLO County. The proposed project also brings CenCal's Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports (CS) providers into CES referral and triage workflows through shared pathways, developed in partnership with the SLO County Department of Social Services (DSS) to improve Medi-Cal enrollment and access to stabilization supports. These enhancements strengthen the entire homelessness response system by supporting households at imminent risk,

improving early resolution, reducing duplication, and increasing communication across CES participating agencies.

CES will use this expansion to formalize coordination practices across partners, strengthen shared problem-solving and documentation standards, and improve communication across the full network of CES participating agencies. The enhanced infrastructure also prepares the system for future HMIS-CenCal data exchange improvements, ensuring that CES is aligned with regional health and behavioral health initiatives. Together, these changes create a more responsive and available CES that is better able to stabilize households early and reduce entry into homelessness.

**APPLICANT NAME:** County of San Luis Obispo, Department of Social Services

**PROJECT NAME:** San Luis Obispo County HMIS

**FUNDING REQUESTED:** \$65,220

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The County of San Luis Obispo serves as the HMIS Lead for the San Luis Obispo County CoC and contracts with a vendor to continue providing a web-based HMIS program countywide. Funds will be used to purchase software licenses and pay annual fees and will also pay salaries for those administering the HMIS program (for the HMIS Program Manager and Program Review Specialist). The HMIS Lead will ensure compliance with HMIS data standards, reporting requirements, analyze data, train staff on using HMIS, monitor and review HMIS data, and prepare all required reporting. Custom reporting and querying of the database is also provided by HMIS Lead staff to participating agencies as well as for community information sharing, transparency, and accountability. Our database has 18 participating agencies with 212 user accounts. HMIS supports HUD CoC, ESG, CDBG, VA, HHS, State and locally funded projects.

**APPLICANT NAME:** County of San Luis Obispo, Department of Social Services

**PROJECT NAME:** HMIS Expansion Project

**FUNDING REQUESTED:** \$109,365.20

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This expansion project will support the use of objective measures in program evaluation by ensuring that program outcomes are accurately reflected in the system within client records. Currently, all of the HMIS Universal Data Elements and Program-Specific Data Elements including client name, date of birth, health conditions, income sources and benefits are collected at time of program entry and then updated as needed or annually depending on the length of time the client is enrolled. Project outcome measures and the HUD System Performance Measures rely on these fields to calculate increases or changes in client income, length of time homeless, and client chronicity among other metrics. Currently, records between systems is currently only done manually in instances where a user has access to multiple systems. By matching client records against other databases, the CoC has an opportunity to see a more comprehensive picture of a client's needs and connection to services and to increase the reliability of HMIS. In addition to helping client care coordination, this also facilitates review of program outcomes by ensuring the data used in calculating those outcomes is reliable.

**APPLICANT NAME:** Lumina Alliance

**PROJECT NAME:** Transitional Housing DV Bonus Project

**FUNDING REQUESTED:** \$273,432

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Under the Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO 2025 HUD CoC NOFO, Lumina Alliance proposes to operate a New DV Bonus Transitional Housing Project with a budget request of \$273,432.00. As the only organization providing services to sexual assault and intimate partner violence survivors in San Luis Obispo (SLO) County, Lumina Alliance provides services to over 1,300 survivors annually, and last year 76 survivors, including 47 children, lived in our Transitional Housing Program. Lumina Alliance's Transitional Housing Program has operated in our community for nearly 20 years, offering 17 housing units throughout SLO County and supportive services such as case management; self-sufficiency planning; and client financial assistance. Moreover, our organization has provided direct services for nearly 50 years.

Under our New DV Bonus Transitional Housing Project, Lumina Alliance will provide transitional housing to survivors in our community who are unhoused and at-risk of being unhoused as a result of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and financial dependence on their abusers. We aim for clients residing both in the community and in our housing programs to secure permanent housing within a 12-month timeframe with possible extensions based on individual circumstances. This time allows clients to put aside a portion of their income for the deposit and first month's rent.

Lumina Alliance currently operates 17 transitional housing throughout the cities of San Luis Obispo, Paso Robles, and Grover Beach. All units are non-smoking, and existing pets are generally welcome upon entry. Units come partially furnished, depending on what a client needs. Clients must live peacefully in a community without 24/7 supervision. Eligible survivors fall into one or more of the following tiers of support: Low (those who are

safe, but not financially stable), medium (those who may not be safe and need assistance finding housing), and high (those with barriers to rapid rehousing).

When a transitional housing unit becomes available it is offered on a first-come first-served basis to current clients. The program applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements and be: (1) A survivor of SA, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking. (2) Homeless or in need of housing as a result of experiencing domestic violence, SA, and/or stalking. (3) At least eighteen years old, a legally emancipated minor, or child victim of SA with a guardian/parent head of household.

Transitional housing residents can stay 6 months up to 24 months with prorated monthly rent calculated as 30% of their income. Lumina Alliance sets aside 10% of the rent paid in a savings account. These funds are then returned to the resident upon exiting the program, making the transition to permanent housing easier. Rent is adjustable and can be re-evaluated according to changes in cash flow.

Clients are encouraged, but not required, to participate in our comprehensive wraparound services, such as clinical therapy, self-sufficiency planning, legal referrals, financial assistance, and more, throughout their stay. Follow-up services are offered for at least 3 months or up to 1 year.

Lumina Alliance's Transitional Housing Program saw an 81% increase in the number of adult survivors served and a 95% increase in the number of child survivors served from fiscal year 2023-24 to 2024-25 as a result of a high permanent housing placement rate (64% of clients exited to safe housing) and increasing our lot of available units. Our program exhibits stability and potential for further growth. With New DV Bonus funding, Lumina Alliance also proposes to reestablish an administrative presence through available office space in South SLO County, the general area in which our Grover Beach units are located, thereby extending the reach of our Transitional Housing and supportive services programming. Also, we propose completing various repair and rehabilitation projects in

some units and at the housing sites to improve the livability of our transitional housing units.

**APPLICANT NAME:** People's Self-Help Housing

**PROJECT NAME:** PSHH Supportive Housing Services

**FUNDING REQUESTED:** \$224,214

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** People's Self-Help Housing (PSHH) will provide on-site supportive services to residents of approximately 20 permanent supportive housing units.

**APPLICANT NAME:** Transitions Mental Health Association

**PROJECT NAME:** SLO City PSH

**FUNDING REQUESTED:** \$454,619

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The SLO City Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Program will provide safe, stable housing and ongoing supportive services to approximately 30 chronically homeless individuals and families with disabling conditions. The program integrates affordable housing with client-centered case management, helping residents maintain long-term housing stability, improve wellness, and build pathways toward greater independence.

**APPLICANT NAME:** Transitions Mental Health Association

**PROJECT NAME:** SLO Transitional Housing Program

**FUNDING REQUESTED:** \$453,000

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This Transitional Housing Program will provide safe, stable, and support services to temporary house individuals and families experiencing homelessness who need structured support to successfully transition into permanent housing. The program offers up to 24 months of housing combined with individualized case management focused on removing barriers, increasing income, and stabilizing physical and behavioral health needs.

Participants receive a comprehensive assessment upon entry, followed by a personalized housing stability plan. Core services include case management, life-skills development, connection to employment and benefits, behavioral health and substance use treatment referrals, transportation assistance, and housing navigation. The program utilizes a trauma-informed, low-barrier approach that emphasizes safety, dignity, and participant choice.

The goal of the Transitional Housing Program is to provide participants with the time, stability, and targeted support necessary to achieve long-term housing stability and increase overall self-sufficiency. Through structured services, community partnerships, and consistent case management, the program helps participants build the skills and support systems needed to transition successfully into permanent housing.

**APPLICANT NAME:** Transitions Mental Health Association

**PROJECT NAME:** SLO County Outreach Program

**FUNDING REQUESTED:** \$275,000

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Street Outreach program designed to engage and support individuals and families experiencing homelessness who are living unsheltered in the community. The program will be staffed by **2.0 FTE Street Outreach Specialists**, who will operate as part of a coordinated, multidisciplinary response aimed at reducing barriers to housing, health care, and behavioral health treatment for people with complex needs. The Outreach Specialists will work in close collaboration with **Transition-Mental Health Association's (TMHA) Behavioral Health Navigators**, the **Full-Service Partnership (FSP) Homeless Outreach Team**, El Camino Homeless Organization, Community Action Partnership of SLO, 5 Cities Homeless Coalition, and other community partners. This coordinated approach ensures that individuals are identified quickly, assessed thoroughly, and linked to the most appropriate services without duplication.

### **Core Functions and Activities**

#### **1. Active, Field-Based Engagement**

The team will conduct regular outreach across encampments, public spaces, and other locations where unsheltered individuals reside. Efforts include meeting people “where they are,” building rapport, and offering immediate problem-solving support.

#### **2. Comprehensive Assessment & Prioritization**

Outreach Specialists will administer evidence-based assessments to determine needs related to:

- Substance use disorders
- Serious mental illness
- Co-occurring disorders
- Physical disabilities or chronic health conditions
- Safety risks and vulnerability factors

Assessment results will be entered into HMIS and used to support CE prioritization.

#### **3. Navigation & Referral Services**

Staff will provide warm handoffs and referrals to a wide array of services, including:

- Behavioral health evaluations
- Substance use treatment
- Crisis stabilization
- Primary medical care
- Income and benefits programs
- Emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing resources

- TMHA's Behavioral Health Navigators and FSP teams for ongoing support

#### **4. Case Coordination & Follow-Up**

The program emphasizes continuity of care. Outreach Specialists will track referrals, provide appointment reminders, coordinate with partner providers, and help clients remove barriers such as transportation, documentation, or basic needs.

#### **5. Housing-Focused Support**

Consistent with HUD priorities, all outreach activities center on assisting clients to obtain and maintain stable housing. Staff will help individuals connect to Coordinated Entry, assemble documentation, secure shelter placements, and transition into long-term housing solutions.

#### **6. Harm Reduction & Trauma-Informed Care**

The program uses a strengths-based approach grounded in harm reduction, cultural humility, trauma-informed engagement, and voluntary participation. Staff aim to build trust and empower clients to make self-directed decisions about their wellbeing.

#### **Population to Be Served**

The Street Outreach Initiative will focus on individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness who present with:

- Substance use disorders
- Serious mental illness or co-occurring disorders
- Chronic physical or developmental disabilities
- High vulnerability or safety risks

The program will prioritize those who are disconnected from services or who have not successfully engaged in traditional service settings.

#### **Program Goals**

- Increase identification and assessment of unsheltered homeless individuals and families.
- Improve timely linkage to behavioral health, substance use, and medical service providers.
- Strengthen coordination among TMHA outreach programs, county behavioral health systems, and community partners.
- Reduce the number of people living unsheltered by facilitating access to housing resources.
- Support HUD's system performance measures, including reducing first-time homelessness and improving exits to permanent housing.