HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

June 17, 2026, at 3 p.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 (5 minutes*)
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes (1 minutes*)
4. Action/Information Discussion
   - 4.1. HSOC Administration
     - 4.1.1. Action Item: Approve Susan Lamont and Devon McQuade as Vice-Chairs for the HSOC Services Coordinating Committee and HSOC Data and Performance Committee, respectively (3 minutes*)
       - 4.1.1.1. Committee Questions
       - 4.1.1.2. Public Comment

4.1.1.3. Committee Discussion and Vote

4.1.2. Action Item: Approve Heidi Marks as HSOC Alternate for Juanetta Perkins (2 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 4 – Create, Identify, and Streamline Funding and Resources

4.2.1. Action Item: Approve regional allocation considerations for HSD-funded grant programs for services projects, to be incorporated into the grant review recommendation process to ensure regional equity of services (40 minutes*)

4.2.1.1. Committee Questions

4.2.1.2. Public Comment

4.2.1.3. Committee Discussion and Vote

4.2.2. FY 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition (40 minutes*)

4.2.2.1. Discussion Item: Priorities in and process for the Fiscal Year 2026 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

4.2.2.1.1. Committee Questions

4.2.2.1.2. Public Comment

4.2.2.1.3. Committee Discussion

4.2.2.2. Discussion Item: 2026 CoC Reallocation Policy

4.2.2.2.1. Committee Questions

4.2.2.2.2. Public Comment

4.2.2.2.3. Committee Discussion

4.2.2.3. Action Item: Approve local priority for the 2026 Continuum of Care competition to sustain mandatory components and support alignment with the Countywide Five-Year Plan to Address Homelessness

4.2.2.3.1. Committee Questions

4.2.2.3.2. Public Comment

4.2.2.3.3. Committee Discussion and Vote

4.2.3. Discussion Item: Federal Budget and Federal Program Updates (5 minutes*)

4.2.3.1. Committee Questions

4.2.3.2. Public Comment

4.2.3.3. Committee Discussion

4.3. Discussion Item: Committee Reports (10 minutes*)

4.3.1.1. Committee Questions

4.3.1.2. Public Comment

4.3.1.3. Committee Discussion

4.4. Discussion Item: Updates from County Staff on County Initiatives (5 minutes*)

4.4.1. Committee Questions

4.4.2. Public Comment

4.4.3. Committee Discussion

4.5. Discussion Item: Future Agendas for Full HSOC (5 minutes*)

4.5.1.1. Committee Questions

4.5.1.2. Public Comment

4.5.1.3. Committee Discussion

4.6. Discussion Item: Learnings, Trends and Concerns, Future Discussion/Report Items and Next Steps (3 minutes*)

4.6.1. Committee Questions

4.6.2. Public Comment

4.6.3. Committee Discussion

5. Next Regular Meeting: June 17, 2026

6. Adjournment

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-division/homeless-services-oversight-council

*Times allotted for discussion are approximate and subject to change

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

Date
April 15, 2026

Time
3:05 pm-5:05 pm

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

Members Present
Devon McQuade
Jack Lahey
Kate Secrest
Mark Lamore
Michelle Pedigo
Michelle Shoresman
Wendy Lewis

Absent Members
Brenda Mack

Staff and Guests
Chelsea Fredinburg
George Solis
Jeff Al-Mashat
Juanetta Perkins
Kelly Riffer
Laurel Weir
Linda Belch
Merlie Livermore

1. Call to Order and Introductions
Michelle S. called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

2. Public Comment
Michelle S. reported that another individual was found deceased at Laguna Lake Park last week, and the group observed a moment of silence in their honor.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes
Mark moved to approve the minutes, and Jack seconded. All others were in favor, and the motion carried by voice vote.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1. HSOC Administration

4.1.1. Information Item: Recruitment process for Vice-Chair positions for HSOC Committees and Process for Implementation

Laurel presented the form that will be posted on the HSOC website this week, with submissions due May 28. The form will also be distributed via email with a website link. The Executive Committee will make final decisions in June. No additional questions or comments about the form were raised by attendees.

4.2. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 4 – Create, Identify, and Streamline Funding and Resources

4.2.1. Discussion Item: Revising Grant Review Process Guidelines

George stated that the current funding priorities process should be revisited and refined. He raised questions about how funding should be divided into categories and whether the Board's recent direction implies prioritizing countywide services or specific service types. He emphasized the need for a broader, systemwide overview of the funding landscape.

Laurel noted that the longstanding issue relates to regional fairness. She clarified that funding allocations are not based on where individuals live and suggested being more explicit about this in future communications.

Michelle asked whether the Board of Supervisors provided any direction to improving the process. George indicated a desire to provide direction to HSD, while other members suggested directing guidance to HSOC instead.

Linda commented that the process generally functions well, and the focus should be on refining outcomes. She recommended identifying countywide service types, incorporating those into RFPs, reviewing the CE process, and developing a funding matrix in a smaller working group to carefully consider funding streams.

Wendy asked how these considerations would appear in applications for the three major service providers. Linda asked whether regionalized services are more effective. Michelle S. raised concerns about applicants being unsure where to apply due to regional distinctions. Jack stated that long-term coordination should occur through CES to reduce duplication and consider regionalization criteria. Devon noted that case management remains a core issue. Wendy added that service timelines and processing speed also impact providers.

The group discussed leveraging resources. Jack explained that prevention programs effectively leverage available resources, and Devon and Jack both emphasized evaluating how applicants leverage funds in addition to reviewing scoring. George noted that these elements already exist in the application process. Devon clarified the importance of reviewing allocations, not just scores. Linda stressed the need to clearly identify eligible and ineligible activities as part of priority setting.

George stated the need for better data to understand actual needs. Jack suggested that smaller committees have a better grasp on funding allocation issues than the full HSOC. Michelle observed that major decisions were made under tight time constraints, and Wendy noted that larger groups may bring differing priorities. Devon pointed out a general lack of understanding about various programs. George and Linda both stated that alternative funding sources beyond HHAP are available. Michelle highlighted a gap in funding for the central county for individuals ages 25 and older.

Jack recommended prioritizing eligible activities and removing ineligible ones from consideration. Laurel stated that recommendations would still need to go through HSOC. Michelle asked whether the Executive Committee could make recommendations. Devon emphasized demonstrating need with county-provided data. Laurel encouraged collaborating to determine program priorities. Wendy noted strong collaboration among the three main service providers.

Linda raised the importance of maintaining access to some funding within a competitive process and suggested refining language related to services. She and others emphasized the long-term priority of improving CE. Jack added that CE processes could be adjusted to support better coordination. Michelle recommended allowing committees time to refine the process.

4.2.2. Discussion Item: March HSOC Listening Session Wrap Up

Laurel shared the follow-up survey comments and presented the Dot Exercise results. Comments included positive feedback on the small-group format. (Additional survey details to be confirmed with Laurel.)

Jack asked whether there was a simpler way to gather feedback, noting that the current process can feel tiring and confusing. Laurel suggested that next year's process could focus on identifying gaps, potential program shifts, and any changes to priorities.

George expressed concern that funding priorities were decided too soon after presentations, leaving insufficient time for discussion and review. He asked how the process should move forward. Laurel stated that the feedback will be presented to HSOC.

4.2.3. Discussion Item: Federal Budget and Federal Program Updates
George reported that they received their 2026 allocation, which reflects an increase from prior projections. Laurel noted that the proposed federal budget includes the elimination of CDBG and CoC programs.

Michelle P. shared that they are still awaiting their 2026 budget. She anticipates the funding will be insufficient and will not allow issuance of new vouchers. She also noted proposed work-program requirements and the proposal to eliminate EHV. Additionally, there is uncertainty regarding the impact on households with non-citizen members who may risk losing housing assistance.

Mark reported that the Paso Homekey project remains active and has generated additional vouchers, which participants can retain.

Michelle S. asked about the percentage of individuals who may be affected by the proposed work requirements due to an inability to work. Laurel clarified that these changes are still only proposals.

Laurel added that FY 2026 appropriations will include the CoC NOFO competition in June, though the application has not yet been released.

4.3. Committee Reports
4.3.1. Discussion Item: Committee Reports

Mark reported that the Data & Performance Committee met on March 18 and received a preview of the PIT Count data. The group also discussed adding Veterans to the By-Name List. Jeff noted that HMIS information is best presented by the Committee Chair.

Jack reported that there was no Coordinated Entry update.

In Wendy's absence, Laurel provided the Services Coordinating Committee update, noting that DSS staff presented updates on CalFresh and Medi-Cal.

4.4. Discussion Item: Updates from County Staff on County Initiatives
Linda reported receiving two interim HSD reports, which include recommendations to improve the use of data to support clearer understanding and decision-making by HSOC.

4.5 . Future Full HSOC Agendas
4.5.1. Discussion Item: HSOC Agenda for May
- Standing agenda item to include Affordable Housing information
- Planning & Building/SLO Cog re RHNA
- State ESG Funding recommendations

4.6. Discussion Item: Learnings, Trends and Concerns, Future Discussion/Report Items and Next Steps

None reported.

5. Next Regular Meeting: June 17, 2026

6. Adjournment

Michelle P. adjourned the meeting at 5:05 pm.

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
ACTION ITEM
June 17, 2026

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4.2.1

ITEM: Approve regional allocation considerations for HSD-funded grant programs for services projects, to be incorporated into the grant review recommendation process to ensure regional equity of services.

ACTION REQUIRED:
Approve regional allocation considerations for HSD-funded grant programs for services projects to ensure a fair and performance-based distribution of resources while supporting equitable access to homelessness services across all regions of the county.

PURPOSE:
To establish a consistent and transparent method for integrating regional access considerations into the performance-based funding review process for homelessness service programs.

SUMMARY NARRATIVE:
On March 30, 2026, the County released a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit applications for the California Department of Housing and Community Development Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) programs. During the May 20, 2026 HSOC meeting, committee members requested that staff present options for incorporating regional equity considerations into future funding recommendations.

The goal is to preserve a performance-based allocation method while ensuring that residents across North, Central, and South County have equitable access to homelessness services.

GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE PROCESS:
The grant review process incorporates performance criteria and review guidelines approved by the HSOC Executive Committee on February 19, 2025, and by the County Board of Supervisors on April 8, 2025. Performance data for service-related projects is derived from the County's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or HMIS-compliant databases.

Performance criteria are combined with standardized application scoring to ensure a consistent, data-driven evaluation across programs.

Proposed Regional Allocation Considerations
In response to HSOC's request, staff developed the following approach to integrate regional access considerations while maintaining performance as the primary basis for funding recommendations.

To support readability and transparency, the steps of the proposed process are summarized below:

Funding Recommendation Flow:

1. Score applications using approved performance and application metrics
2. Generate preliminary funding recommendations
3. Conduct regional distribution analysis
4. Apply regional minimum thresholds *only if* gaps in service access are identified

Performance Scoring Framework

The scoring framework evaluates both measurable program outcomes and application quality. Scores are normalized and weighted within each project type. As an example, the following distribution was used for FY2025 State ESG interim shelter funding and is proposed for continued use:

- 30% – Number of People/Households Served
- 25% – Percentage of Participants Experiencing Chronic Homelessness
- 25% – Percentage of Exits to Positive Housing Destinations
- 20% – Average Application Score (program design, staffing, budget, best-practice alignment)

RECOMMENDATION:

Performance-Based Allocation with Conditional Regional Access Threshold

Under this approach:

- All applications are scored on performance and application quality.
- Preliminary funding allocations are generated based strictly on scoring.
- A regional distribution analysis is then conducted.
- If a service category shows a regional access gap, a **regional minimum threshold** may be applied for that region and that service category only.
- Thresholds act as a corrective tool, not a universal requirement, and do not reserve funds in advance.

To ensure meaningful access, thresholds scale to the funding available:

Funding Availability Amount	Regional Minimum Threshold
Under $200K	15%
Over $200K	10%

Adjustments to meet thresholds occur within the total available funding and may result in proportional reductions to other recommended projects within the same activity.

Service categories for which thresholds may apply include:

- Interim shelter
- Prevention and diversion
- Rapid rehousing and rental assistance
- Street outreach
- Services coordination

Thresholds would not apply to:

- Affordable housing capital development projects (due to inconsistent regional application patterns)
- Permanent supportive housing (as client placements occur through Coordinated Entry)

ILLUSTRATIVE THRESHOLD EXAMPLE

Activity	Total Funding Available	10% Regional Access Threshold	15% Regional Access Threshold
Interim Shelter	$500,000	$50,000	$0
Rapid Rehousing	$250,000	$25,000	$0
Prevention & Diversion	$180,000	$0	$27,000
Street Outreach	$150,000	$0	$22,500

Key Considerations

- Preserves a primarily performance-based funding approach
- Thresholds are applied only when necessary to resolve regional gaps
- No advance set-asides or reserved regional funding
- Supports both regionally targeted and countywide service models
- Enhances clarity, fairness, and transparency in the funding process

Subpopulations

Projects that specifically target subpopulations will be considered based on countywide need and evaluated within the total pool of available funding for that activity. This does not override funder-mandated subpopulation set-asides.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact on the HSOC.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Staff recommends that the HSOC Executive Committee approve the proposed regional allocation considerations to ensure a transparent, performance-driven, and regionally equitable funding process.

2026 Continuum of Care Funding Competition

HSOC Executive Committee

June 17, 2026

Continuum of Care (CoC) Program

- Annual, competitive grant
- Approximately 400 CoCs nationwide; only CoCs are eligible to apply to HUD
- CoCs represent a variety of jurisdictions, including Major Cities and Urban Counties, Statewide (small states, e.g. Rhode Island), and “Balance of State” (In CA, applies to ESG but not CoC)
- Statute requires the grant to be competitive, but to ensure some regional balance, HUD uses a two-tier structure to ensure that CoC’s get a minimum amount each time.
- Competitive portion of grant governed by HUD priorities

HUD Priorities for FY2026

- Transitional Housing and Street Outreach eligible this year
- Moving priority away from Permanent Supportive Housing towards promoting Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only
- Revised definition of moving people towards self-sufficiency
  - Previous definition used focused on maintaining housing
  - Definition for FY2026 NOFO uses a definition that people will be able to sustain housing without subsidies
- Employment
- Substance use treatment
- Working with law enforcement for Street Outreach

SLO County CoC

Total amount for all contracts that have been/will be executed in CY2026: $1,658,873

Four current contracts: TMHA PSH, People's Self-Help Housing PSH, Coordinated Entry, and HMIS

Total amount potentially available to SLO County in FY2026 competition (i.e. $ for CY2027): $1,658,873 plus approximately $500K and $250K in Bonus and DV Bonus funds

HOWEVER, FY2026 Tier 2 competition restructured in a way that will make it highly likely that 1-3 of the four renewal projects will not get funding

CoC Tier Structure – Two Tiers

- Tier 1
  - Projects ranked by the local CoC in Tier 1 do not have to compete against others and are funded by HUD if they meet HUD criteria
  - In FY2026, amount set at 60% of funds available to a CoC
  - SLO County Tier 1 estimated to be $995,324

- Tier 2
  - Projects in Tier 2 compete against other projects nationwide; no funding is guaranteed in Tier 2
  - In FY2026, set at remainder of funds available to a COC
  - SLO County Tier 2 estimated to be $663,549

2026 Tier 2 Process vs. Usual Process

Usual process is that HUD selects projects based on rank and CoC scoring

In 2026, HUD will select **DV projects first** for awards, even if others rank above, up to $104 million (can include DV projects in Tier 1). At $104 million HUD will move to the next step

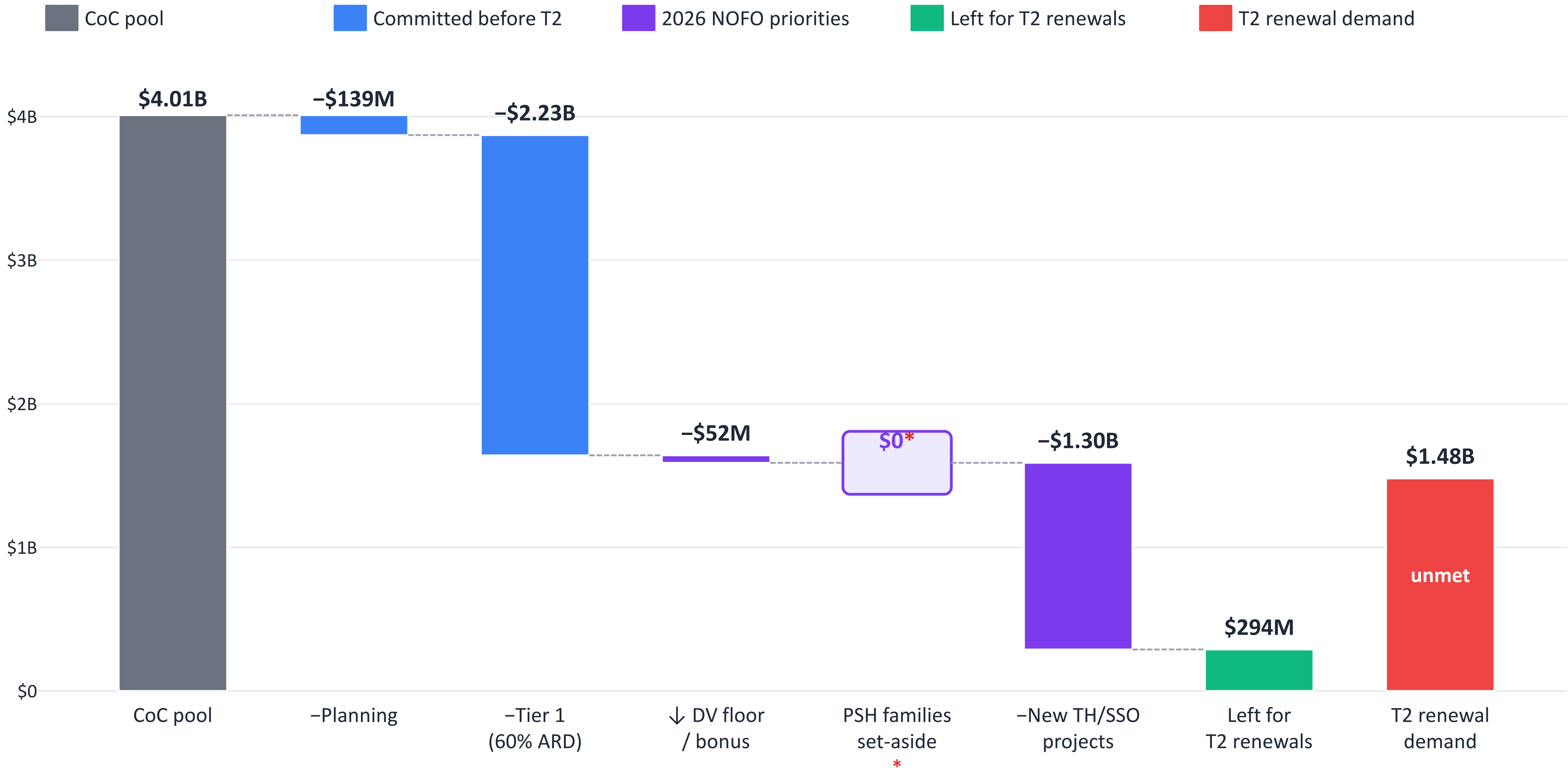
HUD will then look to ensure that at least $430 million in funding has been made available to **PSH projects for families** (likely to have been done in Tier 1)

HUD will then fund *new* **Transitional Housing and SSO** projects based on rank and score, up to $1.3 billion

2026 Tier 2 Process (cont.)

- If all new, eligible TH and SSO projects are funded and there is still a portion of the $1.3 billion remaining, HUD will select **other types of new projects**. After $1.3 billion has been awarded, HUD will remove any unawarded new projects from consideration.
- If any funding remains, HUD will conditionally select renewal projects based on scores and ranking. It is likely that most renewal projects in Tier 2 will not be selected.

Estimated Order of Funding



* HUD reviews whether the $430M PSH for families with children set-aside has already been met in Tier 1. It is estimated that Tier 1 funding will satisfy this requirement; therefore, no additional funds are estimated to be removed at this step.

Example of How Tier 2 Will Work

Batman County			Superman County		
Proj Rank	Project Name	Score	Proj Rank	Project Name	Score
1	PSH Renewal	90	1	SSO Project Renewal	87
2	HMIS Renewal	78	2	DV Renewal	73
3	Coordinated Entry Renewal	71	3	Coordinated Entry Renewal	70
4	DV Renewal	69	4	PSH Renewal	68
5	New TH	50	5	New DV	49
6	New SSO Project	48	6	HMIS Expansion	43

Under FY2026 Projects, Tier 2 projects would be conditionally awarded in the following order:
Step 1 - DV Projects
Superman County DV Renewal
Batman County DV Renewal
Superman County New DV
This would continue nationwide until all the DV set-aside funding had been conditionally awarded. If the set-aside for DV has been awarded before HUD gets to Superman County's New DV project, that project would not receive funding in this round.
Step 2 is verifying that at least $430 million in funding was awarded in Tier 1 to PSH projects for homeless families.

Batman County			Superman County		
Proj Rank	Project Name	Score	Proj Rank	Project Name	Score
1	PSH Renewal	90	1	SSO Project Renewal	87
2	HMIS Renewal	78	2	DV Renewal	75
3	Coordinated Entry Renewal	71	3	Coordinated Entry Renewal	72
4	DV Renewal	69	4	PSH Renewal	68
5	New TH	50	5	New DV	49
6	New SSO Project	48	6	New RRH	43

Step 3: New TH and SSO Projects conditional funding order

Batman County New TH
Batman County New SSO Project

HUD continues selecting new TH and new SSO projects until either $1.3 billion has been awarded, cumulatively, to those projects or there are no more eligible new TH or new SSO projects.

Batman County			Superman County		
Proj Rank	Project Name	Score	Proj Rank	Project Name	Score
1	PSH Renewal	90	1	SSO Project Renewal	87
2	HMIS Renewal	78	2	DV Renewal	75
3	Coordinated Entry Renewal	71	3	Coordinated Entry Renewal	72
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Step 4 – Other New Projects Conditional Funding Order
*Superman County New RRH**

*This step only occurs if less than $1.3 billion has been awarded to new TH and SSO projects. If that amount was reached in Step 3, then this step is skipped and HUD will move on to funding all other project types. If HUD awarded less than $1.3 billion in Step 3, then HUD awards funding to other new project types, based on scores, until the amount awarded in Step 3 and Step 4, cumulatively, equals $1.3 billion.

Batman County			**Superman County**		
Proj Rank	Project Name	Score	Proj Rank	Project Name	Score
1	Supportive Services Only Project Renewal	90	1	PSH Renewal	83
2	HMIS Renewal	78	2	DV Renewal	75
3	Coordinated Entry Renewal	71	3	Coordinated Entry Renewal	72
4	DV Renewal	69	4	PSH Renewal	68
5	New TH	50	5	New DV	49
6	New SSO Project	48	6	New RRH	43

Step 5 – Other Projects Conditional Funding Order

*Batman County Supportive Services Only Project Renewal**

*This step only occurs if HUD has not yet awarded all funding available. If that amount was reached in Step 4, then no awards would be made under this step. The National Alliance to End Homelessness estimates that only about $200 million would be left to fund remaining projects and that this would only be enough to fund 11% of the remaining renewal demand.

FY 2026 Project Scoring Factors Used by HUD

- Maximum possible: 100 pts
- Scoring Components
  - CoC Score: Up to 50 points come from the score for a CoC's Collaborative Application
  - CoC Project Ranking: Up to 40 points come from where a project is ranked and how much funding it is requesting in relation to other projects
  - Service Participation: Up to 10 points for projects that "indicate that they have or will incorporate supportive service participation requirements in their program design…"
- Project Ranking is calculated by multiplying "40 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 the CoC.
  - In practice, this means that the more funding ranked ahead of a project, the lower their score. A project at the top of the ranking with a large amount of funding will make it less likely that projects ranked below will get a high enough score to be funded in any step.

How Projects are Placed into Tiers

- NOFO issued by HUD, sets rules, point structures, and how much funding will be in Tier 1 vs Tier 2
- CoCs then hold their own competition locally
- Local project applications scored based on NOFO priorities and rules; CoCs may include points for local preferences for project types
- Highest scoring project is ranked #1, next highest scoring project is ranked #2, etc.
- Based on dollar amounts recommended for each project, projects continue to be placed in Tier 1 until the total amount available for Tier 1 is reached
- It is possible that a project near the line will straddle Tier 1 and Tier 2, i.e. a portion of funds in Tier 1 and a portion in Tier 2

SLO County CoC Grants

Grants coming up for renewal in CY2027

- Coordinated Entry Project - $333,417
  - Current grant expires May 31, 2027
- HMIS – $69,564
  - Current grant expires October 31, 2027
- TMHA PSH – $994,301
  - Current grant expires September 30, 2027
  - Funds leasing and services
- People’s Self-Help Housing - $261,591
  - Current grant expires June 30, 2027

FY2026 Competition (funding for grants renewing in CY2027)

- Estimated Tier 1: $995,000

It is likely that all or nearly all renewal funding in Tier 2 will be lost.

Other Potential Federal/State Funding by Activity

Permanent Supportive Housing

- HHAP
  - HCD issued a memo in December 2025, in response to the FY2025 CoC NOFO, stating that "HHAP grantees can propose adjustments to their HHAP budgets from any round to dedicate a greater percentage to permanent housing eligible uses…" May displace other uses of funding, e.g. PH construction, unless future HHAP round funding is increased.
- Housing Choice Vouchers
  - Could potentially be used (CoC funding would not run out until July 2027 at the earliest) for rental costs. HCV program currently oversubscribed. Availability of HCVs may depend on status of moving EHV recipients to regular HCVs.

Coordinated Entry

- No clear path – some pieces might be eligible for funding under PLHA but not clearly meant for this purpose and unclear if state would allow. Would displace other, current uses.

HMIS

- ESG may be used, but ESG funding is small compared to other grants and this would use a significant portion of it. Might hinder ability to use ESG later to meet urgent needs

Recommend Executive Committee approve the following local priorities for FY2026 CoC

- Prioritize mandatory activities (Coordinated Entry and HMIS)
  - Can’t have program without the mandatory activities
  - Would use $402,981 of total Tier 1 funding, leaving $592,343
- Align with Five-Year Plan priorities and measurable goals
- Preference that straddling projects not straddle more than $100,000 into Tier 2

Questions?

Additional Background Slides

- CoC Tier Structure
- How are Tier 1 and Tier 2 Funding Calculated
- FY2026 Funding Available to SLO County CoC
- Eligible Project Types
    - What Services are Eligible
- Types of Awards
- National Competition Structure
- Key Differences from FY2024 NOFO
- Special Considerations
- FY2025 SLO County CoC Funding by Project Category
- Federal Resources
- Local Request for Proposals Process
- Local Resources

CoC Tier Structure – Two Tiers

Tier 1

Projects ranked by the local CoC in Tier 1 do not have to compete against others

Tier 2

In 2026, Projects ranked in in Tier 2 by the local CoC will receive a score from HUD based on

- 1) CoC application score (50 points);
- 2) where the CoC ranked the project (40 points); and
- 3) whether or not the project requires the project participant to participate in services

How are Tier 1 and Tier 2 Funding Calculated

- Each tier calculated as a % of a CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
- ARD is the total amount of the value of the contracts expiring in the upcoming year.
  - A CoC that currently has two contracts expiring in 2027, with a value of $200k for Contract A and $300K for Contract B would have an ARD of $500k
- ARD is different for each CoC
- For FY2026, Tier 1 is 60% of the ARD and Tier 2 is 40%
- In prior years, Tier 1 has been 90% or above

FY2026 Funding Availability for SLO County CoC

$1,658,873 – Est. Base Funding

Est. Tier 1 - $995,324

Bonus Funding

Est. New projects: $500,000

Est. DV Bonus: $250,000

Name	Est. Annual Renewal Demand	Est. Tier 1	Est. CoC Bonus	Est. DV Bonus
San Luis Obispo County CoC	$1,658,873	$995,324	$500,000	$250,000

All numbers are estimates until HUD publishes Final Pro Rata Need Share and Annual Renewal Demand Information

HUD's 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity – Eligible Project Types

Supportive Services Only
- Coordinated Entry
- Street Outreach
- Stand Alone

HMIS

Transitional Housing

Permanent Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Rapid Rehousing

What are eligible supportive services? (§ 578.53)

The CoC Interim Rule specifies which eligible supportive services can be paid for with CoC Supportive Service funds (§ 578.53(a)(1)). All supportive services provided must help program participants obtain and maintain housing. Services not specified in the CoC Interim Rule are not eligible (§ 578.53(d)).

- Annual Assessment of Services (§ 578.53(e)(1))
- Moving costs (§ 578.53(e)(2))
- Case management (§ 578.53(e)(3))
- Childcare (§ 578.53(e)(4))
- Education services (§ 578.53(e)(5))
- Employment assistance and job training (§ 578.53(e)(6))
- Food (§ 578.53(e)(7))
- Housing search and counseling services (§ 578.53(e)(8))
- Legal services (§ 578.53(e)(9))
- Life skills training (§ 578.53(e)(10))
- Mental health services (§ 578.53(e)(11))
- Outpatient health services (§ 578.53(e)(12))
- Outreach services (§ 578.53(e)(13))
- Substance abuse treatment services (§ 578.53(e)(14))
- Transportation (§ 578.53(e)(15))
- Utility deposits (§ 578.53(e)(16)

Source: https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-eligible-activities/supportive-services/

Types of Awards

- New
- Renewals
- Reallocations
- Transition Grants
- DV Bonus

National Competition Structure

- Step 1: HUD issues NOFO, setting structure and priorities
- Step 2: Local RFP competition
  - Process of selecting groups to apply with us and each project is ranked.
  - Most of scoring is set by HUD NOFO, e.g. 25% of all local scoring points should be based on performance outcomes
  - Can set some of the points for local priorities and require alignment with five-year plan
- Step 3: County submits application to HUD
- Step 4: HUD conducts threshold review
- Step 5: HUD awards Tier 1
- Step 6: HUD conditionally awards funding in Tier 2

Key Differences from FY2024 NOFO

- Revised point structure
- Focus on increasing income from employment
- TH and Street Outreach are eligible
- Special criteria for new projects and new threshold screening, e.g. minimum service requirements for TH

Special Considerations

Specific requirements for new project types

- E.g. New Transitional Housing Projects must receive 6 out of 8 possible points (see pp. 63-69 of NOFO)

New rules related to recent Executive Orders

- Equity
- Gender identity
- Immigration status

New rules related to harm reduction

FY2025 Funding

Coordinated Entry	333,417
HMIS	69,564
PSH (all projects)	1,255,892
Total	1,658,873

Federal Resources

HUD NOFO -

- Available at: https://files.simpler.grants.gov/opportunities/18c6dc79-e5dd-42e9-aca5-b35c5d26eded/attachments/0ead4b33-e9a1-4934-92b3-65ed41847905/Foa_Content_of_CPD-2600-DC-0025.pdf or go to Grants.gov and do a search
- Includes threshold criteria for new project approvals

CoC regulations

- https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-V/subchapter-C/part-578
- Includes further definition of eligible activities

Local Request for Proposals Process for Applicants

- Step 1: Notice of Interest (Required)
  - Available on Homeless Services Division website – due June 22
- Step 2: Supplemental application
  - Link will be sent to organizations that submit NOI– due June 29, HSD will begin accepting applications on June 18
- Step 3: Complete HUD project application in e-snaps (when posted)
- Step 4: Grant Review Committee and HSOC Rankings
- Step 5: SLO County HSD review of e-snaps applications (July)
- Step 6: SLO County HSD submits application by August 26
- Step 7: HUD makes conditional awards (December)

Local Resources

- Questions should be submitted to SS_HomelessServices@co.slo.ca.us
- Overview of local competition process on Homeless Services Division webpage