

Application for

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

FY 2013 Continuum of Care Program Competition

County of Santa Barbara

Community Services Department

Housing and Community Development Division

Board of Supervisors

January 21, 2014



Board Direction on Recommended Actions

- Authorize the Director of Community Services or designee to execute and submit an application to HUD for its FY 2013 Continuum of Care Program Competition
- Authorize the Director of Community Services or designee to execute and submit all certifications, standard forms, and other related documents required for the submission of the application
- Determine that the submission and execution of the application and all certifications, standard forms, and other related documents required for submission of the application is not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4)



Continuum of Care (CoC) Program

- **CoC Program:**

- Designed to assist homeless individuals and families and provide them with the needed services to help them move into permanent housing
- Eligible Activities: Permanent Housing (PH), Transitional Housing (TH), Supportive Services Only (SSO), Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), CoC Planning (PL)

- **Policy Priorities:**

- Strategic Resource Allocation
- Ending Chronic Homelessness
- Ending Family Homelessness
- Removing Barriers to CoC Resources
- Maximizing the Use of Mainstream Resources
- Building Partnerships
- Other Priority Populations



Funding Available

- Nationally, funding demand to renew existing projects exceeds amount appropriated.
- HUD made available to each CoC the total renewal demand **less 5 percent** in Tier 1. For the Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County CoC:

Amount Available for Projects in Tier 1:	\$1,413,793
Total Renewal Demand:	\$1,488,203
Deficit:	(\$74,410)

- To address insufficient funding, HUD is requiring each CoC to prioritize projects in a two-tiered approach.

Tier 1:	High priority and high performing projects
Tier 2:	Lower priority or lower performing projects

- HUD will not consider requests for new projects outside of reallocation or CoC Planning.



Process

- **Timeline:**

October 8, 2013	County released RFP for renewal and new projects
October 10, 2013	CoC Program Training/Orientation for interested applicants
October 31, 2013	CoC Review Committee Meeting #1
November 22, 2013	HUD released NOFA for CoC Program
December 13, 2013	CoC Review Committee Meeting #2
December 18, 2013	County released RFP #2 for new projects
January 3, 2014	CoC Review Committee Meeting #3
January 21, 2014	Board of Supervisors hearing to consider CoC Application
February 3, 2014	CoC Application due to HUD via electronic application system

- **CoC Review Committee:**

- Selected by the **C3H Coordination Committee**
- Representatives from the **County**, the **City of Santa Barbara**, the **City of Santa Maria**, the **County Human Services Commission**, the **Santa Barbara Foundation**, the **Santa Barbara Rescue Mission**, and the **formerly homeless**



Process (continued)

- **Evaluation Criteria and Considerations:**
 - HUD’s priority for permanent housing
 - Past project performance, as determined by:
 - Percentage of persons remaining in permanent housing
 - Percentage of persons transitioning to permanent housing
 - Percentage of persons utilizing mainstream programs
 - Percentage of persons earning employment income
 - Bed and unit utilization rates
 - Geographic distribution
- **Challenges:**
 - Implement a 5 percent reduction
 - Reduce or eliminate funding for renewal projects to achieve HUD’s policy priorities



Funding Recommendations: Renewal Projects

Project Name	Applicant	Project Type	Amount Recommended
Casa de Familia	Good Samaritan Shelter	PH	\$68,006
Casa del Mural	Santa Barbara County ADMHS	PH	\$115,315
Clean and Sober Living	Santa Barbara County CSD	PH	\$19,210
Firehouse	Transition House	TH	\$56,855
HMIS	Santa Barbara County CSD	HMIS	\$104,767
HMIS Expansion I	Santa Barbara County CSD	HMIS	\$64,283
Riviera Dual Diagnosis Program	Santa Barbara Community Housing Corporation	TH	\$79,444
Second Stage	Domestic Violence Solutions	TH	\$59,930
Shelter Plus Care, A Santa Barbara Partnership Serving the Homeless	Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara	PH	\$642,822
Supportive Services	Transition House	SSO	\$62,939
Willbridge Master Lease Project	WillBridge of Santa Barbara, Inc.	PH	\$65,429
Casa Esperanza Day Center	Santa Barbara County CSD	SSO	\$0
Total Renewal Projects			\$1,339,000



Funding Recommendations: New Projects

Project Name	Applicant	Project Type	Amount Recommended
Pine Street Bungalows	Good Samaritan Shelter	PH	\$55,993
CoC Planning Project	Santa Barbara County CSD	PL	\$18,800
Senior Homeless Project	Center for Successful Aging	PH	\$0
Total New Projects			\$74,793

- **New Projects through Reallocation:**

HUD allowed CoCs to use reallocation to shift funds from existing renewal projects to create new permanent supportive housing projects for the chronically homeless

- **CoC Planning Project:**

- HUD is now allowing CoCs to apply for planning funds
- Maximum amount available to the County is \$18,800
- Planning project funds can pay for the administration of the CoC Program



Summary

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