



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
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If Yes, date from: NA
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Jesús Armas, Director, Community Services Department
Contact: Joe Dzvonic, Assistant Director of Housing and Community Development
SUBJECT: Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention, Round 6 Subrecipient and Professional Service Agreements for the County of Santa Barbara and the Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County Continuum of Care Allocations

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County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute Subrecipient Agreements (Agreements) for the distribution of State of California Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP), Round 6 (HHAP 6) funding from the County of Santa Barbara and the Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County Continuum of Care (CoC) with the following providers in the specified not to exceed amounts, subject to annual appropriations and adopted budget funds during the period March 1, 2026, to March 31, 2028:
 - i. \$231,000 to Channel Islands YMCA (CIYMCA) for Youth Rapid Rehousing;
 - ii. \$92,000 to CIYMCA for Youth Permanent Housing Services and Services Coordination (PHSC);
 - iii. \$40,000 to CIYMCA for youth Services and Services Coordination for People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness (SSCU);
 - iv. \$563,012 to Good Samaritan Shelter (GSS) for Prevention and Diversion; and
 - v. \$87,042 to CIYMCA for youth Prevention and Diversion;
 - vi. \$160,046 to Good Samaritan Shelter for SSCU;
 - vii. \$300,000 to NBCC, dba New Beginnings for SSCU;
 - viii. \$458,061 to Good Samaritan Shelter for PHSC;
 - ix. \$200,000 to Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara (HASBARCO) for PHSC;

- x. \$600,000 to NBCC, dba New Beginnings for Rapid Rehousing;
 - xi. \$324,141 to Partners in Housing Solutions for Rapid Rehousing; and
- b) Approve, ratify and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute a Professional Services Agreements with the following providers in the specified not to exceed amounts:
- i. \$50,000 to Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley (FBSMV) for planning, coordinating, and operating the Santa Maria/Santa Barbara Continuum of Care Youth Advisory Board (YAB) during the period February 1, 2026, to January 31, 2027;
 - ii. \$50,000 to Uffizi Order, doing business as Santa Barbara Alliance for Community Transformation (SB ACT) for planning, coordinating, and operating the CoC Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) during the period February 1, 2026, to January 31, 2027; and
- c) Determine the above recommended actions are not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), finding that the actions are organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

The State established HHAP for the purpose of organizing and deploying an array of homelessness programs and resources to sustain federal, state, and local investments in long-term housing and supportive services. For HHAP 6, the California Department of Housing and Community Development awarded \$2,582,433.56 to the Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County Continuum of Care and \$2,417,970.02 to the County of Santa Barbara, for a combined total of \$5,000,403.58. Today's agenda item recommends obligating \$3,155,302 of the total amount. Consistent with the HHAP 6 requirement, ten percent (10%) of the total award is dedicated to the Youth Set-Aside to support services for youth and young adults experiencing homelessness. The remainder of the award, \$1.85 million of the award has yet to be competed or obligated. Of this amount, \$400,000 will be retained by the County for the operation of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and grant administration, \$850,000 for future operational support of La Posada and Hope Village, and \$600,000 in Rapid Rehousing to assist in mitigating the impacts of the discontinuation of Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) or decrease in permanent housing funding by the federal government.

Discussion:

In 2025, the CoC and County assessed needs in the community based on HMIS data and stakeholder engagement meetings. The CoC Board and Board of Supervisors determined that directing funding in the following areas would help decrease the inflow of people experiencing homelessness, increase housing stability, increase the number of people entering permanent housing, and decrease the amount of time people experience homelessness while accessing services.

- YAB and LEAB activities,
- Rapid Rehousing,
- Permanent Housing Services and Services Coordination,
- Services and Services Coordination for People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness, Prevention and Diversion activities

A Review and Rank Panel was convened to evaluate applications and recommend funding. Several agencies applied for multiple component types.

Table 1: HHAP 6 County and Continuum of Care Funding Recommendations

| Agency | Project Type | Agreement Amount |
|--|--|---------------------|
| Channel Islands YMCA | Rapid Rehousing | \$ 231,000 |
| | Permanent Housing Services and Services Coord. | \$ 92,000 |
| | Unsheltered Homelessness Services Coordination | \$ 40,000 |
| | Prevention and Diversion | \$ 87,042 |
| | Total | \$ 450,042 |
| Good Samaritan Shelter | Unsheltered Homelessness Services Coordination | \$ 160,046 |
| | Permanent Housing Services and Services Coord. | \$ 458,061 |
| | Prevention and Diversion | \$ 563,012 |
| | Total | \$ 1,181,119 |
| NBCC, dba New Beginnings | Unsheltered Homelessness Services Coordination | \$ 300,000 |
| | Rapid Rehousing | \$ 600,000 |
| | Total | \$ 900,000 |
| Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara | Permanent Housing Services and Services Coord. | \$ 200,000 |
| Partners in Housing Solutions | Rapid Rehousing | \$ 324,141 |
| FBSMV for YAB | Youth Action Board Professional Service Agreement | \$ 50,000 |
| SBACT for LEAB | Lived Experience Advisory Board Professional Service Agreement | \$ 50,000 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 3,155,302 |

The recommended actions comprise the funding recommendations of the CoC Committees and Board, and County staff. To meet State expenditure deadlines, 25% of funds obligated on Subrecipient Agreements need to be expended by March 31, 2027. All program funds must be expended by June 30, 2029. These Agreements represent projects ready for immediate implementation.

Background:

The State of California has made significant investments in both housing and the reduction in homelessness. HHAP is a multi-round funding source allocated to 44 Continuums of Care, 13 large cities and 58 counties.

The program requires grantees to expend funds on eligible uses in an evidence-based framework that addresses and prevents homelessness. The funding recommendations are reflective of the CoC’s local funding review process. As lead agency and Administrative Entity, the County’s role is limited to issuing the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), verifying projects meet basic threshold criteria, training CoC committee members, coordinating the CoC Board, and administering grants.

Performance Measure:

HHAP funding has served 2,127 unduplicated persons since 2020 with over 1,054 transitioning out of homelessness into permanent housing. The six subrecipients will provide monthly reports to the County on housing and services provided. Program design, funding allocations, and the characteristics of homeless individuals and households served by each subrecipient vary and impact the project outcome percentages and numbers of persons and households served.

Table 2: HHAP 6 Performance Metrics

| Performance Measures | Permanent Housing Services and Services Coordination | | |
|---|--|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Good Samaritan | Housing Authority COSB | CIYMCA (Youth Set Aside) |
| Unduplicated number of Homeless persons to be served | 123 | 30 | 80 |
| % of adult participants that obtain cash income at project exit | 30% | 6% | 80% |
| % of adult participants will obtain non-cash benefits at project exit | 60% | 90% | 80% |

| Performance Measures | Rapid Rehousing | | |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | New Beginnings | Partners in Housing Solutions | CIYMCA (Youth Set Aside) |
| Unduplicated number of Homeless persons to be served | 50 | 60 | 10 |
| Unduplicated number of homeless persons entering permanent housing (placed into units) | 35 | 34 | 10 |
| % of individuals successfully placed in permanent housing | 70% | 34 | 90% |
| % of adult participants that obtained cash income at project exit | 10% | 74% | 75% |
| % of adult participants will obtain non-cash benefits at project exit | 20% | 40% | 75% |
| % of project participants entering permanent housing that | 95% | 40% | 70% |

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| will retain permanent housing at 1 year | | | |
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| Performance Measures | Unsheltered Services and Service Coordination | | |
|---|---|----------------|--------------------------|
| | Good Samaritan | New Beginnings | CIYMCA (Youth Set Aside) |
| Unduplicated number of Homeless persons to be served | 53 | 45 | 30 |
| % of adult participants that obtained cash income at project exit | 15% | 10% | 85% |
| % of adult participants will obtain non-cash benefits at project exit | 60% | 20% | 85% |

| Performance Measures | Prevention and Diversion | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Good Samaritan | CIYMCA (Youth Set Aside) |
| Unduplicated number of persons to be served | 180 | 120 |
| Unduplicated number of persons diverted from homelessness | 90 | 80 |
| Unduplicated number of persons receiving prevention assistance | 90 | 120 |
| % of households diverted that do not enter the homeless system within 12 months | 95% | 75% |
| % of households assisted with prevention/diversion that maintain housing stability for at least 12 months | 95% | 75% |
| % of youths successfully diverted to safe and stable housing | < 2% | 75% |
| % of adult participants that obtained cash income at project exit | 75% | 90% |
| % of adult participants will obtain non-cash benefits at project exit | 90% | 90% |

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| % of households that remain stably housed six months after prevention/diversion assistance | 90% | 65% |
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Contract Renewals:

Funding recommendations resulted from a competitive local HHAP 6 NOFA process. Applications were reviewed and scored by an independent Review and Rank Panel using published evaluation criteria aligned with State HHAP requirements, system performance measures, and local Continuum of Care priorities. Funding recommendations reflect project readiness, performance capacity, and alignment with HHAP-6 eligible uses, including required youth set-aside investments.

Collectively, the HHAP 6-funded projects are expected to serve more than 680 unduplicated individuals and households across permanent housing services, rapid rehousing, unsheltered services and service coordination, and prevention and diversion programs.

CSD administers federal and State funding programs on behalf of the County and the CoC. As the recipient of State and federal funds, the County is responsible for ensuring that funds are used in accordance with all applicable requirements. HHAP program guidelines indicate that failure to comply with program requirements may result in the County being required to repay funds. Subrecipients selected have prior experience operating homeless assistance projects.

The Agreements will be on a cost-reimbursement basis. This allows CSD to review and monitor subrecipients’ expenditures for eligible costs to the extent prescribed by the State guidelines to mitigate risk. Disbursements will be made after the subrecipients demonstrate that reimbursable services were provided and substantiate the eligibility of incurred costs to the satisfaction of CSD.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

For FY25-26, \$500,000 has been budgeted. Staff will incorporate the remainder of these funds in future budgets as indicated in the table below in the *Fiscal Analysis* section of this staff report.

Fiscal Analysis:

CSD administers over \$26 million in HHAP funding to address homelessness in Santa Barbara County. These HHAP 6 funds must be expended by June 30, 2029. These funds are currently budgeted and available for distribution to providers for the delivery of eligible activities. Staff will work to incorporate future fiscal year funds into the appropriate years.

| Funding Source | FY 2025/2026 | FY 2026/2027 | FY 2027/2028 | Total |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| General Fund | | | | |
| State | \$500,000 | \$2,000,000 | \$655,302 | \$3,155,302 |
| Federal | | | | |
| Fees | | | | |
| Total | | | | \$3,155,302 |

Staffing Impacts:

The current requested activity falls within currently budgeted staff duties.

Special Instructions:

Please email an electronic copy of the Minute Order to Roc Lowry at roclowry@countyofsb.org and Steven Fung at sfung@countyofsb.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A - HHAP Subrecipient Agreement for \$231,000 to CIYMCA for Rapid Rehousing

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Attachment L - Professional Services Agreement for \$50,000 to FBSMV for the CoC Youth Advisory Board

Attachment M - Professional Services Agreement for \$50,000 to SBACT the CoC Lived Experience Advisory Board

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