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**NOTICE OF FUNDING
AVAILABILITY**

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County of Santa Barbara Community Corrections Partnership Supportive Housing Program

Notice of Funding Availability • 2022-2023

The County of Santa Barbara, is pleased to issue this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to inform eligible organizations about available Public Safety Realignment Funds through the State of California Community Corrections Partnership for the 2022-23 Year.

General Information

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Application Deadline:
Tuesday, May 17, 2022
5:00 pm

1. Introduction

Senate Bill 678 on Criminal Recidivism introduced the concept of a Community Corrections Partnership (CCP). At its core, the CCP is comprised of local stakeholders collectively meeting and strategically making decisions. County implementation plans – also known as Realignment Plans or AB109 plans – provide the approaches counties are utilizing in realigning state public safety functions to their local jurisdictions. On February 4, 2022, the Santa Barbara County Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) approved \$365,000 in funding for supportive housing for justice involved individuals. The primary goal is to increase housing access for this population.

2. Objective and Eligible Uses

CCP funding will provide supportive housing to high and medium risk justice involved individuals who have struggled with housing stability and homelessness. Applicants are encouraged to consider uses of all funding sources to maximize the effectiveness of a CCP supportive housing project.

The County has identified a supportive housing model that combines Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing. The Joint housing component that allows for discharge to a supported environment while income and/or employment are identified for transition to permanent housing. Rapid Re-Housing provides short- and medium-term rental assistance with housing-based services to transition participants into housing, the participant is the lease holder.

3. Supportive Services

Housing providers must provide supportive services to residents. Examples of supportive services are: case management, recovery support, NA/AA, transportation, employment and education services, life skills training, housing navigation and housing stabilization. All participants are to be assigned an advocate (case worker) that will work with them multiple days per week. An individualized service plan is developed with the participant with goals and timelines to achieve. Research asserts that measurable decreases in recidivism and significant cost savings can be realized when evidence based and research-based programs are utilized in the provision of services. Case management services include recovery support and transportation to evidence Based programs, proven practices, and/or best practices aimed at reducing recidivism which are provided by the Probation Department or collaborative agencies. Examples of evidence-based practices that have proven effective with justice involved individuals include but are not limited to: Motivational Interviewing, Moral Reconciliation Therapy, Seeking Safety, Reasoning and Rehabilitation, and Courage To Change Interactive Journaling®.

Supportive Services and Service Plans shall:

- Reduce recidivism
- Help participants quickly identify and resolve barriers to obtaining and maintaining housing;
- Connect participants to appropriate support and services available in the community that foster long-term housing stability;
- The type, duration, and amount of assistance offered shall be based on an individual assessment of the individual, and the availability of other resources or support systems to resolve their housing challenges
- Foster self – sufficiency for independent living

4. Funding Available

CCP has made up to \$365,000 in funding available for one-year supportive housing projects. It is estimated that the funding will provide 20 beds. Approval by the CCP and Board of Supervisors and execution of sub-recipient agreements are anticipated for a project start date of July 1, 2022. Funding will be distributed on a cost reimbursement basis.

4.1 Grant Amounts

The county has set a maximum of two funded projects. Project budgets will be detailed in a budget workbook that will be emailed to applicants that attend the applicant training on April 26. A completed budget workbook will be a required application attachment.

MANDATORY Applicant Training [online via Zoom]

April 26, 2022

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Attendance at training is required. Attendee(s) must be the agency's executive director and/or staff responsible for program implementation. Applicants' grant writers and others are welcome to attend; however, their attendance will not count toward the attendance requirement. RSVP to mmoreno@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

4.2 Grant Terms

The grant term is 12 months with a grant period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Budgets should reflect the entire grant period. Eligible costs will be invoiced to County HCD on at least a quarterly basis for reimbursement.

5. Program Requirements

5.1 Community Corrections Partnership Supportive Housing Program Requirements

Successful recipients will be required to participate in monthly meetings with County HCD and the Probation Department to align services, discuss challenges and further develop quality programs. Trainings in evidence-based practices may be required of recipients of CCP funding. It's also very important to have plans/strategies in place to ensure full occupancy of CCP Dedicated beds at all times.

5.2 Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are private non-profit organizations or for-profit organizations.

5.3 Eligible Populations

All referrals will come from the Santa Barbara County Probation Department. Participants will have been assessed to identify housing barriers and likelihood to recidivate. The target populations are likely to include medium to high risk to recidivate individuals. Areas of vulnerability will likely include but not be limited to: mild to moderate mental health challenges, substance abuse challenges, re-entry after lengthy incarceration and no natural supports available for housing assistance.

5.4 Reporting and Tracking of Services

All recipients must participate in the Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS). The system requires data collection and reporting. The Santa Maria/Santa Barbara Continuum of Care operates with limited data sharing – referred to as an open HMIS system. Program participants sign a release of information (ROI) and provide universal data elements to the system. HMIS participating agencies can view these universal data elements even if this data is entered by another agency. If a client does not sign the ROI, data is collected but is not viewable outside the HMIS Lead and agency entering data. To learn more about HMIS requirements, please view HMIS User Central. In addition, the standard intake and data standards, recipients will be asked to enter services in HMIS. Please include staff time for accurate data entry in your budget. Sub-recipients will need to complete quarterly reports. (identify all data to be reported and supply the Expenditure Summary Payment Request)

5.5 Eligible Costs

County HCD is using the federal regulations below to provide applicants with guidelines for eligible costs. Eligible costs are described by component type. If an activity is not described as an eligible expense, but assists in serving the target population and diverting them from the criminal justice system, applicants must obtain express written consent from County HCD prior to use of program funds.

Component Type	Regulation
Emergency Shelter/ Navigation Centers	24 CFR 576.102
Transitional Housing	24 CFR 578.49,55,53

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Housing Location/ Stabilization Services	24 CFR 576.105
Rental Assistance	24 CFR 576.106
Housing Search and Placement	24 CFR 576.105(1)

Rent Reasonableness will be the standard for rent payments in a rapid re-housing model. Security deposit payments up to twice the amount of the rent are allowed. The amount of rent a participant can sustain long term should be a factor when assisting a participant in choosing a rental unit. Shared housing is allowed and encouraged to address affordability.

5.6 Santa Barbara County Realignment Plan

Projects shall operate in a manner consistent with the goals of the Realignment Plan. A copy of the plan can be accessed by clicking <https://www.sbprobation.org/sbcprob/Media/FY18-19AB109Plan.pdf>

The five identified realignment plan goals are:

1. Enhance public safety by reducing recidivism
2. Enhance the use of alternative detention (pre and post sentence) for appropriate offenders.
3. Provide for successful and equitable reentry of justice-involved offenders back into the community.
4. Coordinate efforts to eliminate duplication, increase efficiencies and promote best practices.
5. Support a systemic approach to studying and addressing racial and ethnic disparities in the justice system.

5.7 Statement of Non-Award

At the sole discretion of the County, a determination may be made to not award funds from this Notice of Funding Availability. If this circumstance occurs, County HCD and CCP members would work with potential housing providers to educate on supportive housing models and evidence-based practices and re-issue a request for proposals.

6. NOFA Schedule

CCP NOFA Published and Applications Available On-line	April 19, 2022
Applicant Training Workshop	April 26, 2022
Applications Due to County HCD	May 17, 2022
Application Review and Scoring	May 18-23, 2022
Sub-Recipient Agreements to BOS	June 28, 2022

The NOFA Schedule is subject to change.

7. Application

Applications will be available to potential applicants that attend the Applicant Workshop on April 26. Resources available to assist applicants with completing the application will be provided to participants at the applicant training workshop.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all required materials listed below are submitted by the deadline identified in this NOFA and in the format described in this section.

- One electronic, application that includes all required attachments:
 - Application Form
 - Articles of Incorporation and By Laws,
 - Tax Exemption Letter for all sub-recipients that have tax exempt status,
 - Org Chart,
 - Board of Directors Roster,
 - Conflict of Interest Statement,
 - Most Recent Audited Financial Statements,
 - IRS Form W-9,
 - IRS Form 990,
 - Agency Budget or Financial Plan,
 - Application Certification, and
 - Completed Project Budget Workbook

Applicants should note that all documentation is subject to the Freedom of Information Act and will be reviewed for potential award by community members. Upon award, recipients will be asked to provide proof of insurance with coverage of the County of Santa Barbara as additionally insured. The electronic copy of the complete application, including all required attachments must be submitted via email to mmoreno@co.santa-barbara.ca.us no later than **5:00 pm on May 17th, 2022**.

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8. Method of Evaluation

8.1. Threshold Evaluation

Applications will be evaluated by County HCD for the following:

- Experience working with offenders;
- Alignment with County Realignment Plan;
- Complete proposals

8.2. CCP Review Committee

Applications will be evaluated and approved by a Review Committee that will include participants without a conflict of interest based on the criteria below:

- Applicant/Financial Experience and Capacity
- Project Design and Approach
- Cost Effectiveness
- Financial Capacity, Feasibility and Sustainability
- Performance
- Coordination and Collaboration

. The County Board of Supervisors will review sub-recipient agreements for approval. Timelines are subject to change.

EXHIBIT B



Community Corrections Partnership
Supportive Housing Program

Application Scoring Criteria

Review and Rank Evaluation	
<p>Applicant Capacity Scoring Scale: 1-5 Weight: 3 Max. Score: 15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience providing similar services and assistance • Experience addressing the needs of the target population(s) • Sufficient capacity for project oversight and administration • Adequate capacity for data collection and reporting • Participation in the Santa Barbara County Homeless Management Information System or a comparable database (as determined by the County)
<p>Project Design and Approach Scoring Scale: 1-5 Weight: 3 Max. Score: 15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project is based on proven methods and/or able to demonstrate good outcomes • Numbers served appear reasonable • Supportive services are clear and adequate staffing Outcomes and objects appear reasonable and sufficient, particularly in the areas of housing retention • Experience addressing the needs of the target population(s)
<p>Financial Feasibility and Capacity Scoring Scale: 1-5 Weight: 4 Max. Score: 20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe specifically how the project will continue after the one-time funding is exhausted, or how it will end with the least negative impact on participants. • Budget clearly shows use of funds and staffing pattern to sustain project • Reasonable project costs • Degree to which project leverages agency and community resources • Outstanding and/or unresolved financial audit findings
<p>Performance Scoring Scale: 1-5 Weight: 5 Max. Score: 25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data collection and reporting will allow for accurately reflecting outcomes and performance • Demonstrates project will reduce recidivism • Increases participant self-sufficiency • Results in permanent housing placement and retention
<p>Cost Effectiveness Scoring Scale: 1-5 Weight: 1 Max. Score: 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compared to similar projects is the cost per participant reasonable • If disparity, is the project providing additional services • How many participants per bedroom
<p>Coordination and Collaboration Scoring Scale: 1-5 Weight: 3 Max. Score: 15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates coordination with other agencies and providers • Agency demonstrates history of collaboration • Links participants to mainstream resources and critical services not provided by the project