

ATTACHMENT 4 - SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments for Affordable Housing Needs:

- People's Self Help Housing requested funding to help build rental housing for low and very low income families for their Rolling Hills Affordable Housing development project in Templeton and the Pines in Cambria.
- Paso Robles Housing Authority identified the need for HOME funds to help with the Oak Park affordable rental housing project.
- ROEM Development expressed the need of HOME funds to help develop affordable housing in the City of San Luis Obispo.
- Habitat for Humanity requested funding for affordable housing in Paso Robles.
- People's Self Help Housing stated the need to fund affordable housing projects within the unincorporated areas of the county because, unlike the cities, unincorporated areas have no other local government funding sources to financially support the affordable housing projects.

Public Comments for Homelessness Service Needs:

- Supporting Housing Consortium expressed the need for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA).
- Several individuals expressed support for the continued financial support to the Maxine Lewis Memorial Homeless Shelter and the Prado Day Center.
- Case management for the homeless is a need at the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter and the Prado Day Center. The need is also present in the North and South County areas.
- Support for the operation of ECHO's homeless shelter in the North County was expressed.
- Ongoing discussion by the HSOC places emphasis on the need for case management opportunities as a key component to reducing homelessness in the County.
- A few attendees were concerned about the concentration of homelessness services in San Luis Obispo and advocating for a comprehensive plan to address homelessness in the South County.
- CAPSLO wished to increase the number of case managers for homeless persons in the North County.

Public Comments for Public Service Needs:

- Representative from CAPSLO teen pregnancy program attend the workshop and requested continued funding.
- Representatives from Casa expressed continued funding for foster care and at-risk youth program.
- Transitional Food & Shelter (TFS) presented the need to provide temporary shelter to medically fragile homeless persons. TFS needs funds to help acquire a house to provide the temporary shelter. TFS currently rents several apartments in the North County and coastal areas to provide the temporary shelter.
- Attendees indicated a great need for detox facilities countywide in addition to sober living transitional housing.
- Attendees requested more assisted and congregate care housing for senior citizens.

Public Comments for Economic Development:

- Mission Community Services expressed continued funding for technical assistance and classes to help stabilized businesses and create job opportunities.
- Economic Vitality Corporation stated their need for CDBG funds to help expand existing business, create new jobs and businesses by increasing the number of loan guarantees to businesses.

Public Comments for Public Facilities Needs:

- The City of San Luis Obispo identified continued support for the allocation of CDBG funds to help pay for the new homeless campus project soft costs.
- The City of San Luis Obispo requested more CDBG funding for street and curb improvements to comply with ADA requirements.

Public Comments for Administrative Related Issues:

- Attendees were concerned about over subsidizing projects that show less results in terms of providing affordable housing. One attendee suggested using the concept of “leveraging” to measure project’s results. Another attendee suggested to select local community developers to build affordable housing as these developers already know the local issues and needs a community faces.
- One person asked staff whether one large nonprofit group could receive a large allocation and “subcontract” to the smaller groups in order to continue providing small allocations to some groups and maximize their volunteer base. This person also asked whether the large nonprofit could receive “administrative” funding under this scenario.