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*Path to a Home*



**San Luis Obispo  
Countywide 10 Year  
Plan to End  
Homelessness**

*We envision a future in which the housing and comprehensive services necessary to remain housed are available for all, affording everyone maximum self-sufficiency, and the opportunity to be productive and participating members of our community*

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL  
Full HSOC Meeting Agenda  
January 20, 2016 1:00-3:00pm  
San Luis Obispo Veterans' Hall, Lounge Room  
801 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA**

1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests
2. Public Comment
3. Consent Items:
  - 3.1 Approval of Minutes
4. Action/Information/Discussion:
  - 4.1 Action Item: Recommend Allocation of County Community Development Block Grant (\$97,768), Emergency Solutions Grant (\$145,000), and County General Fund Support (\$180,000) Funds for Countywide Homeless Services Programs
    - 4.1A Item: Attachments
  - 4.2 Information and Discussion Item: Presentation by RISE and the Women's Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo on domestic violence and services for survivors fleeing from intimate partner violence
  - 4.3 HSOC Membership and Leadership
    - 4.3.1 Action Item: Vote to approve the HSOC Ad Hoc Nominating Committee's recommendation of Terra Clayton and Clare Battista for appointment to the HSOC and Marianne Kennedy for re-appointment.
      - 4.3.1A - Attachments
    - 4.3.2 Nominations and Elections for Leadership Positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Chair of the Finance and Data Committee, Chair of the Housing Committee, and Chair of the Homeless Services Coordinating Committee)
  - 4.4 Information Item: Reports from the Homeless Services Coordinating Committee and regarding Warming Centers
    - 4.4A - Attachments
  - 4.5 Report from the Housing Committee regarding Shelter Crisis Declarations
    - 4.5A Action Item: Vote to recommend local jurisdictions consider declaring a shelter crisis for purposes of making government owned buildings available for use as Warming Centers
      - 4.5A1 - Attachments

## Attachment 5 - HSOC Staff Report and Minutes of Jan 20, 2016

5. Committee Reports
6. Future Discussion/Report Items:
7. Next Meeting Date: March 16, 1-3 p.m.
8. Adjournment

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL  
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
ACTION ITEM  
January 20, 2016**

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4.1**

**ITEM:** Recommend Allocation of County Community Development Block Grant (\$97,768), Emergency Solutions Grant (\$145,000), and County General Fund Support (\$180,000) funds for countywide Homeless Services Programs.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Vote to recommend to the Board of Supervisors: 1) allocation of 2016-2017 County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds, and County General Fund Support (GFS) for countywide Homeless Services Programs (See **Attachment A** for draft funding recommendations); and 2) authorize the Department of Planning and Building to adjust allocations proportionately after final HUD allocations and cities' CDBG allocations.

**SUMMARY NARRATIVE:**

Background

The County of San Luis Obispo receives annual allocations of CDBG funds and ESG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). A portion of the CDBG funds may be used for public services, including homeless services. The ESG program provides funds solely for homeless services programs. The County Department of Planning and Building receives from County an annual allocation of \$180,000 for emergency shelter programs in GFS. For the Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the County estimates \$145,000 for ESG funding and \$97,768 for CDBG funding.

FY 2016-2017 Allocation Recommendations

The HSOC Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee ('Committee') met on January 7, 2016 to discuss and recommend allocation of Fiscal Year 2016-2017 County CDBG public services funds, ESG funds, and GFS funds for homeless services programs. Laurel Weir from Department of Social Services, and Department of Planning staff (Suzan Ehdaie, Matt Leal and Ivana Yeung) attended to guide the discussion.

Planning staff reviewed CDBG and ESG grant applications for homeless services programs based on Board approved rating criteria and recommended that competitive programs receive funding. This year, staff recommends that the funding amount for competitive CDBG and ESG programs be distributed pro rata to the funding request amount. The Committee concurred with baseline scoring criteria and approved the staff recommendation for pro rate distribution to CDBG and ESG programs. Regarding ESG funds, it should be noted that no more than 60% of ESG funds can be spent on emergency shelter services. LINK's ESG application requests

rapid-rehousing and homeless prevention programs to provide short term rental and deposit assistance, as well as services for obtaining permanent housing instead of emergency shelter and services. LINK will receive neither County GFS nor CDBG funds. The Committee supports and recommends ECHO for County CDBG funds to acknowledge ECHO's need for more funds due to increased demand in shelter services.

Regarding GFS, the Committee recommends obtaining community support for increased County and City GFS for emergency shelter programs to fund existing programs but to also expand services for the County. The Committee was unanimous in their preference to allocate additional GFS, should it become available, to ECHO's expanded services and 5Cities Housing Coalition's detoxification program. However, GFS will need to be increased to at least \$250,000 from \$180,000 to cover the additional requests. Since only the amount of \$180,000 is earmarked from GFS for emergency shelter/services, the Committee can only recommend that emergency shelter programs (2015-2016 Program Year) currently receiving GFS receive the same overall cut of 3% in program funding; no new programs will be funded. For programs that are funded with other sources other than GFS, the allocation adjustment for total program funding is made to reflect a uniform decrease from last year's program funding after factoring in all county, city and federal sources.

GFS received three new applications this year (one deemed ineligible). The Committee acknowledges that 5Cities Housing Coalition's detoxification program is a need in the County and expressed support for the program. However, due to the fixed GFS funding and 5CHC's annual impact of on number of persons in comparison to other programs, the Committee did not allocate GFS funding. Paso Cares, Inc. requested a one-time funding amount to purchase a van was declined on the basis that the van would only be used during Warming Center opening months. The Committee suggests providing assistance to the organization in finding alternatives for transporting the homeless to warming stations, such as contracting taxi service or rideshare, or if the van could be a collaboration between another agency that uses the van during daytime hours/off-season months.

It is estimated that HUD will release its final fiscal year 2016 grant allocations for the CDBG and ESG programs in February. Staff requests action from HSOC to approve Department of Planning and Building authorization to adjust recommendations proportionately, as needed, to reflect final allocations.

The HSOC recommendation will go to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors as a public hearing item on **April 12, 2016** for further action.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

This will have no financial impact to the HSOC.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

No additional comments.

Attachment A: FY 2016-2017 Funding Recommendations

Project	County CDBG 2016	ESG 2016	County General Fund 2016	City CDBG 2016	Anticipated City GFS*	Total 2016 Recommendation	% difference from previous years allocation	2015-2016 allocation
ECHO Shelter Services	\$9,875	-	\$30,980	\$16,819		\$57,674	-3.05%	\$59,489
Transitional Food and Shelter	-	-	\$10,505	-	\$10,000	\$20,505	-3.05%	\$21,150
Women's Shelter Program	-	-	\$23,365	-	\$4,000	\$27,365	-3.05%	\$28,225
RISE	-	-	\$36,840	-		\$36,840	-3.05%	\$38,000
Prado Day Center (CAPSLO)	\$26,397	\$34,222	\$22,180	-	\$53,700	\$136,499	-3.05%	\$140,794
Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter (CAPSLO)	\$61,496	\$47,106	\$56,130	\$68,236	\$47,000	\$279,968	-3.05%	\$288,778
Central Coast LINK Programs	-	\$52,876	-	-	-	\$52,876	7.8%	\$49,050
Administration by non-profit agencies and County	-	\$10,881	-	-	-	\$10,881	-	\$10,881
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$97,768</b>	<b>\$145,085</b>	<b>\$180,000</b>	<b>\$85,055</b>	<b>\$100,700</b>	<b>\$558,851</b>		<b>\$636,367</b>

\*with assumed allocation from cities

HSOC Grant Review Committee Recommendation

**Attachment B: FY 2016-2017 Requests from County**

<b>Project</b>	<b>County CDBG 2016</b>	<b>ESG 2016</b>	<b>County General Fund 2016</b>
ECHO Shelter Services	\$10,937	-	\$71,000
Transitional Food and Shelter	-	-	\$25,000
Women's Shelter Program	-	-	\$36,000
RISE	-	-	\$39,000
Prado Day Center (CAPSLO)	\$37,954	\$37,662	\$33,900
Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter (CAPSLO)	\$69,916	\$52,010	\$99,971
Central Coast LINK Programs	-	\$60,585	-
Administration by non-profit agencies and County	-	\$10,881	-
5Cities Housing Coalition	-	\$11,500	-
Paso Cares, In.	-	-	-
Family Care Network, Inc.	-	\$50,000	-
<i>SLO HC/Sunny Acres*</i>	-	<i>\$77,232</i>	<i>\$180,000</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$108,785</b>	<b>\$171,919</b>	<b>\$332,871</b>

*\*ineligible project*

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HSOC FULL COMMITTEE  
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801 Grand Ave San Luis Obispo, CA 93405**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS
Debbie Arnold Patty Beck Tracy Schiro Marianne Kennedy Steve Martin Anne Robin Bob Kelley Amy Christey Kristen Barneich Scott Smith Jessica Thomas Rick Gulino Dee Torres Jim Patterson Danielle Veatch John Ashbaugh Miriam Shah Grace McIntosh Christine Johnson	Theresa Scott Sheila Blake Christine Bearce Marie Chaney	Laurel Weir Jessica Lorance Ivana Yeung Marty Meltz Morgan Torell Sue Warren Abby Lassen Jill Bolster-White Martin Larson Joe Madsen Cynthia Lambert Jennifer Adams Jenny Wiseman Xzandrea Fowler Bob Ellis
<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>		<b>CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS</b>
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Debbie Arnold welcomed the group and introductions were made.	<b>FOLLOW UP</b>
2. Public Comment	NA	
<b>ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION</b>		
3.1 Approval of Minutes		John made a motion to approve the minutes and Tracy seconded. All agreed.

<p>4.1 Action Item: Recommend Allocation of County Community Development Block Grant (\$97,768), Emergency Solutions Grant (\$145,000), and County General Fund Support (\$180,000) Funds for Countywide Homeless Services Programs</p>	<p>Ivana Yeung presented the staff report. The County has Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and County General Fund support to award for 2016 and is seeking recommendations from the HSOC.</p> <p>The HSOC Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee met to consider applications received by the County for the funding. The grant review committee was asked to make a recommendation for the funding. The funding amounts are similar to last year. The Committee's recommendations are contained in the attachment to this item.</p>	<p>Recommend Allocation of County Community Development Block Grant (\$97,768), Emergency Solutions Grant (\$145,000), and County General Fund Support (\$180,000) Funds for Countywide Homeless Services Programs: Patty Beck made a motion and the motion was seconded by John Ashbaugh. Debbie, Rick, Grace, Marianne, Jim abstained.</p>
<p>4.1A Item: Attachments</p>	<p>Patty Beck, who served on the Grant Review Committee, explained to the group that there never seems to be enough funds to cover all the services needed. Patty explained that the although the Committee did not vote to fund the 5Cities Homeless Coalition's proposal for a social detox center, the Committee was supportive and recommended the County consider raising the general fund amount. Patty explained that Committee members felt strongly that new programs need to be able to receive funding without forcing needed, existing programs to lose their funding.</p> <p>Morgan informed the group that there are additional sources of funding for which groups could apply, including a Health funding application that is due next week. Please contact Morgan with any questions.</p> <p>Jim asked a question about the city matching the counties funding. Morgan explained that there is no guarantee every time. Anything that would be matched would be from General Funds. The county has stepped up and proved some funding to help in Atascadero.</p>	<p>Recommendation that the general funds be increased from \$180,000 to \$250,000: Patty Beck made a motion and the motion was seconded by John Ashbaugh. Debbie, Rick, Grace, Marianne, Jim abstained.</p> <p>Recommendation to increase county CPI: Patty Beck made a motion and the motion was seconded by John Ashbaugh. Debbie, Rick, Grace, Marianne, Jim abstained.</p> <p>Recommendation that HSOC send a letter to the cities in the area to consider homeless services when allocating their</p>