



Housing and Homelessness

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Housing Spectrum



Unsheltered

Lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; sleeping in a public or private place not ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (e.g., tent, car).



Emergency Shelter

A facility with the primary purpose of providing temporary or transitional shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of the homeless.



Transitional Housing

Housing that facilitates movement of the homeless, including those with mental or physical disabilities, to permanent housing within a reasonable amount of time (usually 24 months).



Permanent Supportive Housing

Permanent housing with indefinite rental assistance paired with supportive services to assist homeless persons with a disability or families with a member with a disability achieve housing stability.



Subsidized Rental Housing

Economic assistance for low- and moderate-income households aimed toward alleviating housing costs; provided in conjunction with state and local housing agencies (e.g., Section 8).



Permanent Housing

Community-based housing without a designated length of stay in which formerly homeless individuals and families that do not require supportive services live as independently as possible.



Affordable/ Workforce Housing

Rental and home ownership in the private real estate market, for which the occupant is paying no more than 30% of his income for gross housing costs, including utilities.

Board of Supervisors Priorities

- Over the past several fiscal years, the Board of Supervisors has affirmed its commitment to the priority of addressing issues of chronic homelessness in the community through the budget process
- Responding to this Board priority, the Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) developed new grant funding strategies in FY 16/17
- And increased its support of the Homeless Services Continuum of Care (CoC) as its Administrative Entity under federal and state guidelines
- In FY 17/18, HHSA contracted with Marbut Consulting to specifically assess chronic and street level homelessness in Mendocino County
- California's FY 18/19 budget appropriations offer new opportunities for fiscal leveraging, program improvements and long term solutions

Continuum of Care

The purpose of the Continuum of Care program, a requirement for HUD funding, is to...

1. Promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
2. Provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, and local government to re-house homeless individuals and families rapidly while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities as a consequence of homelessness;
3. Promote access to and effective use of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and
4. Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Continuum of Care

- The Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care (MCHSCoC) is a collaborative of over twenty agencies throughout Mendocino County, bringing together local experience and resources to address the needs of individuals and families living in homelessness in Mendocino County
- Current MCHSCoC priorities include:
 - Homeless Needs Assessment and Action Steps for Mendocino County
 - Coordinated Entry through a Homeless Management Information System
 - Formalizing relationships between providers

Spotlight– California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH)

- Applicant: Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care
- Deadline: October 30, 2018
- Funding allocated to Mendocino County: \$927,448
- Applicable uses of funds: Services, Subsidies, Emergency Shelter Operations
- Jurisdictions must adopt a Resolution to receive CESH funds
- Recommended action: Ratify grant application and adopt resolution in support of program, as described in today's agenda item.

Spotlight– Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)

- Applicant: Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care
- Deadline: December 31, 2018
- Funding allocated to Mendocino County: \$4.9 million
- Applicable uses of funds: Capital improvements and development, Services, Subsidies, Shelter
- Jurisdictions must adopt a Declaration of a Shelter Crisis in order for funds to be spent in that jurisdiction
- Recommended action: Adopt resolution declaring a Shelter Crisis in Mendocino County, as described in today's agenda item.

Homelessness Needs Assessment and Action Steps, March 2108

- The Marbut Consulting Report is focused on the “street-level” homeless community while the Continuum of Care focuses on all aspects of homelessness prevention and intervention.
- Key Recommendations:
 - Improve governance and county-wide strategic coordination
 - Improve coordinated entry, triage and targeted clinical interventions
 - Strengthen emergency shelter and transitional housing opportunities
 - Improve engagement and appropriate uses of public spaces
 - Establish continuous quality improvements to address long-term solutions



HOME Team

- County of Mendocino HHSA provides limited staffing in support of the MCHSCoC and related housing and homelessness programs
- HOME Team employees include: 1 Program Administrator, 2 Program Specialists
- The HOME Team provides support to the Continuum of Care and was developed to serve as a primary point of contact for funding allocated through HHSA to reduce homelessness

Spotlight– Whole Person Care

- Multi-year pilot project funded through California's Medi-Cal 2020 Waiver focusing on coordination of patient-centered health, behavioral health, and social services and integrating care for a particularly vulnerable group of Medi-Cal beneficiaries who have been identified as high users of multiple systems and poor health outcomes
- In Mendocino County, the pilot provides services and limited transitional housing support to individuals with significant mental health needs together with complex medical/social needs
- Program elements – collaborative leadership, systematic coordination, and flexible funding coupled with accountability
- Project Partners:
 - Mendocino Community Health Clinics
 - Mendocino Coast Clinics
 - Adventist Health
 - Redwood Quality Mgmt. Co.
 - MCAVHN
 - Manzanita Services
 - Redwood Community Services – Inland
 - Redwood Community Services – Coast
 - Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center

Spotlight - Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Program (HMIOT)

- Allocation of \$200,000 for County of Mendocino through State budget
- Funds are specifically called out as allowable matching funds for Whole Person Care Pilot Programs under California's Medi-Cal 2020 Waiver
- Board of Supervisors approved resolution in support of accepting this funding and requested HHSA return with specifics about its uses
- Recommendation: Approve intended use of funds to support Mendocino County's Whole Person Care Pilot Program

Funding Overview/Handouts

- Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA)
 - HHSA has historically budgeted less than \$400,000 annually to directly address or reduce homelessness
 - Grants and new opportunities have significantly increased these resources
- Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care (MCHSCoC)
 - Federal and state funding through the Continuum of Care increased in FY 18/19
- Other Community Based Funding
 - Our collaborative partnerships are leveraging current and new service strategies: RCHDC, CDC, Cities, Schools & Community Based Organizations

Spotlight – Willow Terrace



Next Steps

- Work with the Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care to leverage current data, update local plans, and best leverage new funding opportunities
- Implement the No Place Like Home Technical Assistance Grant to meet requirements of new funding appropriations available for individuals with mental illness and housing needs
- Strengthen HHSA's contracting and collaborative funding models to implement best practices and leverage service delivery strategies
- Implement Whole Person Care promising practices across HHSA's public health, behavioral health and social service functional areas