



Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care

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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
Attention: Carmel Angelo, CEO
501 Low Gap Road
Ukiah, CA 95482

Letter of Support for County of Mendocino's Application to Project Homekey

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care (MCHSCoC), we write to express our strong support for the County of Mendocino's application to Project Homekey for the acquisition and conversion of a local hotel for transitional and permanent housing for homeless individuals and families.

The MCHSCoC represents a diverse array of homeless services providers and community stakeholders with a common agenda to reduce the number of individuals and families living in unhoused situations throughout Mendocino County. The MCHSCoC recently adopted a new Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness in Mendocino County. The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has subsequently endorsed this Plan. Goal 1.1. of this Plan, and our collective top priority, is to "source new housing opportunities of all types whenever possible." We believe that the opportunity provided through Project Homekey fits squarely within our Goal 1.1., and we are thrilled to extend our support and commitment to this project.

We understand that the current project, as proposed for funding consideration, includes a mix of permanent and transitional housing. The CoC Board is committed to developing and supporting a coordinated exit strategy for individuals residing in the proposed transitional housing units that would enable them to exit to permanent housing with the help of identified supports and case management. We are committed to identifying the Project Homekey facility as a specific project within our HMIS and Coordinated Entry systems, which would provide structure and accountability to the exit outcomes for those individuals residing in these new housing units – both permanent and transitional.

We look forward to a favorable outcome to this application, and we appreciate the opportunity to provide this letter of support.

Sincerely,


Jacqueline Williams
Co-Chair


Daniel McIntire
Co-Chair