



COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS

UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

**ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD AND
COMMISSION TO END HOMELESSNESS**

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- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a first-of-its-kind package of resources to address unsheltered homelessness and homeless encampments, including funds set aside specifically to address homelessness in rural communities.
- The \$322 million available under this NOFO will enhance communities' capacity to humanely and effectively address unsheltered homelessness by connecting vulnerable individuals and families to housing, healthcare, and supportive services.
- This Special NOFO strongly promotes partnerships with healthcare organizations, public housing authorities and mainstream housing providers, and people with lived expertise of homelessness.
- Orange County Maximum Amount: \$19,846,828

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- Our focus today is twofold:
 - 1) identify background and best practices working on the unsheltered population currently to inform our application to HUD and
 - 2) develop recommendations for all aspects of funding regarding unsheltered homelessness.
- We are a mixed group here today, with different backgrounds and experiences. We welcome all viewpoints and opinions about how to end unsheltered homelessness within our community.

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- **Listening Session 1 (8/23):** #1-Leveraging Housing Resources, #2-Leveraging Healthcare Resources
- **Listening Session 2 (9/1)** #3-CoCs Current Strategy to Identify, Shelter, and House Individuals and Families Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness
- **Listening Session 3 (9/7):** #4-Updating the CoCs Strategy to Identify, Shelter, and House Individuals Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness with Data and Performance, #5 Identify and Prioritize Households Experiencing or with Histories of Unsheltered Homelessness
- **Listening Session 4 (9/13):** #6-Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Decision Making, #7-Supporting Underserved Communities and Supporting Equitable Community Development

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- CoCs must demonstrate efforts to increase the number of permanent housing units available to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, including the extent to which the amount of assistance provided will be supplemented with other, non-CoC Program and non-ESG funded, housing resources that are not already dedicated to individuals and families experiencing homelessness and how landlords are incentivized to house individuals experiencing homelessness.
- CoCs must demonstrate that they have applied for permanent housing project(s), including permanent supportive housing or rapid re-housing, that utilizes housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs (e.g., Housing Choice Vouchers, HOME-ARP, HOPWA).

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- 1st Question: How has Orange County in the past demonstrated an ability to increase the number of permanent housing units--from any source of funding--to impact the unsheltered population?
- 2nd Question: Have there been successful or challenging impacts from non-HUD funded projects that we may learn from if awarded these funds?
- 3rd Question: Are there any development challenges we should be aware of in regard to financing, developing, or operating housing models used for the unsheltered population?

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- CoCs must:
 - Demonstrate their current strategy for recruiting landlords, and their units, in which to utilize tenant-based assistance.
 - Describe the current strategy they use to recruit landlords and show how well it works at identifying units across their entire geographic area, including areas where the CoC has historically not been able to identify units.
 - Identify any new practices implemented to recruit landlords in the past three years and the lessons learned from implementing those practices; and
 - Describe how they will use data to update their landlord recruitment strategy.

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- 1st Question: What are successful approaches employed for recruiting landlords? What are the challenges and barriers?
- 2nd Question: Have there been any new practices or unique approaches in recruiting landlords implemented in the last three years that we could use these funds to take to scale?
- 3rd Question: Can anyone describe ways in which they have used data to inform their landlord recruitment strategy?

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- Propose to develop permanent housing projects, including permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing projects, that utilize health care resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Sources of healthcare resources include:
 - Direct contributions from a public or private health insurance provider to the project.
 - Provision of health care services, including mental health services, by a private or public organization (including FQHCs and state or local health departments) tailored to the program participants of the project.
 - Direct partnerships with organizations that provide healthcare services, including mental health services to individuals and families (including FQHCs and state or local public health departments) experiencing homelessness who have HIV/AIDS.
 - Eligibility for the project must comply with HUD program and fair housing requirements. Eligibility criteria cannot be restricted by the eligibility requirements of the health care service provider.

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- 1st Question: What are successful approaches employed for coordinating healthcare resources with the unsheltered population? What are challenges?
- 2nd Question: Are there ways we can coordinate with FQHC's as part of this application?
- 3rd Question: California and Orange County has a long commitment to aligning behavioral, mental, and physical health care--what ways could we ensure that these new funded projects continue the high standard we have historically set?

ANY QUESTIONS

THANK YOU!
