

# Orange County Housing Opportunities Committee August 12, 2022

#### Agenda

- 1. Call To Order Judson Brown and Grace Stepter, Committee Chairs
- 2. Additions / Deletions to Agenda
- 3. Continuum of Care Updates Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations
- 4. OC Affordable Housing Impact Study Dr. Emily Owens and Dr. George Tita, Livable Cities Lab and UCI
- 5. CalAIM Update Mia Arias, Michael Herman, and Kelly Bruno-Nelson, CalOptima
- **6.** Project-Based Housing Updates:
  - a. OC Housing Finance Trust Update Adam Eliason, OC Housing Finance Trust
  - b. Project Homekey Update Grace Stepter, City of Anaheim and Nate Robbins, City of Costa Mesa
  - c. Project-Based Voucher Pipeline Public Housing Authority Representatives
- 7. Tenant-Based Housing Updates:
  - a. Special Purpose Voucher Updates Public Housing Authority Representatives
  - b. Efforts to Lease-Up Special Purpose Vouchers Service Providers
  - c. Rapid Rehousing Services Update Service Providers
- 8. Coordinated Entry System (CES) Update
  - a. Presentation on Match Meeting and Case Conferencing CES Administrators
  - b. CES Metrics Rebecca Ricketts, CES Manager
    - Family Coordinated Entry System Metrics Katherine Rodriguez, Family Solutions Collaborative
    - Individual Coordinated Entry System Metrics Connor Stephenson, Friendship Shelter
    - Veteran Registry Rebecca Ricketts, CES Manager

#### Agenda

- 9. Funding, Program, and Policy Updates
  - a. Federal and State Legislation Updates Cesar Covarrubias, The Kennedy Commission
- **10.** Next Meeting: October 14, 2022, 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.

## **Continuum of Care (CoC) Updates**

Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations
Office of Care Coordination

# Fiscal Year 2022 Continuum of Care Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

# FY 2022 Continuum of Care Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is making approximately \$2.8 billion in competitive funding available through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Additionally, this includes at least \$52,000,000 available for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus) projects.
- Continuums of Care will have the opportunity to renew existing projects, apply for new or bonus projects, and to reallocate resources from lower performing projects to better serve people at risk of or experiencing homelessness.
- Application due date September 30, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. PDT

# FY 2022 Continuum of Care Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

- Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN): \$16,954,329
- CoC Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) Amount: \$29,942,953
  - Tier 1 (95%): \$28,445,805
  - Tier 2 (5%): \$1,497,148
- CoC Bonus: \$1,497,148
  - Eligible project types include permanent supportive housing (PSH), rapid rehousing (RRH), joint transitional housing and permanent-rapid rehousing (Joint TH/PH-RRH) and Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry System (SSO-CES)
- DV Bonus: \$1,695,433
  - Eligible project types include RRH, Joint TH/PH-RRH and SSO-CES

# FY 2022 Continuum of Care Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

- The County of Orange's Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) will be sharing important information related to the FY 2022 on the FY 2022 CoC NOFO webpage.
- Please stay tuned for details related to:
  - Notification of rating and ranking criteria for CoC-funded projects
  - Priority Listing for CoC Renewal Projects
  - Request for Proposal (RFP) release and due dates for New or Bonus Projects
  - Communication related to E-Snaps project applications and CoC
     Office Hours
- Review the FY 2022 CoC NOFO in more detail on <u>HUD's website</u>.

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is making approximately \$322 million in funding available through a Continuum of Care Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity (CoC Special NOFO).
- Funding will be utilized to support communities in developing plans to address rural and unsheltered homelessness, particularly in communities with very high levels of unsheltered homelessness.
- CoC Special NOFO grant term is three years
  - \$19,846,828 available for Orange County CoC
  - \$6,615,609 available for renewals
- Application due date October 20, 2022

- HUD's Homeless Policy Priorities
  - Unsheltered homelessness.
  - 2. Involving a broad array of stakeholders in the CoC's efforts to reduce homelessness.
  - 3. Advancing equity.
  - 4. Use a Housing First approach.
- HUD Funding Process:
  - HUD will select CoC's for funding based on the CoC score, meaning the highest scoring CoC will have its rated and ranked projects that pass threshold conditionally selected for funding, until there are no more funds available.

- Eligible project types for this funding:
  - 1. Permanent Housing
    - Rapid Rehousing
    - Permanent Supportive Housing
  - Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing
  - 3. Supportive Services Only
  - 4. Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS).
- Target Population
  - Participants must meet the criteria of homelessness, and
  - Have Severe Service Needs, and/or
  - Underserved Communities.

- The County of Orange's Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) has identified this funding opportunity as important to support the ongoing efforts to address unsheltered homelessness.
- Activities involved in the application process:
  - Establish a CoC Special NOFO Ad Hoc comprised of non-conflicted members
  - Facilitate stakeholder engagement and feedback to develop a CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs
  - 3. Bring plan to CoC Board for approval and inclusion in the CoC Special NOFO application.
- Review the CoC Special NOFO in more detail on <u>HUD's website</u>.

#### **Continuum of Care Committee Charter Update**

- The Housing Opportunities Committee was developed as a committee of the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board upon the inaugural meeting of the CoC Board and was created to identify and evaluate available housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness.
- In June 2022, each committee Chair and/or Co-Chair was asked to review and provide feedback for the charter for the committees that they lead. Chairs were asked to provide feedback in the areas of recommendations for membership, the advising and information sharing process between other CoC Committees/CoC Board, committee responsibilities and other notable items.

## **OC Affordable Housing Impact Study**

Dr. Emily Owens and Dr. George Tita,
Livable Cities Lab and the University of California,
Irvine (UCI) School of Social Ecology

#### **OC Affordable Housing Impact Study**

#### Resources

Data Summary: The Impact of Affordable Housing on Housing & Crime in Orange County study can be found at <a href="https://cpb-us-e2.wpmucdn.com/sites.uci.edu/dist/5/4337/files/2021/03/LCL-22-lmpact-Study.pdf">https://cpb-us-e2.wpmucdn.com/sites.uci.edu/dist/5/4337/files/2021/03/LCL-22-lmpact-Study.pdf</a>? sm au =iVVRWH2JP821032P7qBfJK0CNRBH2

Press Conference: The 2022 Impact Study presentation recording can also be referenced for viewing and can be found at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MvKjcS6M3Cl

### **CalAIM Update**

Mia Arias and Kelly Bruno-Nelson, CalOptima

## HHIP Proposed Investment Plan

INITIAL INVESTMENT PRIORITIES									
Partnerships & capacity to support referrals for services	Infrastructure to coordinate & meet member housing needs	Delivery of services and member engagement							
<ul> <li>Discharge planning and healthcare navigation for unhoused individuals leaving inpatient care and ED settings</li> <li>CoC support - Annual PIT and lived experience advisory committee</li> <li>Connect and better integrate with HMIS</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Landlord incentives and marketing plan to increase housing access/availability</li> <li>Service hubs in each service planning area that would include connection housing providers, healthcare, ECM, Community Support and BH/SUD services</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Community grants to address homelessness among underrepresented populations (e.g., LGBTQ+, families, TAY)</li> <li>Street medicine when/where needed</li> <li>Member experience research and real-time feedback systems</li> </ul>							

#### POTENTIAL FUTURE INVESTMENTS

- Affordable housing and shelter project gap funding
- Flexible funding to reduce barriers to obtaining and maintaining permanent housing
- Recuperative Care/PACE center for unhoused seniors

HMIS: Homeless Management Information System

PIT: Point in Time Count

PACE: Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly



# Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) Investment Plan — Presentation Feedback

#### Resources

Survey link for the HHIP Investment Plan listening sessions can be completed at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHIPInvestmentPlan\_PresentationFeedback

## **Project-Based Housing Updates**

## **OC Housing Finance Trust Update**

Adam Eliason, OC Housing Finance Trust

#### **OC Housing Finance Trust Members**



















































## **Project Homekey Update**

Grace Stepter, City of Anaheim Nate Robbins, City of Costa Mesa

## **Project-Based Voucher Pipeline**

Public Housing Authority Representatives

#### **Background**

- Four Housing Authorities in Orange County administer the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) to help qualified tenants afford healthy and safe housing in the private market:
  - Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA)
  - Anaheim Housing Authority (AHA)
  - Santa Ana Housing Authority (SAHA)
  - Garden Grove Housing Authority (GGHA)
- Each Housing Authority can "project-base" up to 20% of their vouchers to develop affordable and permanent supportive housing

#### **Project-Based Voucher Pipeline – Orange County Housing Authority**

Updated 8-10-22

Project Name City	MHSA Units	NPLH Units	VASH PBV Units	PBV Units	Other PSH Restricted	Non- PSH	Total Units	Estimated Completion	
Prado	Fountain Valley			8				8	04/2022
Altrudy Senior Apts.	Yorba Linda	8						8	06/2022
Casa Paloma	Midway City	24				24		48	08/2022
The Groves	San Juan Capistrano	8						8	09/2022
Ascent	Buena Park	28				29		57	10/2022
Riviera Motel	Stanton	9		10		1		20	03/2023
The Salvation Army Anaheim Center of Hope	Anaheim	16						16	04/2023

#### **Project-Based Voucher Pipeline – Orange County Housing Authority**

Updated 8-10-22

				Non-	Total	Estimated			
Project Name City	City	MHSA Units	NPLH Units	VASH PBV Units	PBV Units	Other PSH Restricted	PSH	Units	Completion
Mountain View	Lake Forest	12						12	07/2023
Huntington Beach Senior Housing	Huntington Beach	21				12		33	08/2023
The Crossroads at Washington	Santa Ana					43		43	10/2023
Stanton Inn and Suites	Stanton	10				60		70	12/2023
Santa Angelina	Placentia	21						21	12/2023
Tahiti Motel	Stanton			10		49		59	12/2023
Villa St. Joseph	Orange	18						18	12/2023

#### **Project-Based Voucher Pipeline – Anaheim Housing Authority**

Project	PSH Units						Non-	Total	Estimated
Name	City	MHSA Units	NPLH Units	(County) PBV Units	PBV Units	Other PSH Restricted	PSH	Units	Completion
Finamore Place	Anaheim				20		82	102	09/2022
Center of Hope	Anaheim	20	34	16	50		2	72	01/2023
Miraflores Apartments	Anaheim	8			8		78	86	11/2023

#### **Project-Based Voucher Pipeline – Santa Ana Housing Authority**

				PSH (	Units				
Project Name	City	MHSA Units	NPLH Units	VASH PBV Units	PBV Units	Other PSH Restricted	Non-PSH	Total Units	Estimated Completion
North Harbor Village	Santa Ana			34	55			89	02/2023
Westview House	Santa Ana				26		59	85	12/2023
Legacy Square	Santa Ana	25			8		59	92	02/2023
FX Residences	Santa Ana				3	13		16	12/2023
Crossroads at Washington	Santa Ana				43		42	85	12/2023

#### **Project-Based Voucher Pipeline – Garden Grove Housing Authority**

No projects to report at this time.

## **Tenant-Based Housing Updates**

## **Special Purpose Voucher Updates**

Public Housing Authority Representatives

#### **Background**

The four Housing Authorities in Orange County apply for and receive Special Purpose Vouchers from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to serve people experiencing homelessness including:

#### Mainstream Vouchers (MS5):

- Mainstream vouchers assist non-elderly persons with disabilities. Aside from serving a special population, Mainstream vouchers are administered using the same rules as other housing choice vouchers.
- The 2017, 2018, and 2019 Appropriations Acts provided funded for new Mainstream vouchers. Since 2018, HUD has awarded over \$500 million in funding to public housing agencies (PHAs) to support 50,000 new Mainstream vouchers.

#### Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)

- The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program was made possible through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Through EHV, HUD provided 70,000 housing choice vouchers to local Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) in order to assist individuals and families who are homeless, at-risk of homelessness, and victims of domestic violence.
- Referrals come through the Coordinated Entry System.

#### **Background**

The four Housing Authorities in Orange County apply for and receive Special Purpose Vouchers from HUD to serve people experiencing homelessness including:

- Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing Vouchers (VASH)
  - The HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program combines HUD's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance for homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
  - Referrals come from the VAMC of Long Beach.

#### **Background**

The four Housing Authorities in Orange County apply for and receive Special Purpose Vouchers from HUD to serve people experiencing homelessness including:

- Family Unification Program and Foster Youth to Independence Vouchers (FUP and FYI)
  - The Family Unification Program (FUP) is a program under which Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) are provided to two different populations:
    - 1. Families for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in: (Family Unification)
      - a. The imminent placement of the family's child or children in out-of-home care, or
      - b. The delay in the discharge of the child or children to the family from out-of-home care.
    - 2. Eligible youths who have attained at least 18 years and not more than 24 years of age and who have left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan and is homeless or is at risk of becoming homeless at age 16 or older.
  - PHAs administer the FUP/FYI vouchers in partnership with Public Child Welfare Agencies (PCWAs) who are responsible for referring FUP families and youths to the PHA for determination of eligibility for rental assistance. Referrals come from the Orange County Social Services Agency.

#### **Special Purpose Voucher Updates – Orange County Housing Authority**

Voucher Type	Allocation	Vouchers Searching	Leased
Mainstream Voucher (MS5)	201	18	146
Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV)	557	188	254
Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing Voucher (VASH – Tenant- Based)	853	104	642
Family Unification Program (FUP) Voucher	325	20	273

### **Special Purpose Voucher Updates – Anaheim Housing Authority**

Voucher Type	Allocation	Vouchers Searching	Leased		
Mainstream Voucher (MS5)	172	24	131		
Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV)	278	80	142		
Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing Voucher (VASH – Tenant- Based)	94	6	71		

### **Special Purpose Voucher Updates – Santa Ana Housing Authority**

Voucher Type	Allocation	Vouchers Searching	Leased		
Mainstream Voucher (MS5)	231	36	131		
Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV)	89	56	38		
Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing Voucher (VASH – Tenant-Based)	171	29	93		
Foster Youth Independence (FYI)  Voucher	45	1	43		

### **Special Purpose Voucher Updates – Garden Grove Housing Authority**

Voucher Type	Allocation	Vouchers Searching	Leased		
Mainstream Voucher (MS5)	30	27	14		
Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV)	117	112	73		

## **Special Purpose Voucher Updates – Orange County Totals**

Voucher Type	Allocation	Vouchers Searching	Leased	
Mainstream Voucher (MS5)	634	105	422	
Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV)	1041	436	507	
Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing Voucher (VASH – Tenant-Based)	1118	139	806	
Family Unification Program (FUP) Voucher	325	20	273	
Foster Youth Independence (FYI)  Voucher	45	1	43	
TOTALS	3163	701	2051 (~64%)	

# Efforts to Lease-Up Special Purpose Vouchers

**Service Providers** 

# Rapid Rehousing Services Update Service Providers

# **Coordinated Entry System (CES) Update**

# Match Meetings and Case Conferencing CES Administrators

# Orange County CES Match Meeting & Case Conferencing Overview

Katherine Rodriguez

Programs Manager

Family Solutions Collaborative

Connor Stephenson

Individual Coordinated Entry System Manager

Friendship Shelter

# **Components of CES**

Individuals

Adult Only Households Families

Households with Minor Children

Veterans

Veterans of any discharge status

Transitional Age Youth

Head of Household is 18-24 years old

# **Match Meeting Overview**

- All CES Match Meetings are attended by:
  - CFS Administrators
  - Access Points
  - Housing Providers
- The CES Administrators, Access Points, and Housing Providers follow a standard prioritization process and work together to match households to the available housing opportunities.
- All CES Match Meetings follow Housing First principles, which is centered on the belief that there should not be prerequisites to housing (e.g., sobriety) and the theory that client choice is paramount when determining the housing plan.

# **Match Meeting Structure**

- Announcements/Updates
- Review of Available Housing Opportunities
- Matching Households on Community Queue to Opportunities
- Case Conferencing
- Questions/End of Meeting

# The Pathway to Housing (Housing Buckets)

### 1. Engagement

Assertively engage client to begin a housing conversation

#### 2. Assessment

- Assess client's housing needs and resources using
  - a) CES Assessment and/or
  - b) Agency housing assessment

### 3. Housing Planning

- Develop and implement personalized housing plans
  - a) Remove barriers to mainstream housing option
  - b) Document ready on the CQ

### 4. Housing Navigation

- Assist the client in securing housing because:
  - a) Barriers to housing have been removed and client can pursue identified mainstream housing option, or
  - b) Client is matched to a housing resource

### 5. Housed

• The goal for every individual

# Barriers and Strengths

#### Barriers

 Participants experience barriers to housing. It is easy to think of barriers to housing as being located within the participant (i.e. "this participant's barrier is their substance abuse problem") but this case conferencing model emphasizes that barriers are actually located in the system (i.e. "the barrier is a lack of accessible housing for people with substance abuse problems")

### Strengths

 The population of people experiencing homelessness often have strengths that are overlooked due to problem-focused or barrier-focused models of care. By collecting information on both strengths and barriers, this case conferencing model seeks to tap into participant's inner resources to identify creative housing options.

# **Developing Housing Plans**

- Participants are encouraged to develop housing plans for housing resources available through the Coordinated Entry System and outside of the Coordinated Entry System.
  - A. Because there are substantially more people seeking housing through the Coordinated Entry System than there are opportunities, creative housing problem solving should always be part of the housing planning and housing navigation process
  - B. Because we recognize that creative or mainstream housing options are not realistic possibilities for everyone (particularly for people with acute needs or disabling conditions) at least one housing plan should utilize a potential housing opportunity through the Coordinated Entry System
- Both housing plans should be pursued simultaneously
- Case conferencing is used to set an action in response to the participant's barriers, strengths, and housing plan (e.g. overcome barriers by utilizing strengths to achieve housing plan) for each participant case conferenced during each meeting.

# Who Should be at the Meeting

- Because the goal of the case conferencing model is to develop and record participant strengths, barriers, housing plans, and actions, the meeting will run at its best when the case managers and housing providers actually working with the participants are able to attend.
- In recognition that the case manager and housing provider serving a participant may sometimes be unable to attend, someone else can attend the meeting to speak on their behalf if they are given enough information ahead of time



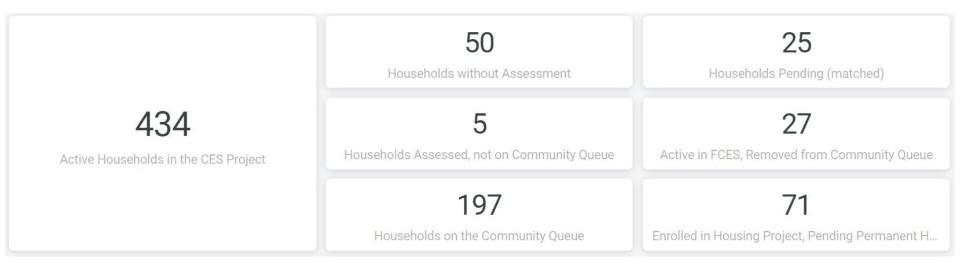
# **Family CES Metrics**

Katherine Rodriguez, Family Solutions
Collaborative

# By the Numbers



### Family Coordinated Entry System





Family Homelessness in OC, CA – June 2022

Families Currently Experiencing Homelessness



296

Homeless children age 0-5 493

Homeless children age 6-17







# 116

# New Families Entering Homelessness Last Month

Data from June 1st to June 30th



Families Reconnected to Support System to Resolve Homelessness



372

Family Service Request Forms Received



Families Who Requested Rental Assistance to Stay Housed

Shelters: emergency shelter, matel paid by third party, etc. "Unsheltered: not meant for habitation including car, tent, street "Other living situations: institutional settings, at-risk of homelessness, et

# **Individual CES Metrics**

Connor Stephenson, Friendship Shelter

# By the Numbers



### **Individual Coordinated Entry System**

3,163
Active Households in the CES Project

179
Households without Assessment

75
Households Assessed, not on Community Queue

1,632
Households on the Community Queue

179
Households Pending (matched)

Active in CES, Removed from Community Queue

1,632
Households on the Community Queue

Enrolled in Housing Project, Pending Permanent H...

# **Veteran Registry**

Rebecca Ricketts, CES Manager

### Veteran Registry Dashboard

#### Homeless Veterans on Veteran Registry



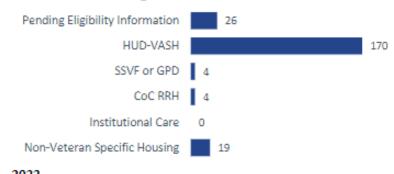
Inflow vs. Outflow by Month



Currently, there are 284 veterans on the Veteran Registry including 223 veterans experiencing homelessness. In the previous 12 months, 225 veterans have been housed in permanent, stable housing. Over 30 agencies, including the VA Community Resource and Referral Center, outreach providers, and shelter providers, continue to meet weekly to coordinate housing and services for veterans experiencing homelessness in Orange County. The Veteran Registry partners coordinated with the VA Community Resource and Referral Center and the Orange County Housing Authority to successfully lease up the apartments dedicate to veterans at Prado in Fountain Valley, CA.

Homeless	Veterans
Veterans	Housed
223	225
	8/1/21-7/31/22

#### Permanent Housing Plan



						2022								
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Total	
INFLOW	35	39	42	38	49	33	41	50	34	48	41	27	477	adaldı
OUTFLOW	61	26	23	17	27	43	39	35	50	46	40	40	447	l andro
OUTFLOW to Permanent Housing	37	15	8	3	16	15	15	20	23	27	25	21	225	h. muttu
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Homeless Veterans on Veteran Registry	187	186	188	203	221	203	221	232	214	218	236	223		

# Federal and State Legislation Updates Cesar Covarrubias, The Kennedy Commission

# **Next Meeting**

October 14, 2022, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

