

ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
Wednesday, January 22, 2025
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location:

**County Administration South (CAS) Building
Conference Center
425 West Santa Ana Blvd. Room 104/106
Santa Ana, CA 92701-4599
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AGENDA

Board Members

LaVal Brewer, South County Outreach
Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana
Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, CalOptima Health
Andrew Crowe, Scholarship Prep
Nichole Gideon, Individual [Secretary]
Shakoya Green Long, Thomas House Family Shelter
Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, OC United Way
Marisol Johnson, Dayle McIntosh Center
Sandra Lozeau, City of Anaheim
Sammie MarTínez, Individual
Melanie McQueen, PATH

Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Orangewood Foundation
Nishtha Mohendra, Families Forward
Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Individual
Talesha Payne, Individual
Jason Phillips, Individual
Dawn Price, Friendship Shelter
Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options
George Searcy, Individual
Tim Shaw, Individual [Chair]
Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Individual [Vice Chair]

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Call to Order – Tim Shaw, Chair

Board Member Roll Call – Nichole Gideon, Secretary

Public Comments: Members of the public may address the CoC Board on items listed within this agenda or matters not appearing on the agenda so long as the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the CoC Board. Members of the public may address the CoC Board with public comments on agenda items in the business calendar after the agenda item presentation. Comments will be limited to three minutes. If there are more than five public speakers, this time will be reduced to two minutes.

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Board Member Comments: Members of the CoC Board may provide comments on matters not appearing on the agenda so long as the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the CoC Board.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. **2025 CoC Board Appointments** – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination
 - a. Elect CoC Board Officers for the upcoming term:
 - 1) Appoint the Chair
 - 2) Appoint the Vice Chair
 - 3) Appoint the Secretary
 - b. Appoint CoC Committee Chairs to fill current vacancies:
 - 1) Appoint a CoC Board member to Chair the Domestic Violence Committee
 - 2) Appoint a CoC Board member to Chair the Service Provider Forum
 - 3) Appoint a CoC Board member to Chair the Housing Opportunities Committee
 - 4) Appoint a CoC Board member to Chair the Transitional Aged Youth Collaborative Committee
 - c. Appoint a CoC Board member to the Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee as an at-large member.
2. **PPS Committee Recommendation** – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, and Daniel Garcia, Coordinated Entry System (CES) Administrator, Office of Care Coordination
 - a. Approve the revised CES Pre-Assessment Screening and CES Survivor Assessment tools for approval by the CoC Board, as recommended by the PPS Committee and Domestic Violence Committee.
3. **Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Recommendations** – Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination
 - a. Approve the following recommendations for the programming of HHAP funding allocated to the Orange County CoC:
 - 1) Authorize the Office of Care Coordination to submit a HHAP-CoC Round 1 budget modification to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness to reallocate

\$190,000.00 in unspent funding from the Landlord Incentives and \$105,303.54 in unspent funding from Outreach & Coordination eligible use categories to the Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing eligible use category, for a total of \$295,303.54.

- 2) Authorize the Office of Care Coordination to renew the current HHAP-CoC funded contracts for Rapid Rehousing Services for a two-year term, from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027, utilizing HHAP-CoC Rounds 1, 3, 4 and 5 funds under the Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing eligible use category and HHAP-CoC Round 4 Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing Youth Set-Aside eligible use category.

- (1) Rapid Rehousing Services for Transitional Age Youth (TAY) with Covenant House California for \$380,040

- (2) Rapid Rehousing Services for Individuals with People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) for \$1,067,143.42

- (3) Rapid Rehousing Services for Families with Families Forward for \$846,185.29

4. CoC Strategic Plan Update – Tim Shaw, Chair

5. Orange County Homelessness Updates – Doug Becht, Director, and Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

- a. System of Care Update

- b. CoC Update

6. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 26, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Date: January 22, 2025

Subject: 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Appointments

Recommended Actions:

- a. Elect CoC Board Officers for the upcoming term:
 - 1) Appoint the Chair
 - 2) Appoint the Vice Chair
 - 3) Appoint the Secretary
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- c. Appoint a CoC Board member to the Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee as an at-large member.

Background and Analysis

The Orange County CoC Board and its committees are chaired by designated representatives, primarily CoC Board members, to ensure the sustained vision and support of CoC Board initiatives. At the first CoC Board meeting of each calendar year, the CoC Board elects the Board Officers – Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary – to serve one-year terms. As stated in the CoC Governance Charter, CoC Board members may serve for more than one term as an Officer, as there is no term limit. During the CoC Board meeting, nominations and election of Officers will occur amongst CoC Board membership via roll call vote. The CoC Board Officers are expected to attend a monthly planning meeting with the Office of Care Coordination, as well as commit to responsibilities outlined in **Attachment A**.

Current CoC Committee Chair and committee member vacancies are also to be filled to ensure continuity of established committees. The committee governance charters, adopted by the CoC Board on January 25, 2023, identify the Chair and Vice Chair appointment requirements for each committee as well as the committee purpose and responsibilities. Additionally, the revised PPS Committee Governance Charter, approved by the CoC Board at the December 18, 2024, meeting, requires at least one (1) and no more than two (2) at-large members of the CoC Board to participate as PPS Committee members and provides the ability for CoC Committee Chairs to appoint a representative from their respective committees to the PPS Committee, should they be unable to participate. Please note, returning CoC Board members who were chairing a CoC Committee in 2024, and are interested in continuing as Chair for the duration of their new Board term, will need to be nominated and appointed through this process.

Current CoC Committee Chair and Member vacancies include the following:

- Domestic Violence Committee Chair
- Service Provider Forum Chair
- Housing Opportunities Committee Chair
- Transitional Aged Youth Collaborative Committee Chair
- PPS Committee at-large member

The roles and committee descriptions included in **Attachment A** are provided to assist the CoC Board membership in making informed decisions in the nomination and election process of Committee Chair and the PPS Committee at-large member.

Attachments

Attachment A – CoC Board Officer, Committee Chairs and Committee Member Descriptions

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Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Officer Role Descriptions

CoC Board Chair

- Facilitates the work of the Orange County CoC, as determined by the Orange County CoC Governance Charter
- Leads the monthly CoC Board meetings, including calling the meeting to order, managing the agenda, facilitating voting and adjourning meetings
- Meets monthly with Vice Chair, Secretary and Office of Care Coordination to discuss the work of the CoC and plan for upcoming meetings of the CoC. This includes:
 - Matters referred to the CoC Board by the CoC Committees to be placed on calendar for consideration and action by the CoC Board or CoC General Membership
 - If there is an issue of importance to the CoC Board, the Chair will work with the Vice Chair and Secretary to coordinate with Office of Care Coordination staff prior to placing the item on the calendar
- Signs documents on behalf of the CoC Board

CoC Board Vice Chair

- Chairs CoC Board meetings in the absence of Chair or when Chair must recuse themselves
- Chairs the Policy, Procedures and Standards Committee meetings
- Meets monthly with Chair, Secretary and Office of Care Coordination to discuss the work of the CoC and plan for upcoming meetings of the CoC. This includes:
 - Matters referred to the CoC Board by the CoC Committees to be placed on calendar for consideration and action by the CoC Board or CoC General Membership
 - If there is an issue of importance to the CoC Board, the Vice Chair will work with the Chair and Secretary to coordinate with Office of Care Coordination staff prior to placing the item on the calendar

CoC Board Secretary

- Calls roll and tracks attendance at CoC Board meetings
- Calls roll and tracks motions and votes during CoC Board meetings when action items are being considered
- Reviews draft CoC Board meeting minutes recorded by the Office of Care Coordination
- Chairs CoC Board meetings in the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair, or when Chair and Vice Chair must recuse themselves
- Meets monthly with Chair, Secretary and Office of Care Coordination to discuss the work of the CoC and plan for upcoming meetings of the CoC. This includes:
 - Matters referred to the CoC Board by the CoC Committees to be placed on calendar for consideration and action by the CoC Board or CoC General Membership
 - If there is an issue of importance to the CoC Board, the Secretary will work with the Chair and Vice Chair to coordinate with Office of Care Coordination staff prior to placing the item on the calendar

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Committee Chair Descriptions

Please note, CoC Committee Chair responsibilities are further detailed in each committee governance charter. In addition to specified committee functions, all CoC committees are responsible for committing to advancing equity in the Orange County CoC, specifically addressing populations who have been most disproportionately impacted by homelessness, to ensure all people in Orange County experiencing homelessness and those at-risk will have equitable access to navigation, housing, and supportive services in ways that ensure equitable outcomes including overall well-being and long-term housing stability. Additionally, all CoC Committee Chairs may appoint a Vice Chair to assist with planning, facilitation, and coordination of the committee meetings.

Domestic Violence (DV) Committee Chair

- The DV Committee will be chaired by a member of the CoC Board who will serve for the duration of their term on the Board.
- The DV Committee Chair will meet with the Office of Care Coordination for a quarterly planning meeting.
- The DV Committee Chair will participate as a member of the Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee, or appoint a DV Committee member to the PPS Committee should the Chair be unable to participate.
- In addition to facilitating the committee meeting, the DV Committee Chair will support in bringing committee recommendations or presentations to CoC Committees and the CoC Board.
- The DV Committee Chair will support with the planning and implementation of special initiatives of the CoC that require committee engagement or feedback.
- The DV Committee is responsible for the following functions:
 - Supporting the CoC in identifying individuals and families who have experienced or are fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and/or stalking, experiencing homelessness, and connecting them to the Coordinated Entry System.
 - Coordinating efforts to measure progress towards ending homelessness for individuals and families who have experienced or are fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and/or stalking, through the analysis of data and information sharing.
 - Coordinating the delivery of services to support survivors who have experienced or are fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and/or stalking achieve housing stability and/or quickly secure permanent housing.
 - Convening local, state, federal and regional stakeholders working to address homelessness for survivors of domestic violence to share information on events, discuss funding opportunities, and troubleshoot problems.
 - Educating and inform the CoC on the needs and concerns of individuals and families who have experienced homelessness because of fleeing of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and/or stalking.
 - Informing the strategy for the identification and counting of individuals, youth and families that are experiencing homelessness as a result of fleeing from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and/or stalking during the Point In Time Count processes.

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Service Provider Forum Chair

- The Service Provider Forum will be chaired by a member of the CoC Board who will serve for the duration of their term on the Board.
- The Service Provider Forum Chair will meet with the Office of Care Coordination for a quarterly planning meeting.
- The Service Provider Forum Chair will participate as a member of the PPS Committee or appoint a Service Provider Forum representative to the PPS Committee should the Chair be unable to participate.
- In addition to facilitating the committee meeting, the Service Provider Forum Chair will support in bringing committee recommendations or presentations to CoC Committees and the CoC Board.
- The Service Provider Forum Chair will support with the planning and implementation of special initiatives of the CoC that require committee engagement or feedback.
- The Service Provider Forum is responsible for the following functions:
 - Convening the CoC General Membership, local service providers, and community partners
 - Sharing updates on efforts of the Orange County CoC, CoC Board and Office of Care Coordination, as the CoC Collaborative Applicant
 - Providing trainings that support organizations and community partners in being knowledgeable on evidence-based practices, as well as trainings required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Housing Opportunities Committee Chair

- The Housing Opportunities Committee will be chaired by a member of the CoC Board who will serve for the duration of their term on the Board.
- The Housing Opportunities Committee Chair will meet with the Office of Care Coordination every other month for a planning meeting.
- The Housing Opportunities Committee Chair will participate as a member of the PPS Committee or appoint a Housing Opportunities Committee member representative to the PPS Committee should the Chair be unable to participate.
- In addition to facilitating the committee meeting, the Housing Opportunities Committee Chair will support in bringing committee recommendations or presentations to CoC Committees and the CoC Board.
- The Housing Opportunities Committee Chair will support with special initiatives of the CoC that require committee engagement or feedback.
- The Housing Opportunities Committee is responsible for the following functions:
 - Coordinating information and resources amongst regional housing providers to reduce homelessness.
 - Implementing regional, system wide collaboration that includes the participation of regional affordable housing developers, homeless service providers, cities and Public Housing Authorities.
 - Identifying opportunities to increase housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness, including sharing information on various funding opportunities and implementing strategies to provide more housing opportunities, including affordable and permanent supportive housing.

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- Tracking the development and utilization of tenant-based and project-based housing opportunities including permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, housing choice vouchers and other affordable housing programs, utilizing readily available data and HMIS.
- Providing recommendations on the types of housing interventions needed to effectively reduce homelessness to the Orange County CoC.
- Coordinating the activities of Orange County's four Public Housing Authorities and entitlement jurisdictions administering federally funded programs and grants allocated by the U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD Programs include but are not limited to the Housing Choice Voucher Program, Mainstream Voucher Program, Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing, Emergency Housing Vouchers, Family Unification Program/Foster Youth to Independence Vouchers, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, HOME Investments Partnerships (HOME) Program and Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program.
- Identifying innovative solutions that create synergy, collaboration and partnerships with a broad range of stakeholders to create more housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness.
- Managing a housing analysis and resources map of housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness in Orange County
- Identifying gaps, disparities, and unmet needs of Orange County's homeless population to reduce and close the gaps in the homelessness response system.

Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Collaborative Committee Chair

- The TAY Collaborative Committee will be chaired by a member of the CoC Board who will serve for the duration of their term on the Board.
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- The TAY Collaborative Committee Chair will meet with the Office of Care Coordination every other month for a planning meeting.
- The TAY Collaborative Committee Chair will participate as a member of the PPS Committee or appoint a TAY Collaborative representative to the PPS Committee should the Chair be unable to participate.
- In addition to facilitating the committee meeting, the TAY Collaborative Chair will support in bringing committee recommendations or presentations to CoC Committees and the CoC Board.
- The TAY Collaborative Chair will support with special initiatives of the CoC that require committee engagement or feedback.
- The TAY Collaborative Committee is responsible for the following functions:
 - Recommend best practices and policy related to preventing and ending youth homelessness
 - Utilize data to evaluate gaps in youth homelessness response system to support the development of new policy
 - Develop a shared understanding of evidence-informed practices to address youth homelessness, current Orange County and national resources, and what interventions increase positive outcomes

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- Support system mapping efforts to better integrate services targeted to youth to create an effective youth homelessness response system in Orange County
- Develop a method to effectively coordinate services and enhance collaboration among youth service providers
- Ensuring housing interventions for youth address stable housing, permanent connections, education, employment, and well-being.
- Supporting the planning and implementation efforts of the Point in Time Count, especially TAY-focused efforts
- Support the creation and ongoing work of the Youth Action Board.

Committee Member Description

PPS Committee At-Large Member

- The PPS Committee at-large member will be a CoC Board member who is not representing any of the other CoC Committees and will serve for the duration of their Board term.
- An at-large member of the PPS Committee will attend at least 75% of the committee meetings.
- The PPS Committee is responsible for the following functions:
 - Recommending any committees, workgroups, and ad hoc groups necessary for the proper and efficient functioning of the Orange County CoC and recommending dissolving any committees, workgroups, and ad hoc groups, if they are determined to be unnecessary for the proper and efficient functioning of the Orange County CoC.
 - Vetting all proposed policies arising from committees/workgroups to ensure adherence to the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Notices and regulations, and evidence-based practices. The PPS Committee will then determine whether proposed policies and standards will be referred for additional input, recommended to the CoC Board for adoption through a consent item, or head for further conversation and vote by the full CoC Board.
 - Establishing a clear standard for the level of care that agencies should provide by program type. This level of care and service delivery will support a minimum threshold and consistent practices across the CoC.
 - Working with the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant to update the CoC Board Governance Charter annually, which will include all procedures and policies needed to comply with HUD mandates and HEARTH Act regulations.

Date: January 22, 2025

Subject: Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee Recommendation

Recommended Action:

- a. Approve the revised CES Pre-Assessment Screening and CES Survivor Assessment tools for approval by the CoC Board, as recommended by the PPS Committee and Domestic Violence Committee.

Background and Analysis

The Office of Care Coordination, as the CES Lead for the Orange County CoC, received feedback from several CES partners and the CES Administrators recommending adding eligibility requirements to the CES Pre-Assessment tool and adding additional assessment and accessibility questions to the Survivor Assessment tool. In response to the feedback received, the CES Lead reviewed and revised both CES Assessment tools. At the September 4, 2024, CES Steering Committee meeting, the CES Lead presented the revised tools and received feedback on proposed edits to both the CES Pre-Assessment and Survivor Assessment. The CES Steering Committee took action to approve the recommended revisions, providing feedback to editing the language of the eligibility requirement questions to be easier to determine eligibility for CES for Survivors, mirroring the language to match that of the language used by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as well as including a reference page of definitions as defined by HUD.

To ensure involvement of CoC and CES partners in the design of the revised assessment, the CES Lead established a timeline for sharing the revised CES Pre-Assessment and CES Survivor Assessment tools with the CoC and members of the public. A public feedback period was held from September 26, 2024, through October 9, 2024, requesting written feedback be sent via email to CoordinatedEntry@ocgov.com. The invitation to provide feedback was sent via the CES and CoC email distribution lists, to the CoC Board membership and to members of the following CoC committees: PPS Committee, Domestic Violence (DV) Committee and Lived Experience Advisory Committee.

On October 15, 2024, the updated CES Pre-Assessment and Survivor Assessment tools were presented to the DV Committee for review and feedback. The DV Committee membership discussed the importance of referencing mandated reporting information within the script for the CES Pre-Assessment, updating consent forms to ensure Survivors are aware of mandated reporting requirements, and exploring mandated reporting trainings that could be paired with the assessments for all CES Access Points. Because quorum was not reached at the October 2024 DV Committee meeting, the Office of Care Coordination committed to review feedback and bring proposed revisions to each assessment tool to the next DV Committee meeting. At the December 17, 2024, DV Committee meeting, the revised CES Pre-Assessment tool (**Attachment A**) and CES Survivor Assessment tool (**Attachment C**) were reviewed and approved. The PPS Committee reviewed the tools at the January 14, 2025, meeting, asking clarifying questions regarding the assessment and how it relates to survivors of human trafficking and requesting a disclaimer be added to the CES Pre-Assessment tool and Survivor Assessment tool noting emergency shelter stays (specifically

through victim service providers) would not impact someone's eligibility for CES for Survivors. The PPS Committee approved the revised tools, and the Office of Coordination committed to incorporating feedback into the tools. Significant changes being proposed are highlighted below.

Pre-Assessment

- Updated the mandated reporting statement in the opening script to say, "Note: At this time disclose any mandated reporter exceptions you or your agency may have."
- Added a screening statement to the "Pre-Assessment Screening" Section to include, "Anyone you stay with or used to stay with has emotionally, psychologically, or verbally abuse you or family member (see page 3); OR."
- Section added to include three Yes/No questions to determine CES for Survivors Eligibility; questions were arranged to reflect HUD definitions of determining if someone is fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- Updated "Tenant Self-Assessment" title to "Pre-Assessment Screening" on page 2.
- Removed *Laura's House* and phone number and added *Waymakers* and phone number under the "24-hour Domestic Violence hotlines" section on page 2.
- Added Question 1: "Are you fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (as defined by HUD, see definition on page 3)? *If YES, continue to the next question. If NO, you are not eligible for CES for Survivors.*"
- Added Question 2: "Do you have any other safe place to stay? *If NO, continue to the next question. If YES, you are not eligible for CES for Survivors.*"
- Added disclaimer noting that emergency shelter stays do not impact eligibility for CES for Survivors.
- Added Question 3: "Do you have any resources to obtain a safe place to stay? *If No, you are eligible to be enrolled in CES for Survivors and can be referred to a partnering victim service provider. If YES, you are not eligible for CES for Survivors.*"
- Added *Definition of Emotional, Verbal, and Psychological Abuse* on page 3.

Survivor Assessment Tool

- Added "written" to the opening statement to indicate that information would only be shared with "written consent."
- Updated the three eligibility requirement questions to reflect the questions as stated in the CES Pre-Assessment
- Added disclaimer noting that emergency shelter stays do not impact eligibility for CES for Survivors.
- Added a question to determine "Assessment Type" (Phone, Virtual, or In-Person)
- Added check box options for "Gender" and "Race/Ethnicity" under the "Client Intake" section on page 3.
- Added an option to provide "Date of Birth" and "Social Security Number" with a "Client Refused" checkbox option.
- Revised the *Veteran* question to "Have you or anyone in your household served in the United States Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard) or ever called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist?"
- Added two follow-up questions to the question of *Are you in the process of reunifying with any minor children? "If YES, how many?"* and "Total number of minor children (17 or younger) in household?"
- Removed "Of the housing opportunities the household is eligible for, which of the following housing types is the household interested in?"
- Removed question "Is there anything else we should know about you or your needs?" on page 4.

- Added the “*Accessibility Needs*” section to determine potential Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliance for housing opportunities.

The feedback received throughout the collaborative process of review of the revised tools can be referenced in **Attachment E**. Revised CES Pre-Assessment and Survivor Assessment tools will ensure participants receive a trauma-informed approach during the CES for Survivors assessment process, help service providers to streamline the CES referral process, and provide a more accurate snapshot of the needs of victims and survivors of domestic violence in the Orange County CoC. The CES Lead is hopeful that approval and use of the revised assessment tools will allow service providers to use tools reflective of needed changes. The CoC Board is being asked to approve the revised CES Pre-Assessment and Survivor Assessment tools, as recommended by the PPS Committee and DV Committee.

Attachments

Attachment A – CES Pre-Assessment – Redlined Version

Attachment B – CES Pre-Assessment – Clean Version

Attachment C – CES Survivor Assessment – Redlined Version

Attachment D – CES Survivor Assessment – Clean Version

Attachment E – CES Pre-Assessment and Survivor Assessment Tools Feedback Received

Pre-Assessment Screening

The goal of the Pre-Assessment Screening is to help the CES Virtual Front Door and access points identify whether the individual or family **may be or may have been** a victim or survivor of domestic violence (as defined by HUD) so that staff can offer a referral to victim service providers and/or CES for survivors.

- These questions are intended for adults over age 18.
- Questions should be asked in a private one-on-one setting.

Introduction

If any urgent safety needs are identified prior to beginning the Pre-Assessment Screening, immediately offer a connection to the local police or a Domestic Violence Hotline. Prior to beginning the Pre-Assessment Screening, provide a brief explanation of the Pre-Assessment Screening.

Sample Script

To learn more about your housing situation, I want to ask you some questions about whether you feel safe or are in danger right now. These are questions that I ask everyone because these issues are very common, and I want to ensure that you are connected to services that best fit your individual needs. Based on your answers, I may offer you referrals to specific resources. It is always your choice where you accept a referral to work with another program or continue talking to me about your housing situation. Your answers will not affect your eligibility for housing assistance. You will have the same ability to access housing as anyone else regardless of how you answer these questions.

*Anything you share today remains confidential. I will not call the police or do anything with this information that you don't want me to do. **(Note: At this time disclose any mandated reporter exceptions you or your agency may have.)***

Do you have any questions for me?

Pre-Assessment Screening

Some people find themselves feeling unsafe at home or the place they are currently staying. Do any of the following apply to you or anyone in your household?

- Currently staying with, trying to leave, or used to stay with someone who threatens you or another family member; OR
- Anyone you stay with or used to stay with has hit, choked, or physically hurt you or a family member; OR
- **Anyone you stay with or used to stay with has emotionally, psychologically, or verbally abused you or family member (see page 3); OR**
- Anyone you stay with or used to stay with has forced you or a family member to do something sexually that you did not want to do; OR
- Anyone you stay with or used to stay with controls your access to money; OR
- Anyone you stay with or used to stay with controls, monitors, or harms you using any form of technology (social media, text message, email, location monitoring, etc.)

Yes No Client refused Client doesn't know Data not collected

If yes, offer help calling one of the 24 hour Domestic Violence hotlines below:

Human Options (877)854-3594

Laura's House (866)498-1511

Interval House (714)891-8121

Radiant Futures (877)531-5522

Tenant Self-Assessment Pre-Assessment Screening (continued)

Some people are being forced by others to trade sex in exchange for money, shelter, or other items.

Is this something **that is** happening to you?

Yes No Client refused Client doesn't know Data not collected

If yes, offer help calling one of the 24 hour Domestic Violence hotlines below:

Human Options	(877)854-3594	Laura's House	(866)498-1511
Interval House	(714)891-8121	Waymakers	(949) 250-0488
		Radiant Futures	(877)531-5522

Some people are being forced by others to trade work in exchange for shelter or other items. Is this something **that is** happening to you?

Yes No Client refused Client doesn't know Data not collected

If yes, offer help calling one of the 24 hour Domestic Violence hotlines below:

Human Options	(877)854-3594	Laura's House	(866)498-1511
Interval House	(714)891-8121	Waymakers	(949) 250-0488
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Before proceeding, CES for Survivors is only for transitional and/or permanent housing. If the survivor is interested in getting resources for emergency shelter or other crisis support resources, offer help by calling one of the 24 hour Domestic Violence hotlines referenced above.

CES for Survivors Eligibility

CES for Survivors is a program that provides potential transitional and/or permanent housing resources to the most vulnerable survivors who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Any information shared will be deidentified and only shared with consent.

1. Are you fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (as defined by HUD, see definition on page 3)? Yes No
If YES, continue to the next question. If NO, you are not eligible for CES for Survivors.

2. Do you have any other safe place to stay? Yes No
If NO, continue to the next question. If YES, you are not eligible for CES for Survivors.

DISCLAIMER: Stays in Emergency Shelter do not affect CES for Survivors eligibility.

3. Do you have any resources to obtain a safe place to stay? Yes No
If No, you are eligible to be enrolled in CES for Survivors and can be referred to a partnering victim service provider. If YES, you not eligible for CES for Survivors.

Is there anything else you would like to share about your safety at home or the place where you're currently staying?

For responses to the eligibility questions that did not meet the requirements for CES for Survivors, please end the assessment and provide a warm hand-off to another CES partnering agency.

CES for Survivors Victim Service Provider Partners include:

WISEPlace	Human Options	Interval House
(714) 542-3577 ext 200	(877) 854-3594	(714) 891-8121 ext 300

For Reference: HUD DEFINITIONS

Definition of Homelessness: Category 4

Any individual or family who is fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence; has no other residency; and lacks the resources or support networks to obtain permanent housing.

Definition of Domestic Violence

“Domestic Violence” includes dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and other dangerous life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or family member that either takes place in, or him or they are afraid to return to, their primary nighttime residency (including human trafficking).

VAWA's 2022 Reauthorization expanded the definition of “domestic violence” to include any felony or misdemeanor crimes committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner pursuant to domestic violence laws in jurisdiction receiving grant funding; or the use or attempted use of physical/sexual abuse, or any other coercive behavior used to maintain verbal, psychological, economic, or technological abuse. The abuser can be anyone who is a current or former spouse, intimate partner of the survivor, or a person in the position of a spouse/intimate partner of the survivor; is living with or who has lived with the survivor as a spouse or intimate partner; or commits acts against youth or adult survivor who is protected from acts defined by the jurisdiction's family or domestic violence laws.

Economic abuse is behavior that is coercive, deceptive, or unreasonably controls/restrains a person's ability to acquire, use, or maintain economic resources; restricting a person's access to money, assets, credit, or financial information; unfairly using a person's personal economic resources for one's own advantage; or exerting undue influence over a person's financial economic behavioral or decisions, including exploiting powers of attorney, guardianship, or conservatorship.

Technological abuse is an act or pattern of behavior that occurs within domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking, and is intended to harm, threaten, intimidate, control, stalk, harass, impersonate, exploit, or monitor another person using any form of technology (i.e. social media, “revenge porn,” emails, WhatsApp messages/texts, location trackers).

Definition of Emotional, Verbal, and Psychological Abuse

Emotional, psychological, and verbal abuse include mostly non-physical behaviors that the abuser uses to control, isolate, or frighten a person. Often, the abuser uses it to break down a person's self-esteem and self-worth in order to create a psychological dependency on the abuser.

Pre-Assessment Screening

The goal of the Pre-Assessment Screening is to help the CES Virtual Front Door and access points identify whether the individual or family **may be or may have been** a victim or survivor of domestic violence (as defined by HUD) so that staff can offer a referral to victim service providers and/or CES for survivors.

- These questions are intended for adults over age 18.
- Questions should be asked in a private one-on-one setting.

Introduction

If any urgent safety needs are identified prior to beginning the Pre-Assessment Screening, immediately offer a connection to the local police or a Domestic Violence Hotline. Prior to beginning the Pre-Assessment Screening, provide a brief explanation of the Pre-Assessment Screening.

Sample Script

To learn more about your housing situation, I want to ask you some questions about whether you feel safe or are in danger right now. These are questions that I ask everyone because these issues are very common, and I want to ensure that you are connected to services that best fit your individual needs. Based on your answers, I may offer you referrals to specific resources. It is always your choice where you accept a referral to work with another program or continue talking to me about your housing situation. Your answers will not affect your eligibility for housing assistance. You will have the same ability to access housing as anyone else regardless of how you answer these questions.

*Anything you share today remains confidential. I will not call the police or do anything with this information that you don't want me to do. **(Note: At this time disclose any mandated reporter exceptions you or your agency may have.)***

Do you have any questions for me?

Pre-Assessment Screening

Some people find themselves feeling unsafe at home or the place they are currently staying. Do any of the following apply to you or anyone in your household?

- Currently staying with, trying to leave, or used to stay with someone who threatens you or another family member; OR
- Anyone you stay with or used to stay with has hit, choked, or physically hurt you or a family member; OR
- Anyone you stay with or used to stay with has emotionally, psychologically, or verbally abused you or family member (see page 3); OR
- Anyone you stay with or used to stay with has forced you or a family member to do something sexually that you did not want to do; OR
- Anyone you stay with or used to stay with controls your access to money; OR
- Anyone you stay with or used to stay with controls, monitors, or harms you using any form of technology (social media, text message, email, location monitoring, etc.)

Yes No Client refused Client doesn't know Data not collected

If yes, offer help calling one of the 24 hour Domestic Violence hotlines below:

Human Options (877)854-3594

Laura's House (866)498-1511

Interval House (714)891-8121

Radiant Futures (877)531-5522

Pre-Assessment Screening (continued)

Some people are being forced by others to trade sex in exchange for money, shelter, or other items. Is this something that is happening to you?

Yes No Client refused Client doesn't know Data not collected

If yes, offer help calling one of the 24 hour Domestic Violence hotlines below:

Human Options	(877)854-3594	Waymakers	(949) 250-0488
Interval House	(714)891-8121	Radiant Futures	(877)531-5522

Some people are being forced by others to trade work in exchange for shelter or other items. Is this something that is happening to you?

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ATTENTION

Before proceeding, CES for Survivors is only for transitional and/or permanent housing. If the survivor is interested in getting resources for emergency shelter or other crisis support resources, offer help by calling one of the 24 hour Domestic Violence hotlines referenced above.

CES for Survivors Eligibility

CES for Survivors is a program that provides potential transitional and/or permanent housing resources to the most vulnerable survivors who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Any information shared will be deidentified and only shared with consent.

1. Are you fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (as defined by HUD, see definition on page 3)? Yes No

If YES, continue to the next question. If NO, you are not eligible for CES for Survivors.

2. Do you have any other safe place to stay? Yes No

If NO, continue to the next question. If YES, you are not eligible for CES for Survivors.

DISCLAIMER: Stays in Emergency Shelter do not affect CES for Survivors eligibility.

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SURVIVOR ASSESSMENT TOOL

This tool will help determine risk and prioritize resources to the most vulnerable survivors. When used for prioritization, information shared in this assessment tool will be de-identified and only shared with **written** consent.

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SURVIVOR INFORMATION

FULL NAME: _____ UNIQUE ID: _____

VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDER INFORMATION

STAFF NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

Y / N ~~Is survivor~~ **Are you** fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking as defined by HUD?

If YES, continue to the next question. If NO, you are not eligible for CES for Survivors.

Y / N ~~Does survivor~~ **Do you** ~~not have any other safe residence~~ have any other safe place to stay?

If NO, continue to the next question. If YES, you are not eligible for CES for Survivors.

DISCLAIMER: Stays in Emergency Shelter do not affect CES for Survivors eligibility.

Y / N ~~Does survivor~~ **Do you** ~~lack the~~ **have any** resources to obtain other safe permanent housing-a safe place to stay?

If NO, continue to the Tenant Self-Assessment section. If YES, you are not eligible for CES for Survivors.

If all eligibility questions are "Y", please complete the assessment below. For responses to the eligibility questions that did not meet requirements, please end the assessment and provide a warm hand-off to another CES partnering agency.

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TENANT SELF - ASSESSMENT

	1	2	3	SCORE
Current Housing Situation	Stably housed	Unstable/Temporary housing	Homeless or currently in a shelter-based program	
Other Barriers	0-1 additional barriers	2 additional barriers	3 or more additional barriers	
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TOTAL				

Description of other barriers and extenuating circumstances that make this referral a high priority per the staff's professional recommendation: _____

ASSESSMENT COMPLETED BY: _____ ASSESSMENT DATE: _____

ASSESSMENT TYPE: Phone Virtual In-Person

CLIENT INTAKE

Age 18-24 yrs old 25-54 yrs old 55-61 yrs old 62+ yrs Client doesn't know Client refused

Gender Woman Non-Binary Questioning Culturally Specific Identity Client Refused
 Man Transgender Different Identity Client doesn't know Data Not Collected

Race/Ethnicity

American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous Black, African American, or African Middle Eastern or North African Client doesn't know
 Asian or Asian American Hispanic/Latin/e/o Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander Client Refused
 White Data Not Collected

Date of Birth	<input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Client Refused
Social Security Number	<input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Client Refused

Veteran

Have you or anyone in your household served in the United States Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard) or ever called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist? No Yes Client doesn't know Client refused

Does your household include any minor children? Yes No Client doesn't know Client Refused

Is anyone in the household currently pregnant? Yes No Client doesn't know Client Refused

Are you in the process of reunifying with any minor children? Yes No

If YES, how many? _____

Total Number of minor children (17 or younger) in household? _____

Total Household Size (Including yourself, how many people are in your household?) _____

PRIOR LIVING SITUATION

Type of Residence 3.917A (Type of living arrangement on the night before entering this project)	
HOMELESS SITUATION	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Place not meant for human habitation (e.g., a vehicle, an abandoned building, bus/train/subway station/airport or anywhere outside)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher, or RHY-funded Host Home shelter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Safe Haven
INSTITUTIONAL SITUATION	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foster care home or foster care group home
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facility
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jail, prison or juvenile detention facility
<input type="checkbox"/>	Long-term care facility or nursing home
<input type="checkbox"/>	Psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility
<input type="checkbox"/>	Substance abuse treatment facility or detox center
TRANSITIONAL & PERMANENT HOUSING SITUATION	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Residential project or halfway house with no homeless criteria
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transitional housing for homeless persons (including Homeless Youth)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Host Home (non-crisis)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Staying or living in a friend's room, apartment, or house
<input type="checkbox"/>	Staying or living in a family member's room, apartment, or house
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental by client, with GPD TIP subsidy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental by client, with VASH housing subsidy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Permanent housing (other than RRH) for formerly homeless persons
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental by client, with RRH or equivalent subsidy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental by client, with HCV voucher (tenant or project based)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental by client in a public housing unit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rental by client, with other ongoing housing subsidy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Owned by client, with ongoing housing subsidy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Owned by client, no ongoing housing subsidy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Client doesn't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	Client refused
<input type="checkbox"/>	Data not collected

PRIOR LIVING SITUATION (continued)

Length of Stay in Prior Living Situation <i>(How long ago did the client start staying in that Type of Residence)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> One night or less	<input type="checkbox"/> One month or more, but less than 90 days	<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know
<input type="checkbox"/> Two to six nights	<input type="checkbox"/> 90 days or more, but less than a year	<input type="checkbox"/> Client refused
<input type="checkbox"/> One week or more, but less than a month	<input type="checkbox"/> One year or longer	<input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected

If Client's Type of Residence is any of the *Institutional Situation* options:

Length of Stay Less than 90 days? <i>(Indicate if the stay in the institutional setting they lived in immediately prior to project entry was less than 90 days)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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If 'Length of Stay Less than 90 days' is YES:

On the night before - stayed on streets, ES, or Safe Haven? <i>(On the night before the client's stay of less than 90 days in an institutional setting, were they on the streets, in an Emergency Shelter or in a Safe Haven?)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Approximate Date Homelessness Started <i>(Approximate date the client's current episode of homelessness began)</i>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table>										

Number of times the client has been on the streets, in ES, or Safe Haven in the past three years including today <i>(Regardless of where they stayed last night)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> One time <input type="checkbox"/> Three times <input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected <input type="checkbox"/> Two times <input type="checkbox"/> Four or more times <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused

Total number of months homeless on the streets, in ES, or Safe Haven in the past three years
<input type="checkbox"/> One month <input type="checkbox"/> Five months <input type="checkbox"/> Nine months <input type="checkbox"/> More than 12 months <input type="checkbox"/> Two months <input type="checkbox"/> Six months <input type="checkbox"/> Ten months <input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Seven months <input type="checkbox"/> Eleven months <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Eight months <input type="checkbox"/> Twelve months <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected

DISABLING CONDITIONS AND BARRIERS

Do you have a disabling condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected
Do you have a physical disability?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected
<i>If yes for Physical Disability,</i> Expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected
Do you have a developmental disability?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected
Do you have a chronic health condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected
<i>If yes for Chronic Health Condition,</i> Expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected

DISABLING CONDITIONS AND BARRIERS (CONTINUED)

Have you been diagnosed with AIDS or have you tested positive for HIV?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Client refused	<input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected
Do you have a mental health problem?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Client refused	<input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected
<i>If yes for Mental Health Problem,</i> Expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Client refused	<input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected
Do you have a substance abuse problem?					
<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Drug Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected		
<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Both Alcohol and Drug	<input type="checkbox"/> Client refused			
<i>If you have any Substance Abuse Problem,</i> Expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know	
			<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Client refused	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected	

PRIOR CITY

The last city in which the client was permanently housed prior to entry into this project

What city were you in immediately prior to entry into this project?			
<i>The city in which the client spent the night prior to entry into this project</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aliso Viejo	<input type="checkbox"/> Huntington Beach	<input type="checkbox"/> Newport Beach	<input type="checkbox"/> Westminster
<input type="checkbox"/> Anaheim	<input type="checkbox"/> Irvine	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange	<input type="checkbox"/> Yorba Linda
<input type="checkbox"/> Brea	<input type="checkbox"/> La Habra	<input type="checkbox"/> Placentia	<input type="checkbox"/> Unincorporated Orange County
<input type="checkbox"/> Buena Park	<input type="checkbox"/> La Palma	<input type="checkbox"/> Rancho Santa Margarita	<input type="checkbox"/> Outside Orange County, but in California
<input type="checkbox"/> Costa Mesa	<input type="checkbox"/> Laguna Beach	<input type="checkbox"/> San Clemente	<input type="checkbox"/> Outside of California
<input type="checkbox"/> Cypress	<input type="checkbox"/> Laguna Hills	<input type="checkbox"/> San Juan Capistrano	<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know
<input type="checkbox"/> Dana Point	<input type="checkbox"/> Laguna Niguel	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Ana	<input type="checkbox"/> Client refused
<input type="checkbox"/> El Modena	<input type="checkbox"/> Laguna Woods	<input type="checkbox"/> Seal Beach	<input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected
<input type="checkbox"/> Fountain Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Stanton	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fullerton	<input type="checkbox"/> Los Alamitos	<input type="checkbox"/> Tustin	
<input type="checkbox"/> Garden Grove	<input type="checkbox"/> Mission Viejo	<input type="checkbox"/> Villa Park	
Which access point is serving this household?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Options	<input type="checkbox"/> Radiant Futures		
<input type="checkbox"/> Interval House	<input type="checkbox"/> WisePlace		

HOUSING INTERESTS

Of the housing opportunities the household is eligible for, which of the following housing types is the household interested in?

Transitional Housing-Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH) provides transitional housing operated by a victim service provider agency and/or time-limited rental assistance paired with time-limited supportive services. There is no minimum income requirement for participating in TH-RRH. The goal of TH-RRH is to increase or maintain income to be able to keep paying rent after the rental assistance ends. *This is the only survivor specific housing resource available through CES.*

~~Transitional Housing-Rapid Re-Housing~~ Yes No

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) provides time-limited rental assistance paired with time-limited supportive services. There is no minimum income requirement for participating in RRH. The goal of RRH is to increase or maintain income to be able to keep paying rent after the rental assistance ends.

~~Rapid Re-Housing~~ Yes No

Other Permanent Housing (OPH) includes ongoing rental assistance with tenant paying 30% of their income towards housing. This housing assistance comes with limited to no supportive services.

~~Other Permanent Housing~~ Yes No

Permanent Supportive Housing provides ongoing rental assistance with intensive ongoing supportive services. Participation in supportive services is voluntary. Household experiencing chronic homelessness are primarily prioritized for PSH.

~~Permanent Supportive Housing~~ Yes No

Is there anything else we should know about you or your needs? _____

ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS

If you, or anyone in your household, have a disability, you may need accessible housing. This may mean you need ramps or wider entrances, space for medical equipment or a wheelchair, or special light switches, electrical outlets, and other fixtures.

These questions are about some common needs. If you have needs not covered by these questions, please list them at the end of the assessment.

1. Do you require a mobility accessible unit due to a physical disability? Yes No

2. Do you require a sensory accessible unit due to loss of hearing or sight? Yes No

3. Do you require some accommodations but not all the features of an accessible unit? Yes No

Please indicate your needs below:

a. no stairs Yes No

b. grab bars Yes No

c. seat in tub or shower Yes No

d. other Yes No If other, please specify _____

4. Is there anything else about you or your accessibility needs that we should know?

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SURVIVOR INFORMATION

FULL NAME: _____ UNIQUE ID: _____

VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDER INFORMATION

STAFF NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

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- Y / N Do you have any resources to obtain a safe place to stay?
If NO, continue to the Tenant Self-Assessment section. If YES, you are not eligible for CES for Survivors.

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TENANT SELF - ASSESSMENT

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 White Data Not Collected

Date of Birth	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Client Refused
Social Security Number	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Client Refused

Have you or anyone in your household served in the United States Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard) or ever called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist? Yes No Client doesn't know Client refused

Does your household include any minor children? Yes No Client doesn't know Client Refused

Is anyone in the household currently pregnant? Yes No Client doesn't know Client Refused

Are you in the process of reunifying with any minor children? Yes No

If YES, how many? _____

Total Number of minor children (17 or younger) in household? _____

Total Household Size (Including yourself, how many people are in your household?) _____

PRIOR LIVING SITUATION

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INSTITUTIONAL SITUATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> Foster care home or foster care group home <input type="checkbox"/> Long-term care facility or nursing home <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facility <input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility <input type="checkbox"/> Jail, prison or juvenile detention facility <input type="checkbox"/> Substance abuse treatment facility or detox center	
TRANSITIONAL & PERMANENT HOUSING SITUATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> Residential project or halfway house with no homeless criteria <input type="checkbox"/> Rental by client, with RRH or equivalent subsidy <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher <input type="checkbox"/> Rental by client, with HCV voucher (tenant or project based) <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional housing for homeless persons (including Homeless Youth) <input type="checkbox"/> Rental by client in a public housing unit <input type="checkbox"/> Host Home (non-crisis) <input type="checkbox"/> Rental by client, no ongoing housing subsidy <input type="checkbox"/> Staying or living in a friend's room, apartment, or house <input type="checkbox"/> Rental by client, with other ongoing housing subsidy <input type="checkbox"/> Staying or living in a family member's room, apartment, or house <input type="checkbox"/> Owned by client, with ongoing housing subsidy <input type="checkbox"/> Rental by client, with GPD TIP subsidy <input type="checkbox"/> Owned by client, no ongoing housing subsidy <input type="checkbox"/> Rental by client, with VASH housing subsidy <input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent housing (other than RRH) for formerly homeless persons <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected	

PRIOR LIVING SITUATION (continued)

Length of Stay in Prior Living Situation (How long ago did the client start staying in that Type of Residence)		
<input type="checkbox"/> One night or less	<input type="checkbox"/> One month or more, but less than 90 days	<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know
<input type="checkbox"/> Two to six nights	<input type="checkbox"/> 90 days or more, but less than a year	<input type="checkbox"/> Client refused
<input type="checkbox"/> One week or more, but less than a month	<input type="checkbox"/> One year or longer	<input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected

If Client's Type of Residence is any of the *Institutional Situation* options:

Length of Stay Less than 90 days? (Indicate if the stay in the institutional setting they lived in immediately prior to project entry was less than 90 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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If 'Length of Stay Less than 90 days' is YES:

On the night before - stayed on streets, ES, or Safe Haven? (On the night before the client's stay of less than 90 days in an institutional setting, were they on the streets, in an Emergency Shelter or in a Safe Haven?)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Approximate Date Homelessness Started (Approximate date the client's <i>current</i> episode of homelessness began)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table>												

Number of times the client has been on the streets, in ES, or Safe Haven in the past three years including today (Regardless of where they stayed last night)
<input type="checkbox"/> One time <input type="checkbox"/> Three times <input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected <input type="checkbox"/> Two times <input type="checkbox"/> Four or more times <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused

Total number of months homeless on the streets, in ES, or Safe Haven in the past three years
<input type="checkbox"/> One month <input type="checkbox"/> Five months <input type="checkbox"/> Nine months <input type="checkbox"/> More than 12 months <input type="checkbox"/> Two months <input type="checkbox"/> Six months <input type="checkbox"/> Ten months <input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Seven months <input type="checkbox"/> Eleven months <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Eight months <input type="checkbox"/> Twelve months <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected

DISABLING CONDITIONS AND BARRIERS

Do you have a disabling condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected
Do you have a physical disability?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected
<i>If yes for Physical Disability,</i> Expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected
Do you have a developmental disability?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected
Do you have a chronic health condition?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected
<i>If yes for Chronic Health Condition,</i> Expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know <input type="checkbox"/> Client refused <input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected

DISABLING CONDITIONS AND BARRIERS (CONTINUED)

Have you been diagnosed with AIDS or have you tested positive for HIV?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Client refused	<input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected
Do you have a mental health problem?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Client refused	<input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected
<i>If yes for Mental Health Problem,</i> Expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Client refused	<input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected
Do you have a substance abuse problem?					
<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Drug Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected		
<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Both Alcohol and Drug	<input type="checkbox"/> Client refused			
<i>If you have any Substance Abuse Problem,</i> Expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know	
			<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Client refused	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected		

PRIOR CITY

The last city in which the client was permanently housed prior to entry into this project

What city were you in immediately prior to entry into this project?			
<i>The city in which the client spent the night prior to entry into this project</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aliso Viejo	<input type="checkbox"/> Huntington Beach	<input type="checkbox"/> Newport Beach	<input type="checkbox"/> Westminster
<input type="checkbox"/> Anaheim	<input type="checkbox"/> Irvine	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange	<input type="checkbox"/> Yorba Linda
<input type="checkbox"/> Brea	<input type="checkbox"/> La Habra	<input type="checkbox"/> Placentia	<input type="checkbox"/> Unincorporated Orange County
<input type="checkbox"/> Buena Park	<input type="checkbox"/> La Palma	<input type="checkbox"/> Rancho Santa Margarita	<input type="checkbox"/> Outside Orange County, but in California
<input type="checkbox"/> Costa Mesa	<input type="checkbox"/> Laguna Beach	<input type="checkbox"/> San Clemente	<input type="checkbox"/> Outside of California
<input type="checkbox"/> Cypress	<input type="checkbox"/> Laguna Hills	<input type="checkbox"/> San Juan Capistrano	<input type="checkbox"/> Client doesn't know
<input type="checkbox"/> Dana Point	<input type="checkbox"/> Laguna Niguel	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Ana	<input type="checkbox"/> Client refused
<input type="checkbox"/> El Modena	<input type="checkbox"/> Laguna Woods	<input type="checkbox"/> Seal Beach	<input type="checkbox"/> Data not collected
<input type="checkbox"/> Fountain Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Stanton	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fullerton	<input type="checkbox"/> Los Alamitos	<input type="checkbox"/> Tustin	
<input type="checkbox"/> Garden Grove	<input type="checkbox"/> Mission Viejo	<input type="checkbox"/> Villa Park	
Which access point is serving this household?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Options	<input type="checkbox"/> WisePlace	<input type="checkbox"/> Interval House	

HOUSING INTERESTS

Transitional Housing-Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH) provides transitional housing operated by a victim service provider agency and/or time-limited rental assistance paired with time-limited supportive services. There is no minimum income requirement for participating in TH-RRH. The goal of TH-RRH is to increase or maintain income to be able to keep paying rent after the rental assistance ends. *This is the only survivor specific housing resource available through CES.*

Yes No

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) provides time-limited rental assistance paired with time-limited supportive services. There is no minimum income requirement for participating in RRH. The goal of RRH is to increase or maintain income to be able to keep paying rent after the rental assistance ends.

Yes No

Other Permanent Housing (OPH) includes ongoing rental assistance with tenant paying 30% of their income towards housing. This housing assistance comes with limited to no supportive services.

Yes No

Permanent Supportive Housing provides ongoing rental assistance with intensive ongoing supportive services. Participation in supportive services is voluntary. Household experiencing chronic homelessness are primarily prioritized for PSH.

Yes No

ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS

If you, or anyone in your household, have a disability, you may need accessible housing. This may mean you need ramps or wider entrances, space for medical equipment or a wheelchair, or special light switches, electrical outlets, and other fixtures.

These questions are about some common needs. If you have needs not covered by these questions, please list them at the end of the assessment.

1. Do you require a mobility accessible unit due to a physical disability? Yes No

2. Do you require a sensory accessible unit due to loss of hearing or sight? Yes No

3. Do you require some accommodations but not all the features of an accessible unit? Yes No

Please indicate your needs below:

a. no stairs Yes No

b. grab bars Yes No

c. seat in tub or shower Yes No

d. other Yes No If other, please specify _____

4. Is there anything else about you or your accessibility needs that we should know?

Please submit the completed assessment information to this form to <https://forms.office.com/g/4hXx6LwLfB>.

Please email coordinatedentry@ocgov.com with any questions.

COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM ASSESSMENT TOOLS FEEDBACK & QUESTIONS RECEIVED

The revised Coordinated Entry System (CES) Pre-Assessment and Survivor Assessment tools were available for public review and feedback from September 26, 2024, through October 9, 2024. The feedback below was received in writing and/or during committee discussion.

Feedback received from the CES Steering Committee on September 4, 2024, and the DV Committee on October 15, 2024, has been added in blue text. Additional feedback from Victim Service Providers (VSPs) was received on November 26, 2024, and has been added in green text. Feedback received via Coordinated Entry email inbox from local partners has been added in black text. The CES Pre-Assessment and Survivor Assessment tools were presented to the Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee on January 14, 2025, and approved with some additional feedback added in purple text.

PRE-ASSESSMENT SCREENING TOOL

Change the language in the second eligibility question to say, “safe place to stay”, instead of “safe residence.”

Change the language in the third eligibility question to say, “Do you have any resources to obtain a safe place to stay?” instead of, “Do you lack the resources to obtain other permanent housing?”

After each eligibility question, include an “if yes/no” directional statement.

Add a statement to the Survivor Assessment Tool Guide about mandated reporting.

In the Pre-Assessment Screening Section, add another bullet point to include emotional/verbal abuse.

Please match the Survivors Eligibility on the Pre-Assessment Screening to be the same as the Survivor Assessment Tool to lessen the confusion on repeat questions (if this is needed). These should not be different unless they serve a different purpose.

We think it would be very important to specify that Survivor CES assessments are currently utilized for DV Specific TH/RRH and CoC funded RRH and PSH programs ONLY. This clarification is still missing from the Pre-Assessment Screening and caused many housing providers and 211 to refer survivors to Survivor CES for emergency shelter and other crisis support services not addressed within the Survivor CES. This has cause frustration and challenges in linking survivors to appropriate resources.

Please match the Survivors Eligibility on the Pre-Assessment Screening to be the same as the Survivor Assessment Tool to lessen the confusion on repeat questions (if this is needed). These should not be different unless they serve a different purpose.

Please add a statement to say that if a survivor is needing crisis support or emergency shelter resources that calling the 24-hour DV hotlines is the best option.

Option to add a fourth question to both documents: Do you need emergency shelter/crisis services (warm handoff to SH). Other option to add language at the very top of SAT to say this tool is only for TH-RRH, RRH, and PSH (not for ES). If you need ES or crisis support, please call a hotline.

Tenant Self-Assessment on Prescreening: This is getting at human trafficking but then referring to DV agencies? What is the purpose of this section? Two out of three of these agencies do not provide services to human trafficking victims who don't also ID as DV survivors. Add in Waymakers and Human Trafficking Task Force to the emergency numbers listed.

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Include a sentence or two describing what the DV agencies do (24-hour hotline, ES, TH).

Add in the definition of verbal psychological abuse.

You don't need to be 18 to experience DV or HT, consider moving that to the SCES section.

Add a disclaimer for the second eligibility question that indicates that stays in emergency shelter, specifically thinking of emergency shelter provided by VSPs, will not affect eligibility for CES for Survivors.

SURVIVOR ASSESSMENT TOOL

If answers to the eligibility questions indicate the client is ineligible for the SCES program, include an instruction for VSPs to redirect the client to other CES partnering agencies.

Revise opening statement to mention that information shared in the assessment tool will be de-identified and only share with "written" consent.

For the Client Intake portion of the assessment, be sure to include, "Client doesn't know/Client Refused" responses.

Section 3: Shouldn't we add the number of adults in household as well as minor children in order to get the total household size (as well as options for client doesn't know/refused)? This may be helpful while gathering the information.

There seemed to be other Data Quality elements required for CE APR (ie. Gender, race/ethnicity, etc.) that we are not collecting on the assessment that may be needed for CE reporting to HUD.

Under Eligibility Requirement section on the Survivor Assessment Tool: reword the second question to say, "Does the Survivor have a safe place to stay?"

OTHER

One of the most significant barriers is having a participant who is experiencing DV explain and retell her stories several times when contacting these VSP partners and hotlines for help. Another difficult situation we encountered recently was having to leave an individual experiencing DV, and our only plan was to follow up with them daily until a shelter bed became available.

Are there any housing opportunities for clients who are victims of domestic violence who is currently fleeing? Do you know when the HMIS intake packet will be updated to reflect the updated survivor assessment tools?

If we connect the client to a VSP can they still be enrolled in our CalAIM program?

My program is an Individual CES Access Point, are we able to match our clients who are survivors of DV to the TH-RRH housing opportunities?

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What are the requirements for [agency] to be a Survivor CES Access Point?

Will any of the updated proposed assessments be available in other languages? For example, in Spanish or Vietnamese? We are just wondering as we always want to accommodate all our participants.

Date: January 22, 2025

Subject: Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Recommendations

Recommended Actions:

- a. Approve the following recommendations for the programming of HHAP funding allocated to the Orange County CoC:
 - 1) Authorize the Office of Care Coordination to submit a HHAP-CoC Round 1 budget modification to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness to reallocate \$190,000.00 in unspent funding from the Landlord Incentives and \$105,303.54 in unspent funding from Outreach & Coordination eligible use categories to the Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing eligible use category, for a total of \$295,303.54.
 - 2) Authorize the Office of Care Coordination to renew the current HHAP-CoC funded contracts for Rapid Rehousing Services for a two-year term, from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027, utilizing HHAP-CoC Rounds 1, 3, 4 and 5 funds under the Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing eligible use category and HHAP-CoC Round 4 Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing Youth Set-Aside eligible use category.
 - (1) Rapid Rehousing Services for Transitional Age Youth (TAY) with Covenant House California for \$380,040
 - (2) Rapid Rehousing Services for Individuals with People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) for \$1,067,143.42
 - (3) Rapid Rehousing Services for Families with Families Forward for \$846,185.29

Background and Analysis

At the March 27, 2024, meeting, the CoC Board approved the establishment of a HHAP Program ad hoc (Ad Hoc) to support the Office of Care Coordination with the planning and programming of HHAP Rounds 1- 4 remaining funds allocated to the Orange County CoC. The Ad Hoc recommendations to allocate available HHAP-CoC funding were approved at the May 22, 2024, CoC Board meeting. See Attachment A.

At the end of Fiscal Year 2023-2024, the Office of Care Coordination as the Administrative Entity for the Orange County CoC identified \$419,970.75 in unspent HHAP-CoC Round 1 funds as a contracted provider did not fully spend the allocated HHAP-CoC funds by the end of their contract term. This included \$190,000 in the Landlord Incentives eligible use category, \$128,500.35 in the Outreach & Coordination eligible use category, and \$101,470.40 in the Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing eligible use category.

The budget modification as detailed in the Recommended Action and the programming of the HHAP-CoC Round 1 unspent funds is being recommended to support the current HHAP-CoC funded Contracts for Rapid Rehousing Services with Covenant House California, Families Forward and PATH. These recommendations will help ensure that the upcoming HHAP Round 1 expenditure deadline of June 30, 2025, is met by the Orange County CoC. If approved, the Office of Care Coordination will first utilize HHAP-CoC Round 1 funding to pay for current services provided through June 30, 2025, and shift the balance of previously allocated funds of HHAP-CoC Rounds 3 and 4 to be utilized from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027.

Additionally, the programming of remaining funds in the Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing eligible use categories for HHAP-CoC Rounds 3 and 4 and a portion of funds in HHAP Round 5, and remaining funds within the Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing Youth Set-Aside eligible use category in HHAP-CoC Round 4 is being recommended to allow for renewals of these contracts for a two-year term, from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027, at current funding levels. This will support the continued provision of rapid rehousing services in the Orange County CoC, a much-needed resource to assist individuals and families to quickly transition into permanent housing. Approval of this recommended action will also help ensure that the Orange County CoC meets established obligation deadlines and expenditure deadlines to receive subsequent disbursements of HHAP Rounds 3, 4, and 5. Reference Attachment B.

The following is a summary of the HHAP-CoC Rounds and funding amounts that will be utilize to support Recommended Action 2.a.2.

- Round 1 – Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing – \$419,970.75
- Round 3 – Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing – \$1,008,474.49
- Round 4 – Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing – \$131,653.51
- Round 4 – Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing Youth Set-Aside – \$380,040.00
- Round 5 – Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing – \$773,200.71

Approval of the recommended actions for programming the remaining HHAP funding allocated to the Orange County CoC will support a strategic and thoughtful approach to addressing needs presenting in the homeless service system for current HHAP-CoC-funded Rapid Rehousing projects and allow for the renewals of contracts currently serving a variety of special populations, including TAY and families.

Attachments

Attachment A – HHAP-CoC Approved Recommended Actions by the CoC Board

Attachment B – HHAP-CoC Rounds 1-5 Remaining Funding to be Programmed

Attachment C – HHAP Eligible Use Category Descriptions

Item 3. Attachment A

Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Approved Recommended Actions by the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board

At the May 22, 2024, CoC Board meeting, the following recommended actions were approved for the programming of remaining HHAP Program Rounds 1, 3 and 4 funding allocated to the Orange County CoC, as recommended by the HHAP Program Ad Hoc:

- a. Authorize the Office of Care Coordination to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to program the remaining HHAP Rounds 3 and 4 funds under Services Coordination and Services Coordination Youth Set-Aside eligible use categories, to solicit proposals for supportive services only projects with a multiple year contract that will preferably leverage CalAIM funding, and serve individuals and/or families experiencing homelessness, prioritizing any of the following special populations: youth (ages 18 – 24), survivors of domestic violence, Black/African American households experiencing homelessness, Native American/Indigenous households experiencing homelessness and older adults.
- b. Authorize the Office of Care Coordination to issue a RFP to program the remaining HHAP Rounds 3 and 4 funds under the Permanent Housing Delivery and Permanent Housing Delivery Youth Set-Aside eligible use categories, to solicit proposals for permanent housing projects with a multiple year contract that will preferably leverage CalAIM funding, and serve individuals and/or families experiencing homelessness, prioritizing any of the following special populations: youth (ages 18 – 24), survivors of domestic violence, Black or African American households experiencing homelessness, Native American or Indigenous households experiencing homelessness and older adults.
- c. Authorize the Office of Care Coordination to program the remaining HHAP Rounds 1 funds under the Prevention and Shelter Diversion eligible use category to Covenant House California, to augment the current Emergency Shelter Operations and Services for Transitional Age Youth (TAY) contract for Operating Subsidies/Youth Set-Aside.
- d. Authorize the Office of Care Coordination to issue a RFP to program the remaining HHAP Round 4 funds under the Prevention and Shelter Diversion eligible use category to solicit proposals for prevention and diversion services.
- e. Approve the Office of Care Coordination to request a budget modification from the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) to move remaining HHAP Round 1 funds under the Landlord Incentives and Outreach and Coordination eligible use categories to the Operating Subsidies eligible use category, to combine with remaining HHAP Round 4 funds under the Operating Subsidies and Operating Subsidies Youth Set-Aside eligible use categories and current allocated funding, to ensure sustained funding for HHAP CoC-funded emergency shelter contracts through years four and five.
- f. Program the remaining HHAP Round 4 under the Rental Assistance/Rapid Rehousing and Rental Assistance/Rapid Rehousing Youth Set-Aside eligible use categories to PATH, Families Forward and Covenant House California, to support with renewal of current HHAP CoC-funded Rapid Rehousing contracts for a third year.
- g. Program the remaining HHAP Round 1 funds under the Infrastructure Development eligible use category to Friendship Shelter, Inc. for the Coordinated Entry System (CES) for Individuals project.
- h. Program the remaining HHAP Round 3 and 4 funds under the System Support eligible use category to system support activities for the Orange County CoC, with the following prioritization of activities to be funded:

Item 3. Attachment A

- 1) Compensation for people with lived experience partnering with the Orange County CoC
- 2) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) User Fees
- 3) Additional relevant system support activities

Item 3. Attachment B

HHAP CoC Rounds 1-5 Remaining Rental Assistance/Rapid Rehousing Funds

Eligible Use Categories	Round 1	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
Expenditure Deadline	Deadline: 100% expended by June 30, 2025	Deadline: 100% expended by June 30, 2026	Deadline: No less than 75% of initial disbursement (\$2,850,315.71) <u>obligated</u> by May 31, 2025; No less than 50% of initial disbursement (\$1,900,210.47) <u>expended</u> by May 31, 2025	Deadline: No less than 75% of initial disbursement <u>obligated</u> by June 30, 2026; No less than 50% of initial disbursement <u>expended</u> by June 30, 2026
Total Available	\$ 419,970.75	\$ 1,008,474.49	\$ 511,693.51	\$ 1,957,464.27
Description of Funds	Round 1 funds previously programmed that were returned.		Rounds 3, 4, and 5 unallocated funds available to be programmed.	
Rental Assistance/ Rapid Rehousing	\$ 101,470.40	\$ 1,008,474.49	\$ 131,653.51	\$ 773,200.71
Landlord Incentives	\$ 190,000.00			
Outreach & Coordination	\$ 128,500.35			
Remaining to Allocate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,184,263.56

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IV. Eligible Uses

	HHAP-1 (Round 1)	HHAP-2 (Round 2)	HHAP-3 (Round 3)	HHAP-4 (Round 4)	HHAP-5 (Round 5)
Eligible Uses	<p>Rental assistance and rapid rehousing.</p> <p>Incentives to landlords, including, but not limited to, security deposits and holding fees.</p> <p>Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions such as hotel and motel conversions.</p> <p>Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing.</p>	<p>Rapid rehousing, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees.</p> <p>Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions, such as hotel and motel conversions.</p> <p>Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing, including rental subsidies.</p>	<p>Rapid rehousing, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees.</p> <p>Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions, such as hotel and motel conversions.</p> <p>Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing, including rental subsidies.</p>	<p>Rapid rehousing, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees.</p> <p>Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions, such as hotel and motel conversions.</p> <p>Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing, including rental subsidies.</p>	<p>Rapid Rehousing, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees.</p> <p>Delivery of Permanent housing and Innovative Housing Solutions, such as services for people in permanent housing programs.</p> <p>Prevention and Shelter Diversion to permanent housing, including homelessness prevention through rental assistance, rapid rehousing and other programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHAP-5 Changes: change of eligible population to include "at-risk" of homelessness, and prioritization of households with incomes at or below 30 percent of the area median income, who pay more than 50 percent of their income in housing costs, and who meet criteria for being at highest risk of homelessness through data-informed criteria.
	<p>Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.</p>	<p>Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.</p>	<p>Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.</p>	<p>Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.</p>	<p>Operating Subsidies - Permanent Housing, including operating costs for programs such as Homekey.</p> <p>Operating Subsidies - Interim Housing, including subsidies that support ongoing operation and availability of existing interim housing.</p>
	<p>New navigation centers and emergency shelters based on demonstrated need.</p>	<p>New navigation centers and emergency shelters based on demonstrated need.</p>	<p>Interim housing, limited to newly developed clinically enhanced congregate shelters, new or existing non-congregate shelters, and operations of</p>	<p>Interim housing, limited to newly developed clinically enhanced congregate shelters, new or existing non-congregate shelters, and operations of existing navigation</p>	<p>Interim Housing, including acquisition of land and improvement or renovation of land or building being used as interim housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHAP-5 Changes: No HHAP-5 resources may be used to fund new interim housing solutions, until both of the following occurs: (1) the

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		<p>existing navigation centers and shelters based on demonstrated need</p> <p>Any new interim sheltering funded by round 3 funds must be low barrier, comply with Housing First as provided in Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 8255) of Division 8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and prioritize interventions other than congregate shelters.</p> <p>Improvements to existing emergency shelters to lower barriers and increase privacy.</p>	<p>centers and shelters based on demonstrated need</p> <p>Any new interim sheltering funded by round 4 funds must be low barrier, comply with Housing First as provided in Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 8255) of Division 8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and prioritize interventions other than congregate shelters.</p> <p>Improvements to existing emergency shelters to lower barriers and increase privacy.</p>	<p>applicant has demonstrated that the region has dedicated sufficient resources to long-term permanent housing solutions and (2) the applicant has received written permission from Cal ICH (HSC §50236(c).) This limitation does not apply to new interim housing solutions for youth under the 10% youth set-aside.</p> <p>Improvements to Existing Interim Housing, including maintenance of an interim housing facility and minor/major rehabilitation or renovation of an interim housing facility.</p>
<p>Outreach and coordination, which may include access to job programs, to assist vulnerable populations in accessing permanent housing and to promote housing stability in supportive housing.</p> <p>Systems support for activities necessary to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services and housing delivery system, particularly for vulnerable populations including families and homeless youth.</p> <p>Up to 5 percent of an applicant's program allocation may be expended for the following uses that are intended to meet federal requirements for housing funding: (1) Strategic homelessness plan, as defined in section 578.7(c) of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.</p>	<p>Street outreach to assist persons experiencing homelessness to access permanent housing and services.</p> <p>Services coordination, which may include access to workforce, education, training programs, or other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.</p> <p>Systems support for activities necessary to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services and housing delivery system, particularly for vulnerable populations including families and homeless youth.</p> <p>Up to 5 percent of an applicant's round 2 program allocation may be expended for the following uses that are intended to meet federal requirements for housing funding: (1) Strategic homelessness plan, as defined in Section 578.7(c) of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.</p>	<p>Street outreach to assist persons experiencing homelessness to access permanent housing and services.</p> <p>Services coordination, which may include access to workforce, education, training programs, or other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.</p> <p>Systems support for activities necessary to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services and housing delivery system, particularly for vulnerable populations, including families and homeless youth.</p>	<p>Street outreach to assist persons experiencing homelessness to access permanent housing and services.</p> <p>Services coordination, which may include access to workforce, education, training programs, or other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.</p> <p>Systems support for activities necessary to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services and housing delivery system, particularly for vulnerable populations, including families and homeless youth.</p>	<p>Street Outreach, including services for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, including, but not limited to persons experiencing homelessness living in encampment sites and being engaged through the Encampment Resolution Grant program to help them transition to permanent housing with services attached.</p> <p>Services Coordination, including access to workforce, education, and training programs and other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.</p> <p>Systems Support, including incorporating regional data into housing needs, collaborating on regional housing strategies, funding HMIS and HHAP-5 regional planning and application process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HHAP-5 Changes: The 1% Planning Allocation may be used to support the regional application process. These funds are available to Eligible Applicants as a retroactive reimbursement upon approval of the Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan and HHAP-5 application. Allowable costs are reimbursable back to the date of NOFA publish (9/29/2023) OR as an advance for eligible applicants that do not have any available funds to cover the planning period. <p>If an applicant does not require funds for the application process, these funds will still be included in the grantee's HHAP-5 initial allocation for use on any other HHAP-5 eligible activity.</p>

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			Homeless Management Information System. (D) Improving homeless point-in-time counts. (E) Improving coordinated entry systems to eliminate racial bias or to create a youth-specific coordinated entry system.		
Youth Set Aside	At least 8% of the allocation must be expended on services for unaccompanied youth between 12 and 24 years old experiencing homelessness	At least 8% of the allocation must be expended on services for unaccompanied youth between 12 and 24 years old experiencing homelessness	A program recipient shall use at least 10% of the funds allocated under this section for services for homeless youth populations	A program recipient shall use at least 10% of the funds allocated under this section for services for homeless youth populations	A program recipient shall use at least 10% of the funds allocated under this section for services for homeless youth populations. The limitations on new interim housing options does not apply to the 10% youth set aside. This limitation would apply to any dollars spent over the 10% youth set aside amount.
Demonstrated Need for New Shelters / Interim Housing, Based On:	The number of available shelter beds; shelter vacancy rate in the summer and winter months; percentage of exits from emergency shelters to permanent housing solutions; and a plan to connect residents to permanent housing	The number of available shelter beds; shelter vacancy rate in the summer and winter months; percentage of exits from emergency shelters to permanent housing solutions; and a plan to connect residents to permanent housing	The number of available shelter beds; <i>number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the PIT count</i> ; shelter vacancy rate in the summer and winter months; percentage of exits from emergency shelters to permanent housing solutions; and a plan to connect residents to permanent housing	The number of available shelter beds; <i>number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the PIT count</i> ; shelter vacancy rate in the summer and winter months; percentage of exits from emergency shelters to permanent housing solutions; and a plan to connect residents to permanent housing	The number of available shelter beds; <i>number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the PIT count</i> ; percentage of exits from emergency shelters to permanent housing solutions; and a plan to connect residents to permanent housing

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HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

HOUSING

The state has taken significant actions in recent years to address California's housing shortfall. This includes investing billions of state and federal dollars in a variety of affordable housing programs since 2019, enacting legislation to streamline the approval of much-needed housing, and taking executive action to make excess state properties available for housing development.

CREATING THE CALIFORNIA HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS AGENCY

Over the past six years, California has made significant progress to address its housing and homelessness crises by financing the construction of tens of thousands of new affordable homes, providing technical assistance to cities and counties, and holding accountable cities and counties that have created barriers to housing production—all of which has helped unlock thousands of housing units. As a result, housing production has increased significantly in the state from just over 70,000 homes per year before 2018 to over 115,000 in 2023. These efforts have yielded meaningful results and reflect the Administration's effort to coordinate an all-of-state government approach to addressing housing and homelessness.

Building on this momentum, the Administration is proposing to establish a new California Housing and Homelessness Agency to create a more integrated and effective administrative framework for addressing the state's housing and homelessness challenges. This new agency will strengthen California's ability to plan, produce, and preserve housing while enhancing the state's homelessness response now and over the long term by aligning housing initiatives with complementary policy areas—such as transportation, health, climate, energy, and community planning. As a result, the agency will foster greater coordination and strategic alignment across state government.

More details will be provided in the spring through a Reorganization Plan submitted to the Little Hoover Commission. See the General Government and Statewide Issues Chapter for information on the proposed Consumer Protection Agency.

HOUSING PROPOSALS

The Administration is committed to working with the Legislature to advance policies that reduce housing costs and enhance accountability for jurisdictions to meet their state housing obligations. Additionally, the Administration is focused on policies to promote efficient land use practices that integrate housing and transportation, including removing barriers to infill housing and supporting transit-oriented development, to help achieve the state's housing and environmental goals while reducing costs for communities across California.

Accordingly, the Administration puts forth the following policy principles:

- **Reduce Costs**—The state should help lower housing construction costs by streamlining processes and removing unnecessary barriers to development, including addressing delays in project approvals and permitting. Additionally, the state should pursue policies to reduce costs associated with existing laws that hinder housing production and increase costs and development risks.
- **Enhanced Accountability**—The state should strengthen mechanisms to ensure jurisdictions meet their state housing obligations and comply with existing laws, including the Housing Accountability Act and Permit Streamlining Act.
- **Housing and Transportation**—The state should advance policies that remove barriers to infill housing near transit, including efforts to align long-term housing and transportation planning, and further the ability to utilize housing as a mitigation strategy for infrastructure projects.

To further these principles, the Administration will propose policies to enhance the Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) ability to recycle funding, update housing programs to promote affordability, and expand existing California Environmental Quality Act streamlining tools to accelerate infill housing production.

HOMELESSNESS

Although recent federal data shows that the state has made progress on combating homelessness, the issue remains a priority for the Administration. The Budget continues to include \$100 million General Fund for Encampment Resolution Fund grants as committed to in the 2024-25 Budget. The Administration is open to working with the Legislature on additional funding to continue to drive progress on this critical issue; however, any future homelessness funding for local governments must incorporate stronger accountability policies, including:

- Requiring local governments to have a compliant Housing Element and a local encampment policy, consistent with state guidance, to be eligible for funding.
- Prioritizing funding for local governments with Pro-Housing Designations where appropriate.
- Allowing the reallocation of funding from local governments that fail to meet program requirements or show progress on key metrics to those that are acting with the necessary urgency.

The Administration also continues to implement billions in homelessness funding appropriated over the last several years and deployed in local communities across California. Recent rounds of homeless funding included expanded reporting and accountability requirements, such as monthly reporting of fiscal and outcome data to evaluate grantees' progress. The Administration will be increasing accountability efforts around the implementation of these funds through a number of policies including:

- **Additional Accountability on Existing Funds**—HCD will increase scrutiny of local governments' fiscal and outcome reporting through the Homeless Data Integration System so that local grantees stay up to date on those reports and will take remedial action as necessary. HCD will continue to enforce requirements that local governments show progress on implementing activities funded by the Homeless

Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) before releasing additional disbursements of funds.

- **In-Depth Local Reviews**—Although the state plays a major role in setting policy and providing resources to combat homelessness, much of the work ultimately falls on local governments. To drive continued local progress, the state will partner with select local governments to review their full suite of housing and homelessness programs to identify best practices and address opportunities for growth.
- **Regional Convenings**—To help local grantees continue to make progress against homelessness, HCD will hold regional convenings with the various HHAP regions to:
 - Strengthen data and reporting programs and policies,
 - Improve the construction and implementation of regional Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), and
 - Challenge each region to reach their goals to reduce homelessness.
- **Increased Enforcement**—The Housing and Homelessness Accountability, Results, and Partnership Unit will review HHAP Rounds 5 and 6 regional MOUs and plans to ensure local governments are following through on the commitments they have made to act regionally and in a coordinated manner across their spectrum of homelessness programs.