Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Meeting
January 22, 2025

Public Comments

WELCOME
To our new and returning CoC Board Members!

NEW BOARD MEMBERS	RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS
Shakoya Green Long Marisol Johnson Dr. Tiffany Mitchell Sammie MarTinez	Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson Judson Brown Maricela Rios-Faust Nichole Gideon Robert "Santa Bob" Morse Sandy Lozeau Melanie McQueen Jason Phillips

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Continuum of Care Update
Sarah Jones, CoC Manager
Office of Care Coordination

FY 2024 CoC Program Award Announcement

- On Friday, January 17, 2025, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the first of two award announcements. The initial award is for $3.6 billion in FY 2024 CoC Competition Awards to approximately 7,000 local homeless housing and service programs across the United States and its territories.

- For the first time, HUD issued a 2-year CoC Program NOFO as authorized by the consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024. Communities were only required to submit one CoC Consolidated Application to be applicable for FY 2024 and FY 2025 funds.

- HUD applied a first-of-its-kind cost of living increase to project awards to allow CoC budgets to better keep up with rising costs. This will provide additional pay and support for direct service staff that will support service delivery for people experiencing homelessness.

Press Release:
https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/hud_no_25_023

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FY 2024 CoC Program Award Announcement

- The Office of Care Coordination has notified the CoC-funded agencies of HUD's initial award announcement, for their awareness.

- The Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant has completed a review of the initial funding award by HUD.

- The Office of Care Coordination will provide additional information to the CoC Board once the second FY 2024 CoC award announcement is released.

FY2024 Estimated Annual Renewal Amount $32,801,1333
CoC Planning Application: $1,500,000

CA-602 FY 2024 Initial Award Amount: $33,089,770
CoC Planning Award: $1,500,000

Project Ranking	Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Component	Total Applied	Total Awarded
1	Interval House	Domestic Violence Transitional Housing- Rapid Rehousing Program	Joint TH-RRH	$1,018,919	$1,173,352
2	Interval House	Rapid Rehousing Program	RRH	$257,331	$302,387
3	Mercy House Living Centers	OC PSH Collaboration Project II - Expansion	PSH	$2,458,279	$2,755,224
4	Friendship Shelter, Inc.	Henderson House Permanent Supportive Housing	PSH	$670,222	$746,453
5	American Family Housing	Permanent Housing 2 FY2024 (Consolidation – Terminating)	PSH	$627,053	$697,542
6	Families Forward	Rapid Rehousing for Families	RRH	$615,485	$686,663
7	American Family Housing	Permanent Housing Collaborative FY2024 (Consolidation – Surviving)	PSH	$403,927	$446,521
8	Mercy House Living Centers	OC PSH Collaboration Project	PSH	$3,874,353	$4,328,557
9	Orange County Housing Authority	Jackson Aisle Continuum of Care TRA 2024 Renewal Project	PSH	$422,110	$478,138
10	Illumination Foundation	Stanton Multi-Service Center 2024	PSH	$502,365	$561,027
11	Pathways of Hope	PSH for Families	PSH	$371,107	$417,475
12	Orange County Housing Authority	#1 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA 2024 Renewal Project	PSH	$4,910,855	$5,636,939
13	Mercy House Living Centers	Mercy House - CoC Leasing - Renewal	PSH	$575,240	$644,398
14	Human Options, Inc.	DV Bonus Project	Joint TH-RRH	$1,770,856	$2,003,427
15	Illumination Foundation	Street2Home OC Expansion	PSH	$2,060,842	$2,283,599
16	Orange County Housing Authority	#2 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA 2024 Renewal Project	PSH	$2,129,192	$2,446,028
17	Mercy House Living Centers	Mills End and PSH Leasing Consolidation	PSH	$614,034	$689,061
18	Mercy House Living Centers	Aqua PSH	PSH	$304,429	$331,413
19	Orange County Housing Authority	#4 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA 2024 Renewal Project	PSH	$2,529,678	$2,904,126
20	Pathways of Hope	FY24 Reallocation - PSH for Seniors (Reallocation)	PSH	$242,702	$258,988
21	County of Orange	Coordinated Entry System SSO Grant 2024	SSO-CES	$1,481,239	$1,576,249
22	Orange County's United Way	HMIS Consolidated Community Support NOFO 2024	HMIS	$650,575	$691,976
23	Orange County Housing Authority	#3 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA 2024 Renewal Project	PSH	$1,030,227	$1,030,227
			Tier 1 Total	**$29,521,020**	**$33,089,770**
	Orange County Housing Authority	#3 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA 2024 Renewal Project	PSH	$2,219,374	
24	Friendship Shelter, Inc.	Friendship Shelter Rapid Re-Housing	RRH	$392,481	
25	Serving People In Need	CoC Rapid Rehousing 2024	RRH	$668,258	
26	Human Options, Inc.	DV Bonus RRH Project (DV Bonus)	RRH	$1,358,595	
27	Mercy House Living Centers	OC PSH Collaboration Project II - Expansion 2 (CoC Bonus)	PSH	$3,775,254	
			Tier 2 Total	**$8,413,962**	**$0**
			CoC Application Total	**$37,934,982**	**$33,089,770**

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Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Recommendations
Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,

Office of Care Coordination

HHAP-CoC Recommendations

- March 27, 2024: 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.

- May 22, 2024: Ad Hoc recommendations to allocate available HHAP-CoC funding were approved by the CoC Board. See **Attachment A**.

- End of Fiscal Year 2023-2024: Office of Care Coordination as the Administrative Entity for the Orange County CoC identified $419,970.75 in unspent HHAP-CoC Round 1 funds.
  - ❖ 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.

HHAP-CoC Recommendations

- The budget modification 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

- The 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.

HHAP-CoC Recommendations

- 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 is being recommended
  - ❖ Remaining funds within the Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing Youth Set-Aside eligible use category in HHAP-CoC Round 4 is being recommended
- This will allow for renewals of these contracts for a two-year term, from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027, at current funding levels and 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**.

HHAP-CoC Recommendations

- The following is a summary of the HHAP-CoC Rounds and funding amounts that will be utilized 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 – $ 800,004.50

HHAP-CoC Recommendations

- The recommended actions will ensure all HHAP-CoC Round 1 funds are expended by the upcoming expenditure deadline, while ensuring deadlines for Rounds 3 and 4 are also met.

Rapid Rehousing Cumulative HHAP-CoC Funded Budget (Including Renewal Projections)

Contract and Provider	Current Budget					Revised				
	Includes proposed renewal budget					*Rounds of funding allocated have been swapped to ensure upcoming expenditure deadlines are met.*				
	Round 1	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Total	Round 1	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Total
PATH - Rapid Rehousing for Individuals		$ 1,855,981.36	$ 834,581.64	$ 796,819.53	**$ 3,487,382.53**	$ 305,804.11	$ 1,855,981.36	$ 834,581.64	$ 491,015.42	**$ 3,487,382.53**
Families Forward - Rapid Rehousing for Families	$ 234,739.49	$ 1,144,018.64	$ 305,546.36	$ 340,986.26	**$ 2,025,290.75**	$ 293,540.46	$ 1,144,018.64	$ 305,546.36	$ 282,185.29	**$ 2,025,290.75**
Covenant House - Rapid Rehousing for TAY	$ 121,269.00		$ 380,040.00	$ 82,169.46	**$ 583,478.46**	$ 176,634.67		$ 380,040.00	$ 26,803.79	**$ 583,478.46**
	$ 356,008.49	$ 3,000,000.00	$ 1,520,168.00	$ 1,219,975.25	**$ 6,096,151.74**	$ 775,979.24	$ 3,000,000.00	$ 1,520,168.00	$ 800,004.50	**$ 6,096,151.74**

$419,970.75 from unspent Round 1 funds have been allocated to active Rapid Rehousing contracts

Swapping of funds will decrease proposed amount of Round 5 funds and ensure all expenditure and obligation deadlines are met.

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HHAP-CoC Recommendations

- Additional funding sources being used towards the rapid rehousing renewal projects are also further detailed below.

Rapid Rehousing Renewal Budgets

2-year proposed renewal term (FY25/26 and FY26/27)

Contract and Provider	Funding Source								HHAP-CoC Total	% HHAP-CoC Funded
	HHAP-3 CoC	HHAP-4 CoC	HHAP-5 CoC	HHAP-3 County	HHAP-4 County	State ESG	Federal ESG	Total		
PATH - Rapid Rehousing for Individuals	$ 555,981.36	$ 20,146.64	$ 491,015.42	$ -	$ 655,416.53	$ 153,332.00	$ 101,976.49	$ 1,977,868.44	$ 1,067,143.42	54%
Families Forward - Rapid Rehousing for Families	$ 452,493.13	$ 111,506.87	$ 282,185.29	$ -	$ 58,800.97	$ 153,334.00		$ 1,058,320.26	$ 846,185.29	80%
Covenant House - Rapid Rehousing for TAY	$ -	$ 380,040.00	$ 26,803.79	$ 291,324.73	$ 187,503.19	$ 153,334.00		$ 1,012,201.92	$ 380,040.00	38%
	$ 1,008,474.49	$ 511,693.51	$ 800,004.50	$ 291,324.73	$ 901,720.69	$ 460,000.00	$ 101,976.49	$ 4,048,390.62	$ 2,293,368.71	57%

HHAP-CoC funds proposed to support contract renewals.

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Recommended Action

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 PATH for $1,067,143.42

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

2025 CoC Board Appointments
Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, Office of
Care Coordination

CoC Board Officer Election

- At the first CoC Board meeting of each calendar year, the CoC Board elects the CoC Board Officers – Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary – to serve one-year terms.

- 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**.

- The nomination and voting for the CoC Board Officers takes place during the meeting, with instructions provided by the current Chair.

Recommended Actions

a. Elect CoC Board Officers for the upcoming term:
   1) Appoint the Chair
   2) Appoint the Vice Chair
   3) Appoint the Secretary

CoC Committee Chair Appointments

- CoC Committee governance charters, identify the Chair and Vice Chair appointment requirements for each committee, including committee chairing responsibilities.
- Chair vacancies are to be filled by any nominated and elected CoC Board member, who will serve as Chair for the duration of their Board term.
- The CoC Board Vice Chair will no longer serve as the Chair of the Policies, Procedures, and Standards (PPS) Committee, as outlined in the revised PPS Committee Charter effective February 2024.
- All CoC Committee Chairs attend a planning meeting with the Office of Care Coordination prior to each committee meeting, and carry out additional responsibilities as outlined in **Attachment A.**
- 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.

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Recommended Actions

a. 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

Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee At-Large Member

- The approved PPS Committee Charter revisions require maintaining at least one and no more than two at-large Board members on the PPS Committee.

- Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, previously serving as an at-large Board member on the PPS Committee, was elected Chair of the Lived Experience Advisory Committee, creating a vacant at-large member seat.

- To ensure an odd number of members and prevent voting ties, the CoC Board is being asked to appoint a new at-large member to the PPS Committee.

Recommended Action

a. Appoint a CoC Board member to the Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee as an at-large member.

Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee Recommendations
Sarah Jones, CoC Manager, and Daniel Garcia, Coordinated Entry System (CES) Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

CES for Survivors Assessment Tools

- 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.

- **September 4, 2024 | CES Steering Committee Meeting**:
  - ❖ CES Lead presented the revised tools and received feedback on proposed edits to both the CES Pre-Assessment and Survivor Assessment.
  - ❖ CES Steering Committee **approved** the recommended revisions, providing feedback to edit the language of the eligibility requirement questions to make it easier to determine eligibility for CES for Survivors by mirroring the language used by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The feedback also suggested including a reference page of definitions as defined by HUD.

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CES for Survivors Assessment Tools

- **September 26 - October 9, 2024 | Public Feedback Period:**
  - ❖ Requested written feedback be sent via email to CoordinatedEntry@ocgov.com.
  - ❖ Invitation to provide feedback was sent via the CES and CoC email distribution lists, CoC Board, and to members of the following CoC committees: Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee, Domestic Violence (DV) Committee and Lived Experience Advisory Committee.
- **October 15, 2024 | DV Committee Meeting:**
  - ❖ Updated CES Pre-Assessment and Survivor Assessment tools were presented to the DV Committee for review and feedback.
  - ❖ Because quorum was not reached at the October 2024 DV Committee meeting, the Office of Care Coordination committed to review feedback received and bring proposed revisions to each assessment tool to the next DV Committee meeting.
- **December 17, 2024 | DV Committee Meeting:**
  - ❖ Revised CES Pre-Assessment tool and CES Survivor Assessment tool were reviewed and approved.
- **January 14, 2025| PPS Committee Meeting:**
  - ❖ Revised CES Pre-Assessment tool (**Attachment A**) and CES Survivor Assessment tool (**Attachment C**) were reviewed and approved.

Pre-Assessment Tool Summarized Revisions

- 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.

Pre-Assessment Tool Summarized Revisions

- 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."

- 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."

- 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 as defined on page 3.

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Survivor Assessment Tool Summarized Revisions

- 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 been called into active duty as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist?"

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Survivor Assessment Tool Summarized Revisions

- 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.

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CES for Survivors Assessment Tools

- The feedback received throughout the collaborative process of review of the revised tools can be referenced in **Attachment E**.

- The CoC Board is being asked to review and approve the revised CES Pre-Assessment and Survivor Assessment tools, as recommended by the PPS Committee and DV Committee.

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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.

CoC Strategic Plan Update
Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, CoC Vice Chair (2024)

Strategic Plan Structure: Feedback & Implementation Timeline

November 2024	December 2024	January – June 2025	July 2025-End of Strategic Plan

- Share current Vision Ad Hoc vision for the Strategic Plan
- CoC Board & Committee Feedback

- CoC Board review & vote whether to adopt Strategic Aims & Objectives as overarching framework.
- This includes adopting the Strategies & Actions as drafts that may evolve in the first part of 2025.

- Finalize SMARTIE Goals
- Finalize Strategies & Actions
- Assign Strategy / Action Leads & Roles
- Determine implementation Timelines, and Metrics for success, and Progress Reporting process

- Implement Strategic Plan

Orange County Homelessness Updates

Doug Becht, Director; Zulima Lundy, Director of
Operations; Sarah Jones, CoC Manager and
Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator,
Office of Care Coordination

System of Care Update
Doug Becht, Director,
Office of Care Coordination

Governor's Budget – Housing and Homelessness

Accountability in Homeless Funding

- The state is committed to addressing homelessness, continuing to allocate $100 million in General Fund grants for Encampment Resolution. However, future funding will be tied to stronger accountability measures.

- Local governments must comply with Housing Element requirements and adopt encampment policies aligned with state guidelines to qualify for funding. Priority will be given to areas with Pro-Housing Designations.

- Funding will be directed to local governments that show proactive efforts and progress in addressing homelessness.

- Those failing to meet requirements or show results may have funds reallocated to more effective areas. Reallocation of funds from underperforming regions ensures that resources are focused on local governments demonstrating measurable progress and urgency.

Governor's Budget – Housing and Homelessness

Expanded Accountability and Local Government Collaboration

- The state will monitor local governments' reports through the Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS) and require progress on HHAP activities before releasing additional funds, taking corrective action when necessary.

- The state will partner with select local governments to review their housing and homelessness programs, identifying best practices and growth opportunities to drive continued local progress.

Regional Convenings and Increased Enforcement

- HCD will hold regional convenings to strengthen data reporting, improve the creation and implementation of regional MOUs, and challenge regions to meet their homelessness reduction goals.

- These convenings aim to enhance coordination and progress across HHAP regions in addressing homelessness.

- The Housing and Homelessness Accountability, Results, and Partnership Unit will review HHAP Rounds 5 and 6 regional MOUs to ensure local governments fulfill their regional and coordinated homelessness commitments.

2025 Homeless Survey

- The results of the Orange County 2024 Point in Time highlighted the number of persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness for the first time in the past 12 months.

- To explore the complex issues facing people who are experiencing homelessness for the first time in the past 12 months, the Office of Care Coordination will be focusing the **2025 Homeless Survey** on this subpopulation to help better understand the causations of homelessness and identify areas for improvement.

- The County of Orange (County) has been working closely with City Net to formulate the survey questions and design the survey implementation methodology.

- At the **Lived Experience Advisory Committee** on **Thursday, January 9, 2025,** the County presented the draft 2025 Homeless Survey and gathered great feedback on the survey questions.

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Joint Special Meeting – CoC Board & Commission to End Homelessness

- The County facilitated a joint special meeting of the Commission to End Homelessness and the Orange County CoC Board on **Thursday, January 16, 2025,** to present the 2025 Homeless Survey for discussion and feedback.

- Collaboration with the Commission to End Homelessness and the Orange County CoC Board in addressing homelessness is essential, and committee and commission members provided valuable feedback during a successful joint meeting—the first of its kind.

- This project builds on insights from the 2023 Homeless Survey, which targeted individuals experiencing chronic homelessness and uncovered key findings used to improve the homeless service system and highlight new gaps in services.

- Feedback included input on survey questions, surveyor training, and addressing potential barriers for individuals newly experiencing homelessness.

- The County invited additional feedback to be submitted via email to Zulima Lundy through **January 20, 2025**.

OC Path to Progress: Same-Day Solutions Fair

- The Office of Care Coordination attended the Homeless Court Pop-Up Resource Fair in Chula Vista to learn more about how San Diego county is providing resources and assistance to people experiencing homelessness who are criminal justice involved.

- The San Diego County Collaborative Partnership engages various resources from substance use disorder rehabilitation programs, Child Support Services, Homeless Court and its justice partners, and more in a single location to provide those experiencing homelessness with direct access to the Homeless Court Program, State and County services, and Community-Based Organizations.

- The Office of Care Coordination is currently working to align resources in Orange County to host a similar event.

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Sarah Jones, CoC Manager
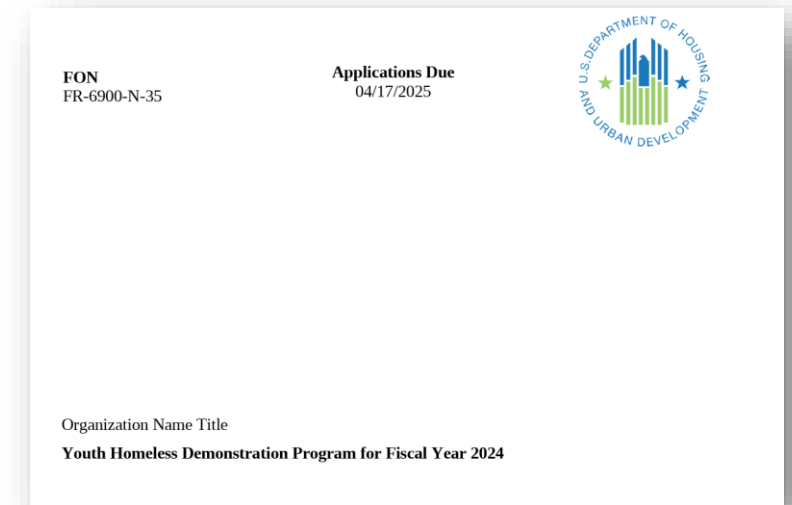Office of Care Coordination

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2025 Sheltered Point In Time Count and Housing Inventory Count

- The Orange County CoC's 2025 Sheltered Point In Time (PIT) Count will be taking place the night of **Monday, January 27, 2025**.

- Today, January 22, 2025, Orange County United Way's 211OC (211OC), as the HMIS Lead Agency, facilitated a training for agencies that are required to submit data as part of the Sheltered PIT Count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC).

- Materials from today's training will be posted on the Orange County HMIS website for reference.

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Notice of Funding Opportunity

- On Jan 13, 2025, HUD announced the release of the FY 2024 YHDP NOFO.

- Approximately $72 million is available nationally to support selected communities in the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness.

- The Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant, will be working closely with the CoC Board as well as our Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Collaborative Committee and other local partners on the planning and completion of the YHDP NOFO application for the Orange County CoC.

- HUD expects to make approximately 12 awards from the funds available under this NOFO.

- **The YHDP application is due on April 17, 2025.**

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Applications Due
04/17/2025

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Organization Name Title

Youth Homeless Demonstration Program for Fiscal Year 2024

2024 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report: Part 1 Released

- The Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) is a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) report to the U.S. Congress that provides nationwide estimates of homelessness, including information about the demographic characteristics of homeless persons, service use patterns, and the capacity to house homeless persons.

- The report is based on Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) data about persons who experience homelessness during a 12-month period, point-in-time counts of people experiencing homelessness on one day in January, and data about the inventory of shelter and housing available in a community.

- The 2024 AHAR: Part 1 outlines the key findings of the Point-In-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) conducted in January 2024. Specifically, this report provides 2024 national, state, and CoC-level PIT and HIC estimates of homelessness, as well as estimates of chronically homeless persons, homeless veterans, and homeless children and youth.

- Review the report here: 2024 AHAR: Part 1 – PIT Estimates of Homelessness in the U.S.

2025 Annual Calendar of CoC Activities

- The Office of Care Coordination will provide CoC Board members with updates regarding upcoming CoC activities.

- Calendar Year 2025 Quarter 1 and early Quarter 2 activities are highlighted in this chart for reference.

February
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) NOFO
- Youth Action Board (YAB) planning and development
- Potential release of Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement (YHSI) NOFO
- CoC Strategic Plan implementation planning
- CoC Fiscal and Resource Mapping technical assistance planning
- Procurement process: Compensation for people with lived experience

March
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) NOFO
- Youth Action Board (YAB) planning and development
- Appoint 2025 CoC NOFO Ad Hoc
- CoC Strategic Plan implementation planning
- CoC Fiscal and Resource Mapping technical assistance
- Start of 2025 Program NOFO Planning
- Procurement process: Compensation for people with lived experience

April
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) NOFO Application due
- Youth Action Board (YAB) planning and development
- CoC NOFO Ad Hoc convenes
- CoC Strategic Plan implementation planning
- CoC Fiscal and Resource Mapping technical assistance planning
- Procurement process: Compensation for people with lived experience

Next Meeting:

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