ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
Wednesday, July 23, 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
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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 [Vice Chair]
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
Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Individual [Chair]

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Call to Order – Nishtha Mohendra, Vice Chair

Board Member Roll Call – Nichole Gideon, Secretary

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CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approve CoC Board Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2025.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 6 – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations, Office of Care Coordination
    a. HHAP Round 6 Application Update
    b. Approve recommended budget for inclusion in the HHAP Round 6 application.

2. CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – Felicia Boehringer, Interim CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination
    a. Further discussion related to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025 CoC Program Competition Debriefing

3. 2026 Point In Time Count – Felicia Boehringer, Interim CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination
    a. Approve the Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant, to conduct the 2026 Point In Time Count of persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Orange County.
    b. Establish the 2026 Point In Time Count Planning Ad Hoc.

4. FY 2024 Longitudinal Systems Analysis Report – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 211OC, Orange County United Way

5. **Orange County Homelessness Updates** – Doug Becht, Director, and Felicia Boehringer, Interim CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination
    a. System of Care Update
    b. CoC Update

6. **HMIS Lead Update** – Elizabeth Andrade, Executive Director, 211OC and Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 211OC, Orange County United Way

7. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 27, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Board Member Roll Call – Nichole Gideon, Secretary

Present: Judson Brown, Andrew Crowe, Nichole Gideon, Shakoya Green Long, Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Marisol Johnson, Sandra Lozeau, Melanie McQueen, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, Jason Phillips, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, and George Searcy.

Absent Excused: LaVal Brewer, Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Sammie MarTínez, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Tim Shaw and Dr. Shauntina Sorrells.

Absent: Talesha Payne

Becks Heyhoe-Khalil and Marisol Johnson arrived during Public Comments. Maricela Rios-Faust and Nichole Gideon arrived during Board Member Comments. Andrew Crowe left during Business Calendar 1 and did not vote on Business Calendar Items 1, 3, or 4. Judson Brown left during Business Calendar 1 and did not vote on Business Calendar Items 1, 3, or 4. Shakoya Green Long left before Business Calendar 3 and did not vote on Business Calendar Items 3, or 4. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil and Nichole Gideon left during Business Calendar 5.

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- No public comments.

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- Melanie McQueen shared information and advocacy on the opposition of Assembly Bill 339.
- Jason Phillips read the names of people who have passed away without fixed abode in April 2025.
- Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra emphasized the importance of the work that the Board achieves and thanked everyone for showing up and caring for community members and neighbors.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approve CoC Board Meeting Minutes from May 28, 2025.

Robert "Santa Bob" Morse motioned to approve Item 1 on the Consent Calendar. Melanie McQueen seconded the motion. Judson Brown, Andrew Crowe, Nichole Gideon, Shakoya Green Long, Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Marisol Johnson, Sandra Lozeau, Melanie McQueen, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, Jason Phillips, Dawn Price, Maricela Rios-Faust, and George Searcy voted yes. The motion passed.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations, Office of Care Coordination; Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination; Jasmin Miranda, CoC Staff Specialist, Office of Care Coordination; and Joe Colletti, Chief Executive Officer, HUB for Urban Initiatives

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formerly released an annual CoC Program NOFO that allowed CoCs nationwide to apply for competitive funding. In 2024, for the first time, HUD issued a two-year CoC Program NOFO as authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024. Zulima Lundy provided a presentation on the FY 2024 and FY 2025 NOFO Orange County CoC Application Score. For the FY 2024 and FY 2025 NOFO, the Orange County CoC had a total application score of 138 compared to the national median score for all CoCs being 151.5. The highest score of any CoC was 185.5 and the lowest score for any CoC was 54.5. Jasmin Miranda briefly shared about the CoC NOFO Ranking and Tiering process and how it relates to the CoC Application Score.

Felicia Boehringer presented an overview on the revised Reallocation Strategy. In effort to promote the most effective renewal projects and recommend renewal projects that improve the CoC's system performance and increases the Orange County CoC's competitiveness in the CoC Program NOFOs, the revised Reallocation Strategy will consider project performance and unspent funds.

Recommended Action b: Approve revised Reallocation Strategy for reallocating funding of CoC Renewal Projects, inclusive of reallocation criteria based on project performance score and unspent funds, for the FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO and ongoing competitions.

George Searcy motioned to approve Recommended Action b. Jason Phillips seconded the motion. Shakoya Green Long, Marisol Johnson, Sandra Lozeau, Melanie McQueen, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, Jason Phillips, Dawn Price, and George Searcy voted yes. Nichole Gideon, Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, and Maricela Rios-Faust abstained. The motion passed.

Public Comments:

- Stephen McNally with the Behavior Health Advisory Board shared that the importance on empowering and improving and emphasized the need to be able to assign dollars or find an outside funding source in order to obtain flexible dollars for the community. The outside funding sources can also help in being competitive. Stephen McNally note that the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) was not mentioned during the presentation on the FY 2024 and FY 2025 NOFO Orange County CoC Application Score. In regard to some of the zeros in the scoring, Stephen McNally that something is wrong and there may be controllables or uncontrollable factors as it relates to the data for the FY 2024 and FY 2025 NOFO Orange County CoC Application Score.
- Layla Said provided an introduction and shared about experiences of working with previous CoCs, submitting applications for HUD. Layla Said noted never having seen a drop in the NOFO scoring and offered suggestions. Layla Said emphasized that it is the responsibility of the CoC to own the data and that it is

concerning to hear that the data came as a surprise to providers. Layla Said stated that there seems to be a disconnect of who is owning the data and suggested trainings and engagement of partners entering data into HUD. Layla Said stated that the length of time of homelessness calculations should be looked at and there must be conversation with each of the partners.

- Sara Behmerwohld with Human Options shared concerns about the Reallocation Strategy being applied on a retroactive basis, as the current evaluation period is over and now the "line is being moved". Sara Behmerwohld stated that Human Options has continued to raise concerns about the project performance measures as one of the only Joint Transitional Housing/Permanent Housing-Rapid Re-housing projects. Sara Behmerwohld noted concerns with the "Average Days Until Permanent Housing Placement" and other measures for the Joint TH/PH-RRH projects because of the need to offer both components of the projects. Sara Behmerwohld also shared that Joint TH/PH-RRH projects are also on two different performance periods for both components when trying to align scores.

Board Member Discussion:

- Dawn Price noted that the FY 2024 and FY 2025 NOFO Orange County CoC Application Score presentation was a lot of information to digest and suggested that agencies should be included in the conversations regarding system performance as the agencies are the ones whose data is included. Dawn Price asked if system performance only included HUD-funded projects and also asked if there is a difference in performance from agencies who might not be paying attention to HUD's expectations. Dawn Price stated importance of coaching individual organizations with hard conversations on improving scores and noted that the Collaborative Applicant must lead the coaching as the CoC Board is not the appropriate lead for those conversations.
- Maricela Rios-Faust agreed with Dawn Price regarding conversations needing to include CoC-Funded Agencies. Maricela Rios-Faust noted that some of the funding for bed counts was impacted by a lot of money flooding the system in previous years and shared that there should be some consideration of what that does and if it can fluctuate year after year. Maricela Rios-Faust mentioned Tier 2 funding impacts across the nation and how there was a notice of money for disaster impacted areas and noted what else are things that are out of the control of the CoC. Maricela Rios-Faust stated that system wide data needs to be looked at as a whole and is unsure about an ad hoc providing the continuity it needs as there could be a lot of hard stop and learning. Maricela Rios-Faust asked about new projects and how would that factor in the new reallocation strategy. Maricela Rios-Faust inquired on the impact of the delay in signing of CoC grant agreements.
- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil noted that there were four (4) areas where the CoC scored a zero in the CoC Application due to system performance measure data and asked if there is an equivalent comparison of last year. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil stated that one thing that will be helpful to look it when looking at quality of HMIS data is whether there is significant staff turnover for the staff responsible for entering HMIS data, or if there is a need for additional training on data entry. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil asked if there was a training resource for the input of system performance data.
- Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra noted that the drop in system performance measure data from 2023 would be brought back at a later CoC Board meeting.
- Melanie McQueen emphasized on thinking of ways to get ahead of system performance and improve submission, inquired if the system performance measure report be adjusted before the submission to ensure alignment with national benchmarks, and asked to what extent is system performance being filtered through regular contract and performance management. Melanie McQueen noted that the County might be missing an opportunity to course correct through contract processes. Melanie McQueen asked if impact analysis can be included on how the system performance measures might impact the NOFO. In regard to the CoC Strategic Plan, Melanie McQueen stated that given the significance of performance, system performance should be prioritized in any plan moving forward. For the reallocation strategy, Melanie

McQueen asked about the timeframes for being on notice or warning and the if there was enough time for correction prior to reallocation.

- Judson Brown shared experience of managing grants, noting that the deficiencies were found on the back end, and shared appreciation on the efforts to pinpoint the deficiencies of where improvement can be made. Judson Brown asked about HUD's guidance on appropriate amount of unspent funds for CoC grants and shared that the CoC Board should consider revising unspent funds portion of the Reallocation Strategy to reduce the percentages.
- George Searcy shared a process from the housing development sector called self-scoring and noted that there is constant work on major projects and looking at future processes. George Searcy asked if the CoC would have been able to guess of the data going up or down, or even have the capacity to course correct. George Searcy asked if organizations could adapt on the fly.
- Andrew Crowe expressed low confidence in moving forward due to the concerning amount of funding lost in Tier 2 and inquired if there was a correlation of loss of funding and FY 2024 and FY 2025 NOFO Orange County CoC Application Score. Andrew Crowe asked what the system performance was for the Orange County CoC last year compared to this year, how far the drop was in system performance scores, and whether it is related to data quality or the actual system not performing well.
- Marisol Johnson shared insight on processes of follow up reports for missing data and shared that the process helps get more data inputted.

2. CoC Strategic Plan – Nishtha Mohendra, Vice Chair

Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra and Aubrey Sitler, Consultant, AC Strategies, provided an update on the CoC Strategic Plan. Aubrey Sitler presented on the seven (7) Strategies to Prioritize in Year 1, clarified the MOCHA Model roles, and provided the various options for the path to determining strategy owners of the CoC Strategic Plan.

Board Member Discussion:

- Judson Brown proposed revisions for seven (7) Strategies to Prioritize in Year 1 and proposed to remove strategy 2D as it is far too broad and beyond the scope of the CoC Board. Judson Brown agreed with the suggestion of asking committee chairs of what they want to personally own in the CoC Strategic Plan.
- Becks Heyhoe-Khalil shared appreciation for the work that has gone towards synthesizing and condensing the CoC Strategic Plan. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil noted that the previous discussion and training and importance of data can be seen in strategies 1A and 3A. Becks Heyhoe-Khalil asked questions regarding strategy 2D.
- Maricela Rios-Faust noted that the seven (7) Strategies are a good place to start and noted that the Orange County CoC is falling short of what gets accomplished and asked that in doing this, what is trying to be accomplished. Maricela Rios-Faust inquired on the funding to CoC Strategic Plan, especially as it relates to investment in resources. Maricela Rios-Faust noted that CoC staff have a lot they are currently working on, and some tasks or activities would need to be paused to focus on some of the activities being proposed in the Strategic Plan. Maricela Rios-Faust shared it would be helpful to look at how CoC staff time and tasks are being prioritized as a consideration for next month.
- Dawn Price shared that the Orange County CoC needs to be mindful of strategies being committed to and noted that anything assigned to an ad hoc takes staff time as staff time is a finite entity. Dawn Price shared caution on creating passive processes for committees and stated that the CoC Strategic Plan was something that was written before the current situation. Dawn Price noted that ad hocs can be opportunities to develop more leaders.

3. Addressing Veterans Homelessness in Orange County – Eric Richardson; Director for Housing, Volunteers of America, Los Angeles, and Orange County Veterans and Military Families Collaborative (OCVMFC) Housing Working Group Chair; Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Veterans Committee Chair; and Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Eric Richardson presented on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) One Team Veteran Surge, as well as the veterans 'surge' schedule. The next OCVMFC Housing / Surge Community meeting is on Thursday, July 17, 2025, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Orange County United Way located at 18012 Mitchell S, Irvine, CA 92614.

Becks Heyhoe-Khalil provided background on the Orange County CoC Veterans Committee. Since January 2024, the work of the Veterans Committee has increasingly overlapped with discussions and initiatives already taking place through OCVMFC Housing Working Group and the VA One Team initiative. Given the CoC's limited direct influence over federal veteran housing resources and strategies, questions were raised of whether a separate Veterans Committee under the CoC remains necessary. At the June 16, 2025, Veterans Committee special meeting, members discussed and unanimously agreed that sunsetting the standing CoC Veterans Committee would be appropriate. In its place, the Committee recommended having an ad hoc that would convene on an as-needed basis to address any emerging issues or coordination needs related to veterans' homelessness that the CoC has influence over, such as the Coordinated Entry System (CES) Veterans Registry, Point in Time (PIT) Count planning, or the CES Policies and Procedures.

Recommended Action b: Approve the sunsetting of the Veterans Committee, with direction to convene an ad hoc to address veterans homelessness on an as-needed basis.

Dawn Price motioned to approve Recommended Action b. Melanie McQueen seconded the motion. George Searcy, Melanie McQueen, Jason Phillips, Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Marisol Johnson, Sandra Lozeau, Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, Maricela Rios-Faust, Nichole Gideon, and Nishtha Mohendra voted yes. The motion passed.

4. Abt Global's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Request – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 211OC, Orange County United Way; and Mary Schwartz, Senior Associate, Abt Global

On May 30, 2025, 211OC received a data request from Abt Global to receive two exports of client-level data for all veteran clients active in any project during the reporting period from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025, who had an active HMIS Client Consent Form recorded in HMIS as of the end of the reporting period.

Recommended Action a: Approve Abt Global's data request for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025, for two exports of data to be used to help identify Veterans experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Orange County to target for the Unsheltered Surge, and to pilot the mandate for enhanced data sharing between the VA and HMIS by 2025.

Becks Heyhoe-Khalil motioned to approve Recommended Action a. Dawn Price seconded the motion. Nichole Gideon, Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Sandra Lozeau, Melanie McQueen, Nishtha Mohendra, Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, Jason Phillips, Dawn Price, and George Searcy voted yes. Maricela Rios-Faust abstained. The motion passed.

5. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations, Office of Care Coordination

Zulima Lundy provided a HHAP Round 6 application update. HHAP Round 6 is a $1 billion grant, application process currently underway with final applications due to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on August 29, 2025. HHAP-6 funding allocations include the jurisdictions of County of Orange, Orange County CoC, City of Anaheim, City of Santa Ana, and City of Irvine. Regions must apply together and submit a single Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan that builds upon the state approved

HHAP-5 Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan. The Orange County region will host three public meetings to seek feedback and input in the development of the Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan from stakeholders and community members.

Community Listening Session #1 hosted by the City of Santa Ana on July 7, 2025 at the Delhi Community Center located at 505 E. Central Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92707. Community Listening Session #2 hosted by the City of Anaheim on July 8, 2025 at the Anaheim West Tower, 2nd Floor - Gordon Hoyt Conference Room located at 201 S. Anaheim Blvd, Anaheim, CA 92805, and Community Listening Session #3 hosted by the County of Orange on July 10, 2025 at the County Administration South (CAS) Building Conference Center located at 425 West Santa Ana Boulevard Room 104/106, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

Public Comment:

- Peter Warner suggested that when funding is provided to the different shelters, that contracts should remove the requirement of a background check. Peter shared former experience of being denied from shelter due to religious congregation connections.

6. FY 2024 Longitudinal Systems Analysis Report – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 211OC, Orange County United Way

Due to time restrictions, Business Calendar Item 6 was not presented.

7. Orange County Homelessness Updates – Doug Becht, Director, and Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination
   a. System of Care Updates – Doug Becht provided the following System of Care Update:
      - The County Executive Office and the OC Health Care Agency will transition the OC Outreach and Engagement (OC O&E) to the Office of Care Coordination (OCC), effective July 1, 2025. OC O&E remains committed to ensuring this transition is seamless with minimal disruptions to services or engagement with all community partners.
      - The aim of the 2025 Homeless Survey is to explore the complex issues and journey people experienced as they loss their housing and started experiencing homelessness. This includes understanding what services and programs they may have accessed or attempted to access in efforts to remain housed, and the challenges they have faced as a result of unsheltered homelessness. The Office of Care Coordination will present the findings to the Commission to Address Homelessness and the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board in August; and facilitate a Joint Special Meeting of the Commission and the CoC Board to discuss the findings and determine next steps.
      - Doug Becht provided the staffing update that Felicia Boehringer will step into the role of Interim CoC Manager.

   b. CoC Updates – Felicia Boehringer provided the following CoC Updates:
      - The Office of Care Coordination has been working on the launch of an Instagram account for the Orange County Coordinated Entry System (CES). Content will be geared toward CES Access Point staff, housing providers, and members of the public as the team provides educational and relevant information on CES in an easy, accessible format.
      - HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) sent the FY 2025 GIWs for review by CoC Collaborative Applicants and project applicants on June 18, 2025. Project applicants must confirm with the Office of Care Coordination whether any changes are needed to the FY 2025 GIW by July 17, 2025. The Office of Care Coordination will work to confirm accuracy of the FY 2025 GIW with the local HUD field office before the July 29, 2025, deadline.

- A new brief released by the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) uses visuals to convey the potential impact of the President's FY 2026 budget proposal. The proposed budget would directly threaten the local homelessness response system. Currently, 51% of the Orange County CoC's Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds are funded through the CoC Program. These beds serve individuals with complex needs, including mental illness, disabilities, and histories of long-term homelessness.
- The Office of Care Coordination has been providing CoC Board members with updates regarding upcoming CoC activities. Calendar Year 2025 Quarter 3 activities are highlighted in the CoC Board Presentation. Activities in bold require active participation from CoC Board members outside of normal meetings.
- The Office of Care Coordination is currently recruiting to fill one (1) Staff Specialist – Extra Help Position to support with CoC and CES projects and initiatives being led by the Office of Care Coordination. If you have any questions pertaining to this recruitment of if you are interested in the employment opportunity, please contact or submit your resume to Aida Lomeli at aida.lomeli@ocgov.com.
- Upcoming meetings of the Orange County CoC can be viewed at: https://ceo.ocgov.com/continuum-care

Public Comment:

- Peter Warner stated that something must be done at a specific facility due to bedbugs and other infestations. Peter expressed that the infestations must be addressed for the patients living at the facility.

8. HMIS Lead Update – Elizabeth Andrade, Executive Director, 211OC and Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 211OC, Orange County United Way

Erin DeRycke provided the following HMIS Lead updates: the 2025 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Sheltered Point in Time Count (PIT) were submitted to HUD on June 12, 2025 and results will be shared at a future CoC Board meeting and HUD released an update to the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards to be compliant with the current administration's Executive Orders with software updates for the FY 2024 Data Standards changes being required to be completed by October 1, 2025 and the CoC Board will discuss whether these fields should continue to be collected at a future CoC Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

9. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Date: July 23, 2025

Subject: Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 6

Recommended Action:

b. Approve recommended budget for inclusion in the HHAP Round 6 application.

Background and Analysis

HHAP Round 6

The HHAP Program is a grant administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The HHAP Program provides local jurisdictions with funds to support regional coordination to expand or develop local capacity to address their immediate homelessness challenges as well as prevent and end to homelessness in their communities, including but not limited to projects related to rental assistance and rapid rehousing, operating subsidies, landlord incentives, outreach and coordination, prevention and shelter diversion into permanent housing and capital improves for the development of new navigation centers and emergency shelters. The intent of HHAP Program Round 6 (HHAP-6) is to reflect the state's priorities to prevent and expeditiously reduce unsheltered homelessness through homelessness prevention activities and sustain existing Interim Housing Solutions and Permanent Housing Solutions, including long-term sustainability of permanent affordable housing.

Eligible applicants for HHAP Program include counties, cities and Continuums of Care (CoC). The Office of Care Coordination serves as the Administrative Entity for HHAP Program funding for the Orange County CoC and the County of Orange (County). Additionally, the Cities of Anaheim and Santa Ana are eligible applicants and have received funding through all the rounds of HHAP funding. The City of Irvine became an eligible applicant for the first time during the Round 4 of HHAP Program funding.

The HHAP-6 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was made available in February 2025. The application is due on August 29, 2025. The Office of Care Coordination as the Administrative Entity will complete the HHAP Round 6 grant application on behalf of the CoC and County and will work alongside the cities of Anaheim, Irvine, and Santa Ana as regions must apply together and submit a single Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan. The HHAP-6 application requires a Memorandum of Understanding committing each jurisdiction to participation in, and to comply with, a regionally coordinated homelessness action plan. The Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan is required to reflect the following components:

- Identification and analysis of the specific roles and responsibilities of each participating jurisdiction in the region regarding outreach and site coordination, siting and use of available land, the development of shelter, interim, and permanent housing options, and the coordination and connection to the delivery of services to individuals experiencing homelessness, or at risk of experiencing homelessness, including specifying roles and coordination plans in relation to Mental

Health Services Act or Behavioral Health Services Act, within the region, and policies for addressing encampments.
- Status updates on critical roles and responsibilities including housing element compliance, housing element implementation, prohousing designation, housing law violations, surplus land, and submission of annual progress reports.
- Most recent system performance measures for the region and a system performance and improvement plan, which shall include a description of key actions the region intends to take to improve the system performance measures.

The HHAP-6 application also requires participating jurisdictions to engage in a public stakeholder process that includes at least three public meetings and invites specific stakeholder groups including:

- People with lived experience of homelessness, including but not limited to survivors of domestic violence.
- Youth with lived experience of homelessness.
- Local department leaders and staff of qualifying small jurisdictions, including child welfare, health care, behavioral health, justice, and education system leaders.
- Homeless service and housing providers, including developers of permanent supportive housing, working in the region.
- Each Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan contracted with the State Department of Health Care Services in the region.
- Street medicine providers, victim service providers, and other service providers directly assisting people within the region experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.
- Federally recognized tribal governments pursuant to Section 4103 of Title 25 of the United States Code that are within the region.

For the development of the HHAP-6 application and the Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan, community listening sessions and presentations were planned and hosted by on the following dates:

- City of Santa Ana Community Listening Session: Monday, July 7, 2025
- City of Anaheim Community Listening Session: Tuesday, July 8, 2025
- County of Orange's Community Listening Session: Thursday, July 10, 2025

The community listening sessions included a review of the Orange County CoC's performance as it relates to the California System Performance Measures (SPM). Attendees were asked for feedback regarding key actions that the Orange County region should take to improve the Orange County CoC's system performance within the California SPMs. Key actions included in Attachment A as well as the previous rounds of HHAP funding and the CoC Board's feedback helped inform a draft HHAP-6 budget for the Orange County CoC funding allocation included in Attachment B. Additionally, funding to support compensation for people with lived experience of homelessness has been carved out in the proposed budget to support these efforts in the coming years.

HHAP-6 organizes Eligible Use Categories into four conceptual groups – Permanent Housing Solutions, Homelessness Prevention Activities, Interim Housing Solutions, and Non-housing Solutions. The eligible uses falling under these groupings can be referenced in Attachment C. HHAP- 6 Eligible Use Categories differ from previous HHAP Rounds. A summary of the Eligible Uses from HHAP Rounds 1 through 5 is also included for reference.

Attachments:

Attachment A – HHAP Round 6 Community Listening Session Feedback
Attachment B – HHAP Round 6 CoC Draft Budget
Attachment C – HHAP Rounds 1-6 Eligible Uses

Community Listening Session Feedback – System Performance Measures (SPM)

SPM 1a: Number of people experiencing homelessness who are accessing services	
Examples of Key Actions to Improve SPM	**Eligible Use Category that Key Actions can fall under**
Increase funding and availability of rental assistance programs	Permanent Housing Solutions
Sustain funding for existing interim shelter	Interim Housing Solutions
Ensure case management activities include budgeting, focus on increasing income and other holistic care	Permanent Housing Solutions, Interim Housing Solutions
Increase housing resources and financial assistance for housing-related costs	Permanent Housing Solutions
Increase shelter availability	Interim Housing Solutions

SPM 1b: Number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness on a single night (unsheltered Point-In-Time Count)	
Examples of Key Actions to Improve SPM	**Eligible Use Category that Key Actions can fall under**
Increase the availability of low barrier shelter options	Interim Housing Solutions
Provide funding for housing and supportive services	Permanent Housing Solutions
Support sustainability of existing shelters	Interim Housing Solutions
Fund non-congregate shelter to include supportive services	Interim Housing Solutions
Support relocation efforts for individuals experiencing domestic violence	Interim Housing Solutions, Permanent Housing Solutions
Fund more shared housing options	Permanent Housing Solutions
Fund activities to increase landlord engagement, investigate master leasing options	Permanent Housing Solutions

SPM 2: Number of people experiencing homelessness who are accessing services for the first time in the past two years	
Examples of Key Actions to Improve SPM	**Eligible Use Category that Key Actions can fall under**
Streamline access to affordable housing opportunities	Permanent Housing Solutions
Support coordination efforts with landlords	Permanent Housing Solutions

Provide and improve supportive services, including employment education services to assist clients as housing costs increase.	Permanent Housing Solutions
Continue to implement housing first model and provide supportive services	Permanent Housing Solutions

SPM 3: Number of people exiting homelessness into permanent housing	
Examples of Key Actions to Improve SPM	**Eligible Use Category that Key Actions can fall under**
Improve coordination for the development of low-income housing	Permanent Housing Solutions
Increase the number of housing vouchers available	Permanent Housing Solutions
Increase coordination with landlords and courts	Permanent Housing Solutions
Provide landlord incentives and look for ways to get buy-in from landlords to access current housing inventory, improve landlord engagement	Permanent Housing Solutions
Have a system to identify available affordable housing units that can be accessed	Permanent Housing Solutions
Build more Permanent Supportive Housing	Permanent Housing Solutions

SPM 4: Average length of time that people experienced homelessness while accessing services	
Examples of Key Actions to Improve SPM	**Eligible Use Category that Key Actions can fall under**
Focus on rapid rehousing for families	Permanent Housing Solutions
Increase affordable housing development	Permanent Housing Solutions
Increase rental assistance and subsidized housing opportunities	Permanent Housing Solutions
Increase number of housing vouchers available	Permanent Housing Solutions
Fund Rapid Rehousing programs	Permanent Housing Solutions
Fund housing navigation services, focus on building strong relationships with landlords and provide landlord incentives	Permanent Housing Solutions
Build inventory of room rentals	Permanent Housing Solutions
Fund longer-term interim housing and case management services	Interim Housing Solutions

SPM 5: Percent of people who return to homelessness within 6 months of exiting the homelessness response system to permanent housing	
Examples of Key Actions to Improve SPM	**Eligible Use Category that Key Actions can fall under**
Increase Permanent Supportive Housing resources and availability	Permanent Housing Solutions
Fund long-term case management services that are individualized, including resources for mental health support	Interim Housing Solutions, Permanent Housing Solutions
Standardize the navigation process for intake and data collection	Interim Housing Solutions, Permanent Housing Solutions
Fund positions that can do more frequent follow-up to clients once they are exited to permanent housing and ask the right questions	Permanent Housing Solutions

SPM 6: Number of people with successful placements from street outreach projects	
Examples of Key Actions to Improve SPM	**Eligible Use Category that Key Actions can fall under**
Provide low barrier intake and entry processes for shelter programs	Interim Housing Solutions
Increase proactive housing development	Permanent Housing Solutions
Increase the number of housing vouchers available	Permanent Housing Solutions
Increase coordination between shelters and referring partners	Interim Housing Solutions
Improve access to shelter opportunities	Interim Housing Solutions

Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 6
Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC)

Proposed Budget

Eligible Use Category		Budget
Permanent Housing Solutions	Operating Subsidies – Permanent Housing	$3,976,420.94
	Operating Subsidies – Permanent Housing Youth Set-Aside	$592,335.00
	Rapid Rehousing	$1,552,662.50
Interim Housing Solutions	Operating Subsidies – Interim Housing	$1,222,662.50
	Operating Subsidies – Interim Housing Youth Set-Aside	$330,000.00
Non-housing Solutions	Services and Services Coordination	$624,634.50
Administration Costs	HMIS	$89,233.50
	Administration	$535,401.00
Total Budget		**$8,923,349.94**

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Comparison of HHAP Rounds 1 - 5

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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	**Rental assistance and rapid rehousing**. **Incentives to landlords**, including, but not limited to, security deposits and holding fees.	**Rapid rehousing**, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees.	**Rapid rehousing**, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees.	**Rapid rehousing**, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees.	**Rapid Rehousing**, including rental subsidies and incentives to landlords, such as security deposits and holding fees.
	Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions such as hotel and motel conversions.	**Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions**, such as hotel and motel conversions.	**Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions**, such as hotel and motel conversions.	**Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions**, such as hotel and motel conversions.	**Delivery of Permanent housing and Innovative Housing Solutions,** such as services for people in permanent housing programs.
	Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing.	**Prevention and shelter diversion** to permanent housing, including rental subsidies.	**Prevention and shelter diversion** to permanent housing, including rental subsidies.	**Prevention and shelter diversion** to permanent housing, including rental subsidies.	**Prevention and Shelter Diversion** to permanent housing, including homelessness prevention through rental assistance, rapid rehousing and other programs. • **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.
	Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.	**Operating subsidies** in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.	**Operating subsidies** in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.	**Operating subsidies** in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.	**Operating Subsidies - Permanent Housing,** including operating costs for programs such as Homekey. **Operating Subsidies - Interim Housing,** including subsidies that support ongoing operation and availability of existing interim housing.
	New navigation centers and emergency shelters based on demonstrated need.	**New navigation centers and emergency shelters** based on demonstrated need.	**Interim housing, limited to** newly developed clinically enhanced congregate shelters, new or existing non-congregate shelters, and operations of	**Interim housing, limited to** newly developed clinically enhanced congregate shelters, new or existing non-congregate shelters, and operations of existing navigation	**Interim Housing,** including acquisition of land and improvement or renovation of land or building being used as interim housing. • **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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	HHAP-1 (Round 1)	HHAP-2 (Round 2)	HHAP-3 (Round 3)	HHAP-4 (Round 4)	HHAP-5 (Round 5)
			existing navigation centers and shelters based on demonstrated need 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. **Improvements** to existing emergency shelters **to lower barriers and increase privacy.**	centers and shelters based on demonstrated need 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. **Improvements** to existing emergency shelters **to lower barriers and increase privacy.**	**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. **Improvements to Existing Interim Housing,** including maintenance of an interim housing facility and minor/major rehabilitation or renovation of an interim housing facility.
	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.	**Street outreach** to assist persons experiencing homelessness to access permanent housing and services. **Services coordination**, which may include access to workforce, education, training programs, or other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.	**Street outreach** to assist persons experiencing homelessness to access permanent housing and services. **Services coordination**, which may include access to workforce, education, training programs, or other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.	**Street outreach** to assist persons experiencing homelessness to access permanent housing and services. **Services coordination**, which may include access to workforce, education, training programs, or other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.	**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. **Services Coordination,** including access to workforce, education, and training programs and other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.
	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.	**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.	**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.	**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.	**Systems Support,** including incorporating regional data into housing needs, collaborating on regional housing strategies, funding HMIS and HHAP-5 regional planning and application process. • **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. 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.
	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.	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.			

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	(2) **Infrastructure development** to support coordinated entry systems and Homeless Management Information Systems.	(2) **Infrastructure development** to support coordinated entry systems and Homeless Management Information Systems.			
	The applicant shall not use more than **7 percent** of a program allocation for **administrative costs** incurred by the city, county, or continuum of care to administer its program allocation. For purposes of this subdivision, "administrative costs" does not include staff or other costs directly related to implementing activities funded by the program allocation.	The applicant shall not use more **than 7 percent** of a program allocation for **administrative costs** incurred by the city, county, or continuum of care to administer its program allocation. For purposes of this subdivision, "administrative costs" does not include staff or other costs directly related to implementing activities funded by the program allocation.	The applicant shall not use more than **7 percent** of a program allocation for **administrative costs** incurred by the city, county, or continuum of care to administer its program allocation. For purposes of this subdivision, "administrative costs" does not include staff or other costs directly related to implementing activities funded by the program allocation. **"Initial"** allocation **may** be used for technical assistance or contracted entities **to support the completion of the homeless action plan**. **Priority** for initial funds, **above the costs of completing the application, shall** be for **systems improvement**, including, but not limited to, all of the following: (A) Capacity building and workforce development for the jurisdiction's administering staff and providers, including technical assistance to culturally specific providers. (B) Funding existing evidence-based programs serving people experiencing homelessness. (C) Investing in data systems to meet reporting requirements or strengthen the recipient's	The applicant shall not use more than **7 percent** of a program allocation for **administrative costs** incurred by the city, county, or continuum of care to administer its program allocation. For purposes of this subdivision, "administrative costs" does not include staff or other costs directly related to implementing activities funded by the program allocation.	The applicant **shall not use more than 7 percent** of a program allocation for **administrative costs** incurred by the city, county, or continuum of care to administer its program allocation. For purposes of this subdivision, "administrative costs" does not include staff or other costs directly related to implementing activities funded by the program allocation. **Additional 1% for HMIS**, to be transferred directly to the HMIS lead entity to cover expenses including system licenses, training, system operating costs, and costs associated with carrying out related activities. • **HHAP-5 Changes:** The Council may authorize applicants to allocate an additional one percent of funds to the HMIS lead entity to cover expenses associated with the HMIS. See below for more information.

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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; *number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the PIT count*; 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; *number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the PIT count*; 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; *number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the PIT count*; percentage of exits from emergency shelters to permanent housing solutions; and a plan to connect residents to permanent housing

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HHAP Round 6
Eligible Uses

		HHAP Round 6
Eligible Uses	**Category #1: Permanent Housing Solutions**	**Rapid Rehousing/ Rental Subsidies,** including longer-term rental subsidy programs**,** CARE Act petitioning and placement**,** landlord incentives, security deposits, holding fees, repairs, and move-in expenses**.** **Operating Subsidies - Permanent Housing**, including new and existing affordable or supportive housing , residential care facilities, and Capitalized operating reserves. **Permanent Housing Services and Services Coordination**, including intensive case management, assertive community treatment, critical time intervention, employment services. **Capital for Permanent Housing**, including conversion of underutilized buildings, or existing shelter space into permanent housing.
	Category #2: Homelessness Prevention Activities	**Prevention and Diversion**, including rapid rehousing and rental assistance, programs prioritizing households with incomes at or below 30 percent of the area median income (AMI), problem solving and diversion support programs supporting those at risk or experiencing homelessness.
	Category #3: Interim Housing Solutions	**Navigation Centers,** or other emergency shelters that are defined as low barrier**.** **Motel/Hotel Vouchers,** used as interim shelter until connected to permanent housing resources**.** **Operating Expenses - Interim Housing,** including existing congregate shelter sites, new or existing noncongregate sites for youth, and capitalized operating reserves**.** **Interim Housing Services and Services Coordination,** including intensive case management, housing navigation, linkage to SUD and mental health treatment, benefits advocacy, and youth-focused services**.** **Capital for New Interim Housing,** to build new noncongregate shelter sites and transitional housing sites for homeless youth, and for clinically enhanced congregate or noncongregate shelter sites**.** **Improvements to Existing Interim Housing,** including renovation, maintenance, and conversion.
	Category #4: Non-housing Solutions	**Services and Services Coordination for People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness,** including nonhousing services such as street outreach, engagement services, intensive case management services, assertive community treatment, housing navigation, coordination with street-based health care services, hygiene services for individuals in encampments, services coordination, and costs that support lived-experience participation in regional and system planning.
	Administrative Costs	**Administrative Costs (up to 7 percent),** including regional coordination, HHAP 6 regional planning, HMIS costs, report, grant and administration. **HMIS (up to 1 percent)**, including system licenses, training, system operating costs

Youth Set-Aside	At least **10%** of each HHAP 6 allocation must be spent on services for homeless youth (HSC 50241(e)), and there are no prohibitions on spending a greater percentage on the Youth Set Aside. Dollars spent toward the Youth Set Aside have the same eligible uses as the broader program. Proposed funding activities should be categorized as part of the Youth Set Aside when costs support services and housing interventions for homeless youth populations. Additionally, the Sustainability of the Region's Permanent Housing Portfolio justification is not required for New Interim Housing Solutions for homeless youth.
Demonstrated Need for New Interim Housing Based On:	1) The total existing interim housing shelters and beds (beds) in the region, 2) The total beds proposed to be added during the grant term (FY 24/25-28/29) in the region, if applicable, 3) The total estimated capital and operating costs for the beds (existing and proposed) during the grant term. HHAP funding should be housing-focused - either funding Permanent Housing interventions directly or, if used for Interim Housing or street outreach, have clear pathways to connect people to Permanent Housing options. The applicant must demonstrate there is not a financial gap in sustaining the existing and proposed portfolio of permanent affordable housing within their region.

Date: July 23, 2025

Subject: 2026 Point In Time Count

Recommended Action:

a. Approve the Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant, to conduct the 2026 Point In Time Count of persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Orange County.
b. Establish the 2026 Point In Time Count Planning Ad Hoc.

Background and Analysis

2026 Point In Time Count

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that Continuums of Care (CoC) across the nation complete a biennial unsheltered count and an annual sheltered count of all individuals experiencing homelessness in the community on a single point in time during the last 10 days of January. HUD provides guidelines on how to conduct the Point In Time (PIT) Count as well as details the data points to be collected, including demographic information for different household types such as single adults, families, and specific subpopulations, including veterans, survivors of domestic violence and youth. Data is also collected to capture certain characteristics or conditions among people experiencing homelessness, such as chronic homelessness and disabling conditions.

At the May 23, 2023, meeting, the Orange County Board of Supervisors approved a contract between the County of Orange's Office of Care Coordination and City Net to provide planning, implementation, and reporting services for the 2024 and 2026 PIT Counts. The 2026 PIT Count process will replicate that of the 2024 PIT Count, with considerations for HUD guidance. Further, the 2026 PIT Count will be a comprehensive initiative with enhanced data collection capturing key demographics, identified needs of respondents, and geographical locations where people are experiencing homelessness. The results of the 2026 PIT Count will provide current data for those who are experiencing homelessness in Orange County that will be used to help inform the development and coordination of regional resources to assist in addressing homelessness.

2026 Point In Time Count Planning Ad Hoc

The Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC, is recommending that a 2026 PIT Count Planning Ad Hoc be established. Approval of a 2026 PIT Count Planning Ad Hoc will support the formation and planning of a 2026 PIT Count, including outreach to local providers, stakeholders, and system leaders, to ensure all populations experiencing homelessness are considered in the planning for the count. The Office of Care Coordination plans to involve representatives from the following:

- CoC Board
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead Agency
- Agencies primarily serving Transitional Age Youth (TAY)
- Agencies primarily serving Families
- Agencies primarily serving Veterans

- Orange County Department of Education and/or McKinney Vento Liaisons
- CalOptima Health
- Local city representatives
- People with lived expertise

Furthermore, the Office of Care Coordination will collaborate with the CoC Board leadership to identify additional areas of expertise that should be represented on the 2026 PIT Count Planning Ad Hoc.

Date: July 23, 2025

Subject: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Longitudinal Systems Analysis Report

Background and Analysis

A critical aspect of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended by the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009, is a focus on viewing the local homeless response as a coordinated system of homeless assistance options as opposed to homeless assistance programs and funding sources that operate independently in a community. Due to this development, Continuums of Care (CoCs) are now required to measure their performance annually as a coordinated system through the Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) Report.

Longitudinal Systems Analysis Report

The LSA report is produced from the CoC's HMIS and submitted annually to HUD via the Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX 2.0), and provides HUD and CoCs with critical information about how people experiencing homelessness use their system of care. The LSA includes Emergency Shelter, Safe Haven, Transitional Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, and Other Permanent Housing projects that are participating in HMIS during the reporting period, which is October 1st through September 30th.

Data from each CoC's LSA report is compiled to create the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR), which is shared with the United States Congress. The AHAR is a national-level report that provides information about homeless service providers, people and households experiencing homelessness, and various characteristics of that population. It informs strategic planning for federal, state, and local initiatives designed to prevent and end homelessness.

The HMIS Lead for the Orange County CoC, 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC) at the Orange County United Way, completed the LSA report in advance of the deadline. Attachment A was prepared by 211OC using data submitted in the FY2024 LSA Report submitted to HUD.

Attachments

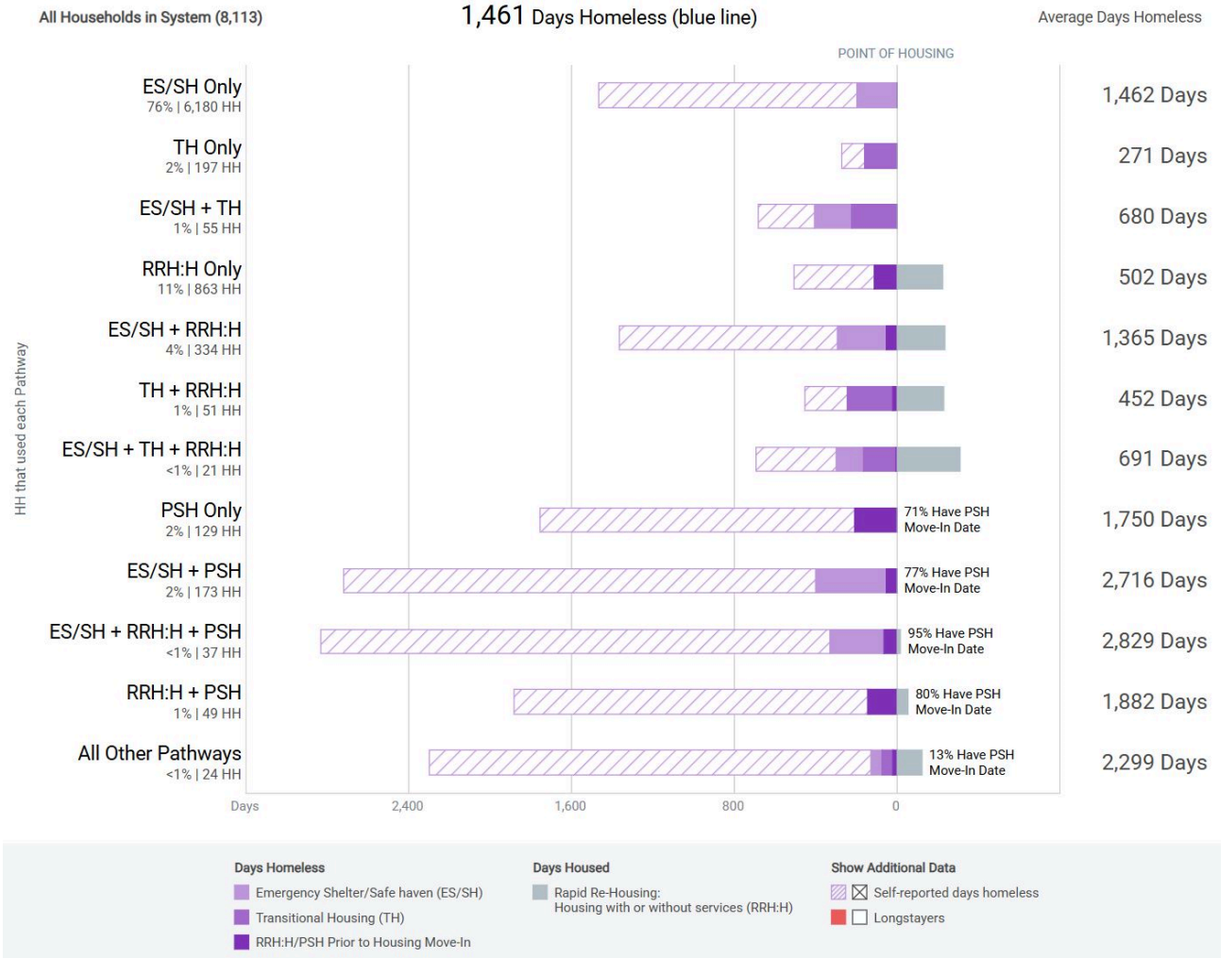
Attachment A - FY2024 LSA Report

Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) FY 2024

Every year, HUD submits an Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to the US Congress. The AHAR is a national-level report that provides information about homeless service providers, people and households experiencing homelessness, and various characteristics of that population. It informs strategic planning for federal, state, and local initiatives designed to prevent and end homelessness. The LSA report is produced from each CoC's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and is compiled to create the AHAR report to Congress. The LSA includes Emergency Shelter, Safe Haven, Transitional Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, and Other Permanent Housing projects that are participating in HMIS during the reporting period, which is October 1st through September 30th. All data is for Funding Year (FY) 2024, which is 10/01/23 - 09/30/24, unless otherwise noted.

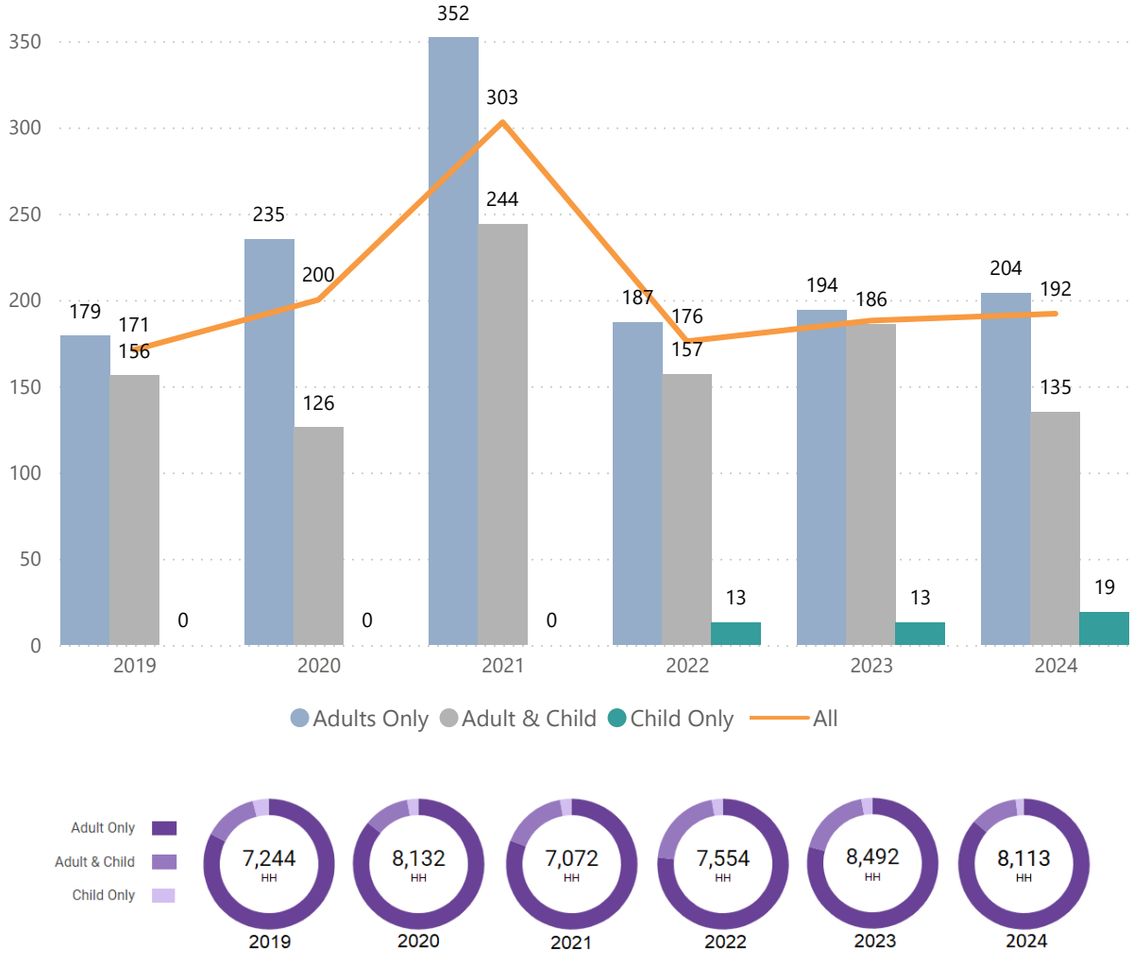
Days Homeless by Population Group

Percent and number of households in population group and average cumulative days homeless for each population group.



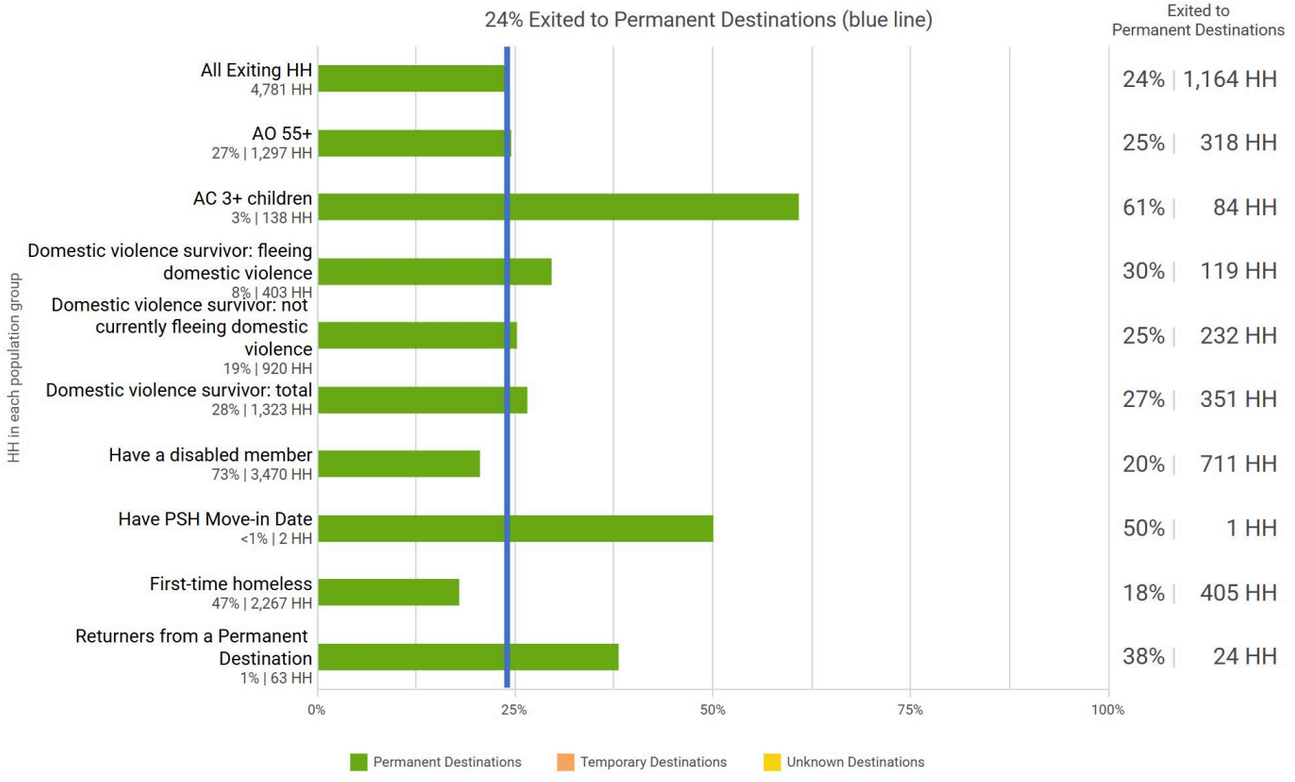
Days Homeless Trend by Household Types

For each reporting year, the average cumulative, unduplicated number of days that households were served in ES, SH, or TH projects; and days in RRH or PSH prior to move-in.



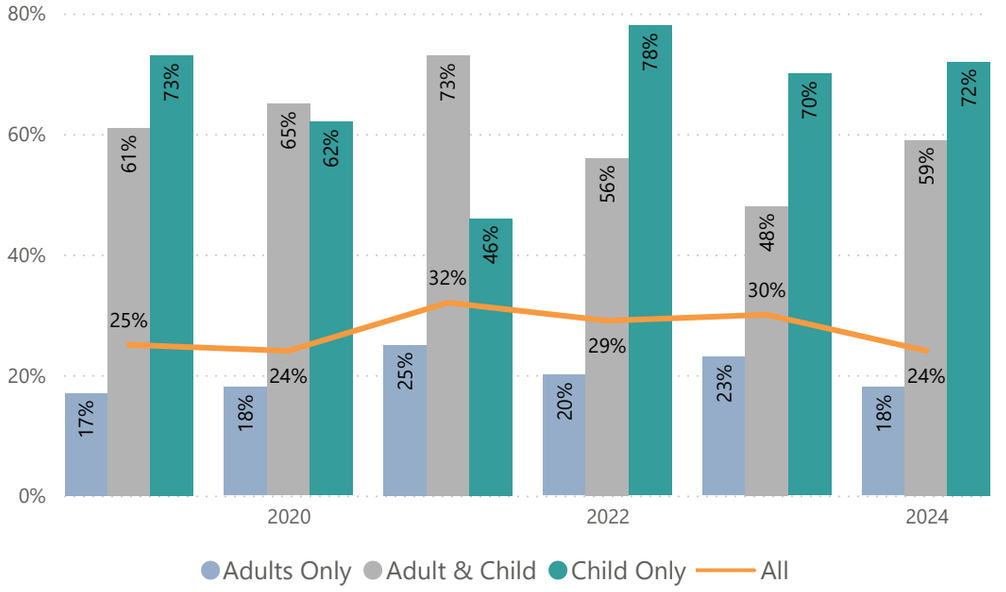
Exits by Population Group

Percent and number of households in each population group that exited to permanent destinations.



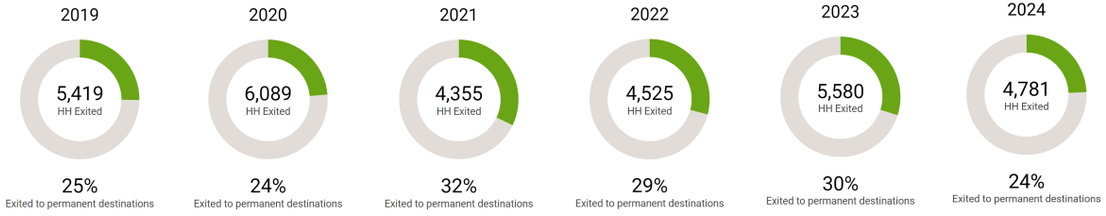
Exits to Permanent Destinations

Percent that exited to permanent destinations within each of the past five years.



Exits to Permanent Destinations Trend

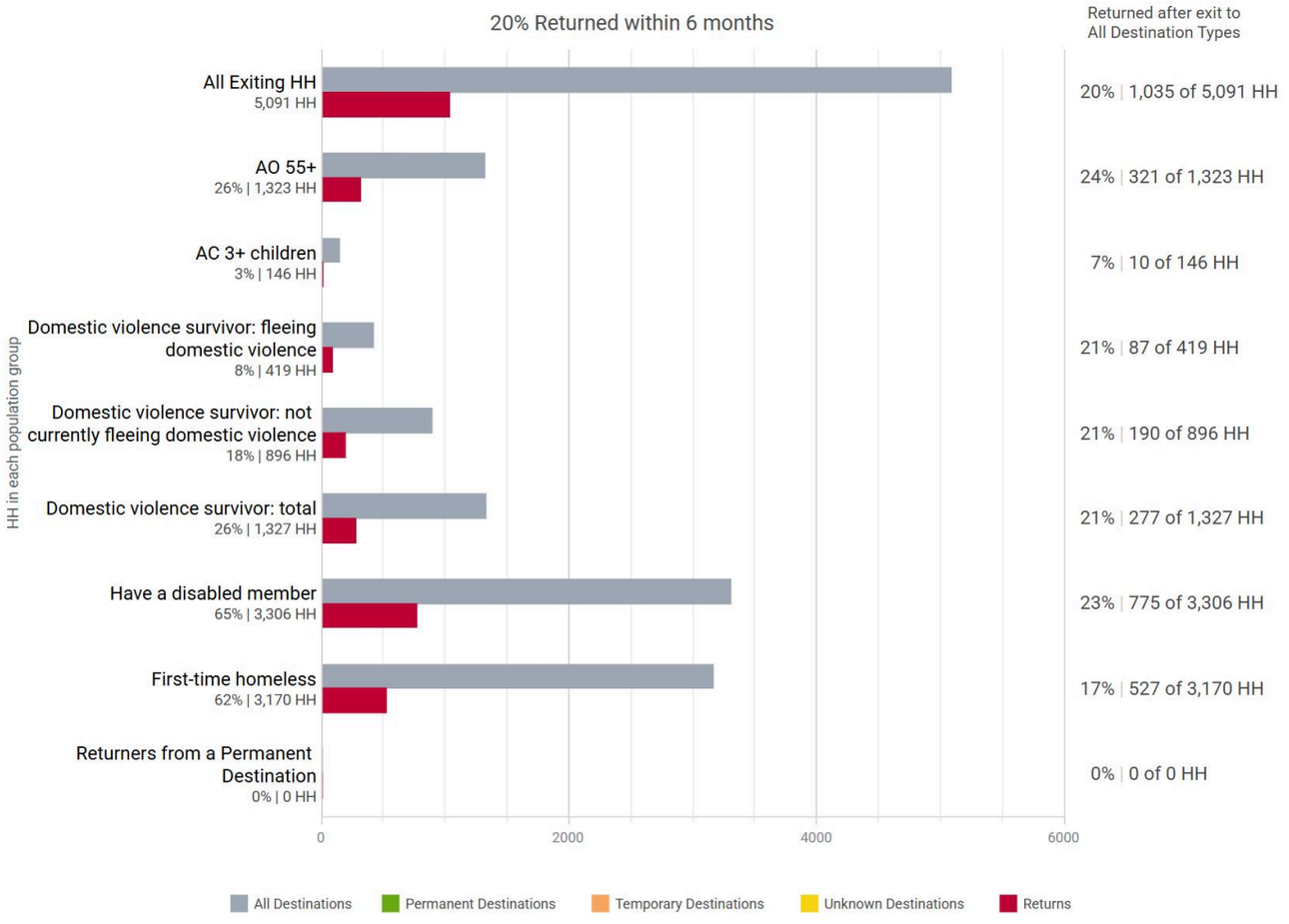
Number of households that exited from the homeless system and percent that exited to permanent destinations within each of the past four years.



Return to Homelessness

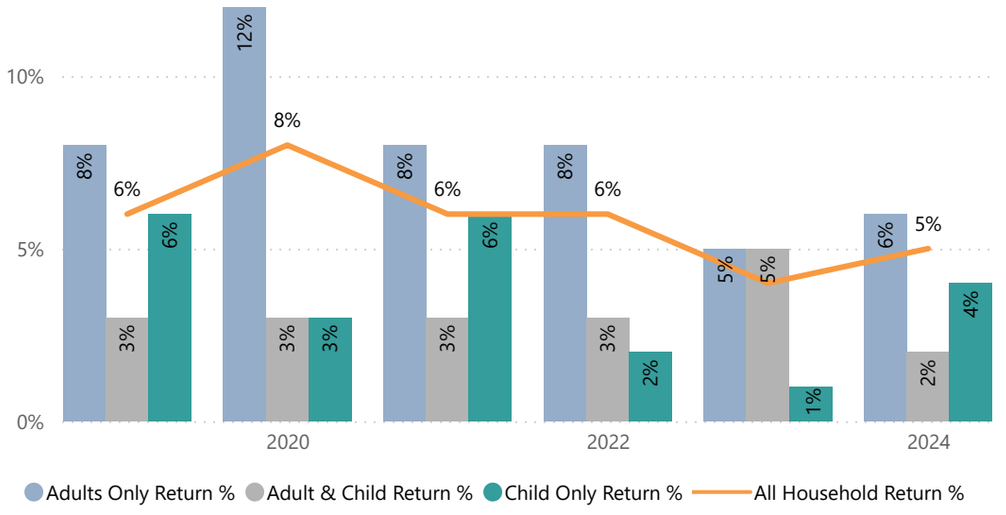
The percent of households returned includes data from 12 months prior (10/01/22 - 09/30/23) to the current reporting period of exiting the homeless system.

Return to Homeless by Population Group



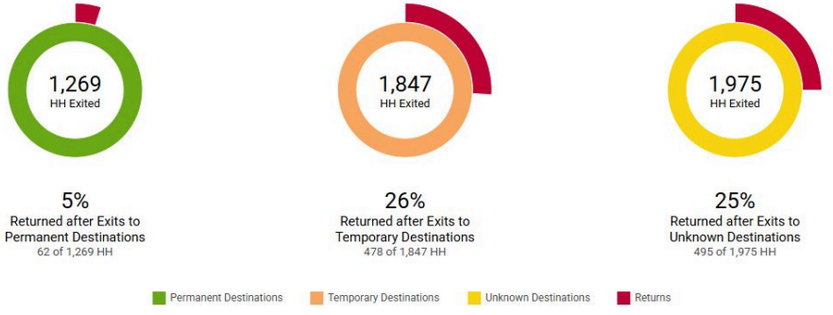
Return to Homeless System

Percent of households that returned to the homeless system within six months of exiting to a permanent destination within each of the past five years. For the current report period, the universe for the chart is households that exited within the first six months of the report period.



Return by Destination Type

The percent of households that returned within six months of exiting the homeless system to permanent, temporary, or unknown destinations.



Demographics

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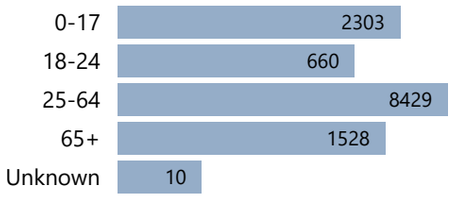

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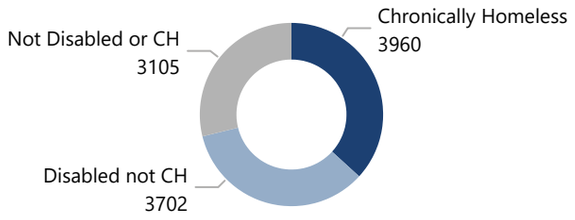

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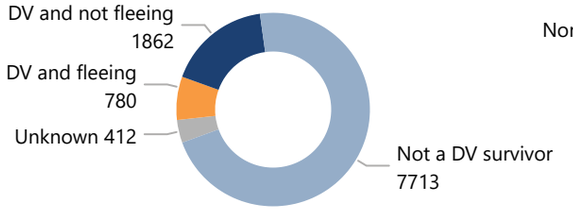

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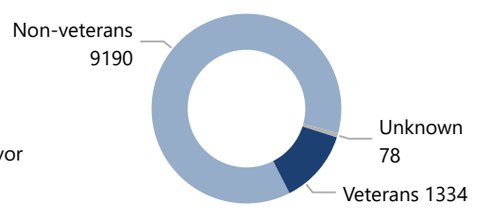

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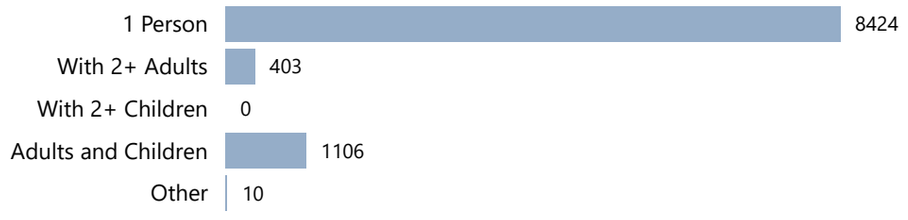
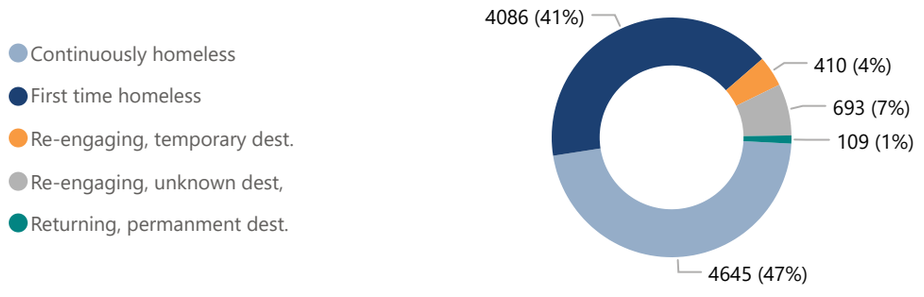
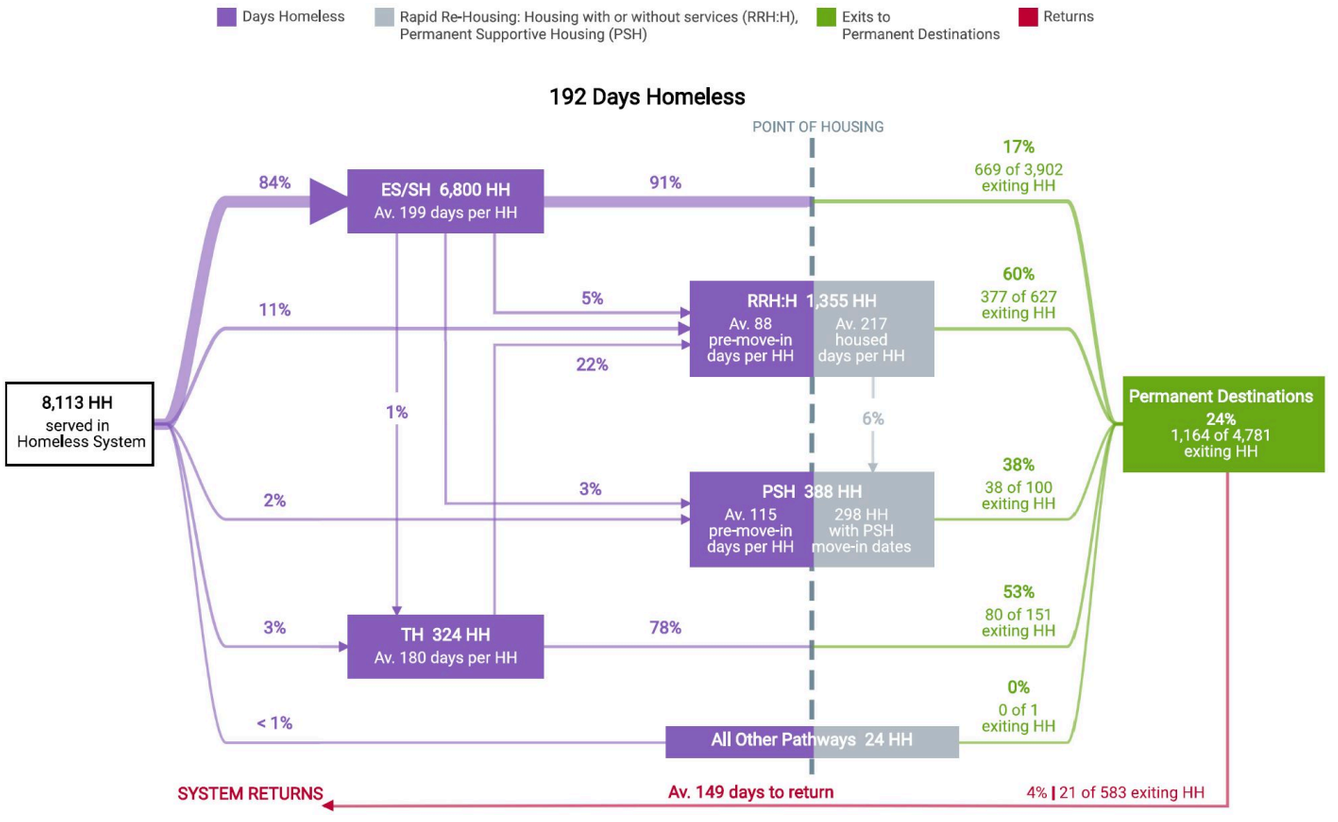


System Engagement



System Performance Map

Households use different combinations of project types during the time they are served in the homeless system. These project type combinations are referred to as pathways. Each pathway has different average cumulative days homeless, exits to permanent housing and returns to the homeless system.



Business Calendar
Agenda Item 6

Date: July 23, 2025

Subject: UCI MPP Capstone Project, "Homelessness and Services in Orange County: Exploring Stakeholders' Perspectives and Their Impacts on Policy Initiatives and Decisions"

Background and Analysis

On March 25, the CoC Board approved the UCI MPP Capstone team's request to link HMIS client records with GetHelpOC housing referral data. Key data points included: Client ID, Race & Ethnicity, Gender, Project Start & End Dates, Project Type/Location, Household Type, Age, Household Identifier, Destination, City Prior to Entry, Disabling Condition, Chronically Homeless at Entry, Referral Categories, and Funding Source. Thank you to the CoC Board for your support; this access enabled the team to better understand how unhoused individuals and those at-risk access social services during times of hardship.

Key Data Takeaways from MPP Capstone Project:

1. Education of Residents
   Through qualitative interviews with city officials, the team found both Anaheim and Newport Beach emphasized educating residents about homelessness, yet Anaheim continued sharing stories and information to build support among hesitant residents, whereas Newport Beach tended to acquiesce to residents' opposition.
2. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) was Over-Emphasized
   While PSH was the focus of much of the analysis due to its structured support model, the team recognizes the need to include other permanent housing solutions (ex. PH – Housing Only and PH – Housing with Services), which also play critical roles in long-term stability.
3. There are Limits to City-Level Comparisons Based on Entry Data
   The team's comparative analysis primarily relied on the City Prior to Entry field, which reflects a client's last known location before entering a service, not necessarily the city where the service was delivered. The team acknowledges that the City field, which lists the project's physical location, is a more accurate measure for future comparisons.
4. Unique Client Counts Require Clarification
   Several data visualizations in the team's findings reflect unique clients served by project type, rather than the number of projects. Clarifying this distinction is crucial for interpreting service scale and reach accurately.
5. Data Validation
   Certain figures, such as total Street Outreach entries, have not yet been validated by the Office of Care Coordination. For instance, while the HMIS analysis showed Anaheim had over 19,600 Street Outreach entries compared to just over 2,000 in Newport Beach, the team recognizes the importance of confirming these values given their influence on perceived system capacity and engagement levels.

Looking Ahead

The team recognizes that Orange County cities face different challenges and should not be expected to respond identically. However, the team's research shows that the most effective solutions align with each city's values, capacity, community needs, and are realistic for leaders to implement. Supporting cities through service data analysis can help advance goals rooted in those values.