

HHAP Narrative Response

1. Summary of Homelessness in the CoC, large city, or county: Eligible applicants shall use the HUD [Longitudinal System Assessment](#) (LSA) and provide a summary of the data on demographics and characteristics of the homeless populations in the jurisdiction. CoCs shall make the LSA available to the large cities and counties. All applicants must submit an electronic copy of their Longitudinal System Assessment (LSA) to HCFC. Large city and county applicants may also include additional information and data that is specific to the region they represent. **2018** LSA (attached)

CA-526 conducted a much more substantial Point in Time Count in **2019** of both sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations. 2 of our 4 Counties secured funds from local Community Foundations that assisted with increased capacity for enumerators and incentive items. Due to capacity issues in our rural region, our Continuum must alternate years on conducting both (sheltered and Unsheltered counts)

2019	<u>Households</u>	<u>People</u>
<u>Location & Family Type</u>		
ES Households w/children	21	68
ES Adults Only	39	42
TH Households w/children	8	34
TH Adults Only	12	14
Unsheltered w/children	22	80
Unsheltered Adults Only	494	606
Unsheltered Children Only	1	1
<i>Total</i>	597	845

Our region saw a large increase in 2019 regarding single homeless male/female individuals, homeless youth 18-24, and homeless seniors over age 55.

2. Demonstration of regional coordination:
 - A. Coordinated Entry: CoC applicants only:

Responsible Entity: Central Sierra Continuum of Care is comprised of 4 Counties, including Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, and Tuolumne. The Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency (ATCAA) is the lead Administrative Entity for HEAP/ HHAP funding. ATCAA is also collaborative applicant for the Central Sierra CoC, and selected agency regarding ongoing competitive/non-competitive ESG/CESH. ATCAA facilitates the CA-526 Central Sierra CoC and is the responsible agency regarding Homeless Management Information Systems and Coordinated Entry System. CA-526 4 **main** HUB stations for CES include, *Mariposa Health* and Human Services, *Tuolumne* ATCAA, *Calaveras* Sierra Hope, *Amador* ATCAA. Other agencies such as Behavior Health Departments, Local Veteran Services, and Departments within the Health and Humans Services divisions

responsible for delivering Homeless funds participate in the CA-526 CES and weekly Housing Case conferencing calls.

Process for assessment: The assessment component of the coordinated entry process is implemented in phases in order to capture information on an as-needed basis as participants navigate the process, recognizing that trauma-informed approaches are necessary throughout these phases. The assessment process, including information gathered from assessment tools, service providers, and others working with households, provides enough information to make prioritization decisions. All households requesting shelter are screened for other safe and appropriate housing options (temporary or permanent) and resources to obtain/maintain their housing. Households that have other safe and appropriate housing options or resources are diverted away from emergency shelter and instead offered problem-solving assistance and immediate linkage to homeless prevention assistance, as needed, desired and available.

Assessment phases include:

- Screening for diversion or prevention;
- Assessing shelter and other emergency needs;
- Identifying housing resources and barriers; and
- Evaluating vulnerability to prioritize for assistance

Central Sierra CoC (CSCoC) adopts the requirements for the prioritization process, as outlined in the HUD Coordinated Entry Notice. Prioritization is therefore based on a specific and definable set of criteria that are made publicly available through the CSCoC's written prioritization standards and are applied consistently throughout the CSCoC. The CSCoC's prioritization criteria include the following factors:

- Significant health or behavioral health challengers or functional impairments that require a significant level of support for the household to maintain permanent housing.
- High use of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs, including emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities.
- Extent to which households, especially youth and children, are unsheltered.
- Vulnerability to illness or death.
- Risk of continued homelessness.
- Vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault, trafficking, or sex work.
- Other actors determined by the community and based on severity of needs.
- System generates a scoring scale used for placement and prioritization.
- **CES uses *modified version of VISPDAT* regarding both RR/HP forms upon intake.**

This tool was selected based on CSCoC's satisfaction that it met the following characteristics:

- Tested, valid, and appropriate.
- Reliable (provide consistent results).
- Comprehensive (provide access to all housing and supportive services within the CoC).
- Household-centered (focused on resolving the household's needs, instead of filling project vacancies).

- User-friendly for both the household being assessed and the assessor.
- Strengths-based (focused on the household barriers to and strengths for obtaining sustainable housing).
- Housing First-oriented (focused on rapidly housing participants without preconditions).
- Sensitive to lived experiences (culturally and situationally sensitive, focused on reducing trauma and harm).
- Transparent in the relationship between the questions being asked and the potential options for housing and supportive services.

Referrals: For the purposes of coordinated entry, one prioritization list is maintained for the entire CSCoC. Referrals may be made across county lines based on availability of services within an area, as well as household preferences and needs. Coordinated entry service providers may not use the coordinated entry process to screen households out due to perceived barriers related to housing or services, including, but not limited to, too little or no income, active or past substance abuse, domestic violence history, resistance to receiving services, the type or extent of a disability, the services or supports that are needed because of a disability, a history of evictions or of poor credit, a history of lease violations, an history of not being a leaseholder, a criminal record, as well as sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. Exceptions are state or local restrictions that prohibit projects from serving households with certain criminal convictions or other specified attributes. CSCoC utilizes a case conferencing approach to referrals. With case conferencing, all Housing entities throughout CA-526 share information and collectively consider alternative referral options when needed. The goal of the referral process is to quickly and successfully connect households experiencing a housing crisis to available projects in their communities and across the region – the weekly case conferencing meetings among all parties concerned is the most effective way to achieve this and provide all open eligible programs to clients at intake. Housing Determination Committee calls take place weekly across the CoC via WebEx to complete case conferencing.

How do you promote the utilization of your CES?

Outreach: Advertisements of CES include, Central Sierra CoC Website, (centralsierracoc.org) written flyers, and documents approved by the CSCoC explaining the CES process, characteristics, and guidelines. Advertisements may be used in local newspapers, on local radio stations, or on local television stations in the service area.

Resources and information about CES are provided to local businesses, hospitals, places of worship, schools, law enforcement, and other places the targeted population receives assistance or services. CSCoC and funded street outreach efforts are linked to the coordinated entry process. The coordinated entry process is linked to street outreach efforts so that households sleeping on the streets are prioritized for assistance in the same manner as any other household assessed through the coordinated entry process.

CSCoC incorporates assessment in part or whole into street outreach. The CSCoC meets HUD’s requirement that coordinated entry reach the entire geographic service area by designating outreach as a defined access point, one that can flexibly navigate to reach homeless households wherever they reside.

All households in the CSCoC’s geographic area have fair and equal access to the coordinated entry process, regardless of where or how they present for services. Fair and equal access means that households can easily access the coordinated entry process, whether in person, by phone, or some other method, and that the process for accessing help is well known.

To ensure accessibility to households in need, the CES provides access to projects from multiple, convenient physical locations. Households may initiate a request for services in person through any of the designated HUB Stations or through additional housing community service providers. All HUB Stations are ADA compliant, can assist with disabilities and language barriers that may be present, and have personnel trained in HMIS and the CES. Some HUB Stations are specifically designated for veterans, but households with veterans may utilize any HUB Station available. Households requiring additional communication services such as braille, hearing assistance, sign language interpretation, etc. may be assisted through:

- Amador County Health and Human Services Agency (Main Center ATCAA)
- Calaveras County Health and Human Services Agency (Main Center Sierra Hope)
- Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency (Main Center)
- Tuolumne County Health and Human Services Agency (Main Center ATCAA)

Grievance: The Housing Determination Committee will address any participant grievances as best they can as they arise. Grievances that should be addressed directly by the assessment staff include grievances concerning conditions or violation of confidentiality agreements. Any other grievances should be referred to the Coordinated Entry Committee to be addressed in a process similar to the one provided in CA-526 CES Policies and Procedures. Any grievances filed by a participant should note their name and contact information so that the committee chair may contact them and ask them to appear by the timeline specified in CES Policies and Procedures.

Culturally Responsive Services: All service providers administering assessments through CES use culturally and linguistically competent practices. Assessments include trauma-informed culturally and linguistically competent questions for special subpopulations, including immigrants, refugees, and other first-generation subpopulations; youth; households fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; and LGBTQ households. (CA-526 CES Policies and Procedures available upon request)

Marketing materials are written to be sensitive to minority racial and ethnic groups in the community. Where possible, materials shall be translated by someone who is local and fluent in the language, as culture and language can differ across communities within the same racial or ethnic group.

Challenges: Our rural Communities continue to face challenges regarding capacity and bringing new agencies into the CES system. Funding for street outreach also continues to be minimal as prioritization of current shelters and other programs have continued to take precedence. Our CES Subcommittee has worked diligently to alter our CES modified VISPDAT to only ask very specific questions that lead to prioritization, and bring down intake and assessment to 20-25 minutes per household. CES is used for multiple Housing funded programs, this also means the CES Sub-Committee must meet quarterly to ensure all forms and information collected is accurate and in compliance. CA-526 continues to prioritize strengthening the Administrative Entity to ensure HMIS/CES stay compliant and streamlined throughout all four Counties. The influx of new housing funds and bringing new agencies into the CES has been challenging as well, as capacity is an issue for the HMIS lead agency and HHS workers in all Counties. Education efforts underway due this HHAP funding will allow County Governments a better understanding of our current CoC strengths/data systems and build on those efforts going forward. CA-526 has plans to outreach to both congregations and law enforcement to use other volunteers or community partners to ease the burden of intake. Ongoing TA Assistance with Home Base is also planned to increase HMIS Participation throughout the region. There continues to be ongoing frustration on lack of resources to meet the needs of our homeless and at risk populations.

3. Resources Addressing Homelessness

A. Existing Programs and Resources

Provide an exhaustive list of all funds

1. CA-526 current housing funding list provided in attachments:
2. How are these resources integrated or coordinated with applicants from overlapping jurisdictions?

As you can see from the funding chart all Counties share an equal access to funding provided for homeless and housing services. ESG/COG projects are used in all 4 Counties of the Central Sierra region. Mariposa, Amador, and Tuolumne have emergency shelters, 2 of which support Calaveras homeless families and singles as needed. ESG/RR funds are shared with MOU's and split proportionately. CoC HMIS awards are used to fund licensing fees and HMIS Management/consulting fees. All County Health and Human Services continue to utilize most of the same funding sources to include PSH, HP, ES, RR, Outreach, and planning funding for long term growth and development of affordable housing. Assistance for most clients requesting housing services predominately stay in their County of origin due to the large geographic nature of the region. Referrals are delivered across Counties as needed, and County programs work effectively with local service providers as requested. All funding sources within each County are connected through HMIS/CES to connect clients to appropriate/ available projects as quickly and efficiently as possible.

3. What gaps currently exist in housing and homeless services for homeless populations in your jurisdiction?

All 4 County strategic plans and the Central Sierra CoC strategic plan share many commonalities on current gaps regarding homelessness. Low barrier shelters for single populations, Homeless Prevention funding, dedicated youth housing, and lack of affordable units for all populations including chronically homeless singles and elderly are the main areas of focus identified across the region. Our rural regions have also suffered from fires and lack capacity to entice developers of affordable housing into our foothills. Political climates in the rural regions have been very difficult to maneuver and many projects needed are refused or must be revised as requested. Single homeless individuals continue to have higher placement difficulties due to lack of shelter beds and single room occupancy units. Our 2019 PIT count shows a massive increase in street homeless. Shelters are at capacity and more than 1,000 people are sleeping outside in places not meant for human habitation. Other main gaps connected to our homeless needs include detox facilities, respite care, local psychiatric care facilities, programs solely dedicated to homeless youth, capacity issues in our local law enforcement, and ongoing public transit deficits. Communities are working on public education forums and utilizing online media systems to share experiences and educate on current homeless and housing resources and challenges.

B. HHAP Funding Plans Explain in detail how your jurisdiction plan to use the full amount of HHAP funds (including youth set aside) and how it will complement existing funds to close the identified gaps in your housing and homeless services for the population in your jurisdictions.

The submitted budget includes 4 County allocations and the CA-526 CoC allocation for a total of \$1,917,594.64. Health and Human Services Executive Directors from all 4 Counties and Administrative Entity have collaborated and submitted a tentative budget that includes all

HHAP expenditures and proposed timelines. Counties have included narratives in their submission to further explain how the HHAP funding will compliment other funding sources for leverage of projects/partners planned in their communities. The CA-526 will conduct an RFP process to ensure all housing service providers in each County have an opportunity to apply for funding. The 4 County narratives below include HHAP expenditure costs, proposed project ideas, and selected partnering agencies if currently selected.

Calaveras:

Calaveras County currently has no emergency shelter. Homeless are often vouchered or must stay at hotel/motels with severely limited housing options available, they frequently return to the street due to an inability to compete for housing in a market flooded with potential tenants that are not high risk for potential landlords. For residents who qualify for Choice Vouchers (previously Section 8 Vouchers, only 40 households county wide have been able to find landlords willing to accept the vouchers and after 120 days, many of the vouchers expire without finding housing opportunities. The county has two transitional shelters; one operated through Behavioral Health serves Behavioral Health clients only and has only 6 beds. The other, operated by a local faith-based organization serves single moms with kids and again has only a 6 beds.

Calaveras Housing Collaborative joins three local agencies dedicated to addressing Calaveras' homeless population and the need for stable housing in Calaveras County. The three agencies are Calaveras County's Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), The Calaveras Mariposa Community Action Agency (CMCAA), and Sierra Hope. All agencies are a collaborative partner and participate in the CA-526 Continuum of Care. Collaboratively, Calaveras HHAP funding be used to provide for the operational expenses of our *new Transitional Shelter* which was purchased and is owned by Sierra Hope and is in the process of being renovated with Calaveras County funding.

This new Transitional Shelter is located in the county's only incorporated city of Angels Camp. The home provides 4 bedrooms and 2 baths as well as a shared living room and kitchen. Families with children, including youth 18-24, and medically frail adults will be the target population that will be served by this new Shelter. Project to serve approximately 9 x 385= 3,285 Bed nights.

Potential clients experiencing homelessness will be screened for vulnerability through our local Coordinated Entry System. This system is trauma informed and staff will be trained in all areas to ensure these best practices are shared with all residents. Those selected for services will be provided a minimum of a six month stay in this project. Clients will be required to contribute 30% of their household income towards their housing. HHAP funding will provide on-site staff offering Case Management including referrals to local resources for the residents. In addition, Calaveras County HHSA and CMCAA will be providing funding towards Housing Focused Case Management to assist clients in identifying barriers to stable housing and to work with the clients weekly to overcome the barriers and prepare them to move on to stable housing. Calaveras County HHSA and CMCAA will also be providing access to a Housing Navigator to assist clients in finding housing and in understanding their specific leases as well as tenant obligations.

Housing Focused Case Management and Housing Navigation services will not be funded by HHAP but will be services provided to the tenants of the Transitional House. HHAP funding will be used to cover the Operational Expenses of the Transitional Shelter including on-site staffing, facility expenses such as utilities, phone and internet, maintenance as well as miscellaneous household items that are needed to operate a transitional shelter. In addition, HHAP funding will

be used to insure that there is adequate staff support to operate our local HMIS system. The hope is that HHAP funded operational expenses combined with other housing services/housing funding, will provide additional pathways to permanent housing solutions. **Project to serve** approx. 8x 365=2920 bed nights. 2 beds dedicated to 18-24 year old population. 6 beds seniors 55 and over. 80% placement into Permanent housing situations. 8 homeless youth, 24 adults' permanent placements.

Amador County:

Most HHAP funds are anticipated to be spent on *additional emergency shelter beds*. Currently Amador is very limited in available shelter beds. There is only one shelter (ATCAA) – located in a residential home and provides care to a 30 per night. Amador proposal is to set up an additional emergency shelter bed overflow in a local motel/s with master lease for rooms. Designation as additional emergency shelter beds allows the establishment of the shelter without having to meet ADA requirements and does not require individual kitchenettes. Based on these HHAP funds the motel conversion to a shelter overflow with a master lease – Tentative budget through RFP process:

Total grant –CoC/County allocation	\$482,399.74
Case manager for 3 years set aside of	\$150,000
Ongoing repairs- upkeep	\$25,000
Hot plates, refrigerators and microwaves	\$5,000
HMIS/CES	\$24,119.99
Administrative	\$33,767.98
Leasing funds	\$244,511.77

\$55/day or \$385 per week per room (used only for comparison – actual rate will be set by provider proposal in response to RFP) Using 3 years as assumed duration - 156 weeks (If rate above lower duration could be longer or number of rooms higher) 4 rooms for three years. One of the rooms exclusively for homeless youth / TAY will meet requirements of the grant. This dedicated unit will likely exceed the minimum youth required set-aside. **Project to serve** approximately 4x 365x3 year= 4,380 bed nights. All clients will be entered into the HMIS/CES for prioritization of service. Intent to place 20 adults, 10 youth into Permanent housing situations

Mariposa County:

Mariposa County is in the process of setting up a robust homeless shelter and navigation center. The County developed a temporary tent solution in late 2018 with HEAP funding. In late 2019, this emergency shelter/navigation center was transferred to the management of a non-profit agency in our community. Alliance for Community Transformations current operates this Navigation Center/ Homeless Shelter and is seeking financial support to continue operations and essential services to clients. These functions continue to meet the needs of the street homeless population in the County of Mariposa. Current HEAP funding will be depleted by June 30th, 2020. This shelter is low barrier and includes safe arrangements for pets, storage for minimal possessions and on sight case management. Operations for the shelter/navigation center to house 35 individuals daily/year round are approximately \$350,000 annually. Although other models are being explored, such as scattered site housing, this current shelter is essential to meeting the current demand for services. Additional services such as Rapid Re-Housing are connected to clients through the CoC RR and ESG RR. All households are entered into the HMIS/CES for prioritization at entry. **Project to serve** approximately 35 daily x 365= 12,775 bed nights using all HHAP funding totaling \$314,333.85 and additional CDBG. 35 placed into Permanent housing situations. Set aside HHAP youth funding will be spent on those entering shelter (18-24) and

permanent placements will be leveraged with HSP Rapid Re Housing. To date approximately 18% of households entering the Connections Project meet this definition and require assistance. All clients assisted with Emergency Shelter are connected to the appropriate resources fitted towards individual circumstances. Case management in the form of ‘after care’ is ensured to assist with sustaining housing and ongoing barriers. Mariposa’s current shelter bed capacity count is 35. All beds are included in the CA-526 HIC and all clients are recorded into HMIS. Shelter has been in operation for 16 months. Shelter utilization rates stay above 98% since inception of project. No data difference on vacancy rates between summer and winter months has been recorded. Percentage from shelter to permanent housing to date is 27% exits to permanent destinations. Mariposa continues to have a very limited supply of low income rentals for placement. Connections (Mariposa shelter project) has 3 case managers that work collaboratively to address the client’s barriers to securing and maintaining permanent housing. Case Managers complete housing search and placement, landlord liaison duties, and financial responsibilities to ensure all parties stay informed. “After care” and ongoing case management is used as needed to ensure clients remain housed.

Tuolumne County:

It is Tuolumne County’s intent to utilize HHAP funding to create and/or enhance efforts, services, and coordination to mitigate housing service gaps in the following areas:

- Rental Assistance/Rapid Rehousing/Homeless Prevention
- Landlord Incentives
- Outreach and Coordination
- Prevention and Shelter Diversion to Permanent Housing
- Navigation Centers and Emergency Sheltering
- Innovative Solutions
- Strategic Homelessness Planning

To address these service gaps, Tuolumne County will work with internal departments and external partners that are dedicated to addressing Tuolumne County’s homeless population. The County will leverage funding and case management resources such as the CalWORKs Housing Support Program, CalWORKs Homeless Assistance Program, Housing and Disability Advocacy Program, and Community Resource Agency Housing program funds, to enhance HHAP. The Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors’ commitment to address homeless issues is evident by approving the creation of a new County position, Homeless Advocate and Outreach Coordinator. This new position will provide substantial guidance on homeless issues and will oversee the County’s efforts to address homelessness, by developing and coordinating a taskforce to address homeless services in partnership with other agencies throughout the County. In addition, HHAP funding will be used to support the local Homeless Management Information System used as a coordinated entry system that collects client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness. (5 year budget) **Project to serve** approximately \$175,000 RR permanent placement \$125,000 direct funds = 62 individuals and permanent placement, \$50,000 landlord incentives, \$100,000 outreach and coordination (including employment) connection with 540 individuals = 50 permanent placements. \$50,000 HP 11 families x4 per family =44 individuals. Youth funds set currently at 8%, assume after RFP and dedicated selected projects and services to use higher allocation amounts. 18-24 served w RR/HP/outreach approx. 70 over 5 years.

1. How will you ensure HHAP funding projects will align and comply with the core components of Housing First?

All County and CoC HHAP allocations will be sent through an RFP process that includes both rating and ranking and a mandatory regulation checklist. All HHAP projects must be entered into the CA-526 HMIS and housing projects/awardees will be mandated to use the Coordinated Entry System. This ensures the Administrative Entity can report outcomes as requested by the State and monitor all projects to maintain housing first standards and prioritization mandates developed in the CA-526 CES Policies and Procedures. Current and future CA-526 housing projects must use progressive engagement and prioritizing methods finalized in the CA-526 Written Standards.

4. Partners Addressing Homelessness

A. Collaborating Partner Efforts

Central Sierra CoC has participating collaborative partners from all areas mandated by HUD. 3 of the 4 Counties in the Central Sierra have dedicated working homeless task forces that include those that do not participate in monthly ongoing CoC meetings, however:

Representation/information is shared back through the CoC from the lead task force members.

The fourth County is currently hiring for outreach and grant writing to create an ongoing dedicated task force to gather community input and ongoing subcommittee efforts. Law Enforcement has a different presence in each County as expected. However, all Counties enforcement officers have had trainings on outreach and process for connections into local homeless services that include CES- HUB Stations. Stanislaus Housing Authority is connected with current CA-526 Projects including VA HUD VASH and HEAP Tuolumne renovation. Stanislaus Co Housing is open to attending CoC meetings as needed and sharing updated information on vouchers system changes/opportunities. For transparency and reporting purposes HHAP funding will be shared through an RFP process that will be evaluated by the CA-526 Executive Committee and CA-526 Rating and Ranking Sub-Committee. Those partners dedicated to decision making include, Veteran Services, Local Homeless service providers, Community Action Agencies, Behavior Health, County Welfare, Public Health, Education Liaisons, and people with lived experience. All four County HHS Directors are also voting members and participate in the CoC Governance duties as required. All County homeless task force include other dedicated partners such as law enforcement, County Officials, Domestic Violence shelters, Congregations, Senior Services, Economic Development, First Five, local Physicians, local business owners, Mayors, Habitat for Humanity, and local Planning Departments.

(Task force sign in sheets are available upon request)

Barriers: CA-526 is working towards dedicated homeless youth programs and connecting more effectively with school districts from all four Counties. Our current shelters housing the general homeless population stay at 99% utilization rates and many homeless families are using local hotel/motel vouchers before permanent placement can occur. Connecting with local rural hospitals is also an ongoing barrier as capacity affects all homeless service providers and health care facilities in rural regions. County Officials and Health and Human Services have also restructured housing teams and grant writers to secure ongoing funding as prioritized in each Counties strategic plan. These new staff will have duties dedicated to connecting all local

providers in Counties and building on short and long term affordable housing goals. These positions must also assist to secure upcoming State and Federal funds as they become available. This has been identified as key to growth and strengthening capacity regarding rural housing insecurity issues. Our local County Board members are just coming into the homeless systems process and gaining understanding on how funding is prioritized and placed strategically throughout our region. Many local rural Communities do not want added emergency housing projects of any kind placed in their neighborhoods or near their local schools. Education to the public on homelessness is moving slowly in most rural Counties, due to the elected officials and ongoing media stories that share negative impacts. Projects prioritized or needed are not created or are turned away for more palatable programs. Concerns include: Low barrier development and issues to staff/sustain. Locating properties for projects that do not require conditional use permits. *Plans* for 2020 include scheduling outreach into all local school systems to share information on homeless services available, building on landlord liaison and navigation services, funding street outreach, adding any sort of emergency beds including PSH, ES, Transitional housing with master lease concepts, connecting with upcoming grant opportunities to collaborate with local Motherlode Job Training Services, public forums to educate neighbors, and continued connection and outreach to hospitals as new Medical/CA insurance coverages include homeless, housing and placement services. Rural regions continue to suffer with capacity issues, lower funding allocations, and staying compliant and competitive with urban areas.

5 Solutions to Address Homelessness

CESH funding awarded in both Round 1 and 2 included capacities funding for HMIS and assistance with CoC leadership responsibilities, Systems Support for Updated CA-526 strategic planning, Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re Housing, and 2021 Point in Time incentive funds. Goals set through CESH Round 1 *Homeless Prevention* funding for all Counties included \$225,000. 640 at risk individuals would be served and maintain sustainable housing. This includes the entire CoC region. Our region needed a much larger funding allocation to assist the numbers of clients struggling and needing at risk assistance. Round 2 CESH included \$75,000 Homeless Prevention and \$ 75,000 RR. Goals submitted included 140 at risk to sustain, 105 Rapidly Re -Housed would be placed into permanent housing situations. Our goal was to use these two small portions of CESH (both rounds) 516K=319K funding not dedicated for capacity towards the largest gaps across the CoC. These funds would directly affect lowering our first time homeless population and increase permanent placements. Homeless Prevention continues to be a top priority as rental costs rise and wages stay low. Seniors on fixed income struggle to stay at the suggested 30% of AMI and become at risk.

HHAP Funds across the region/measurable goals number served, and permanent placement: The HHAP funding will be administered and awarded with a fair and equal process across all 4 Counties. The CA-526 Governing Board and Rating/Ranking Team will use tools that collect all information regarding all project entries. The list includes projects planning to follow current Written Standards for Progressive Engagement, Housing First Practices, Entries into the developed HMIS/CES, and reaching prioritized goals identified in each Counties 2019/2020 homeless plan. HHAP funding regarding all 4 Counties (to include both the County and CoC allocations attached) CA-526 Governing Board has chosen to divide the CA-526 CoC allocation equally among all 4 Counties as the County allocations came in reflecting 2019 PIT outcomes. Future State homeless and housing CoC funds will be allocated using a formula that shares an equally dedicated percent, and uses the

remaining amounts linked to current homeless counts and need by County. All county projects listed have measureable goals included above. HHAP funding will create new emergency shelter beds, transitional housing beds, rapid rehousing placements, outreach coordination efforts, landlord connections, shelter and homeless diversions, leverage other funds to support new positions dedicated to homeless program oversight, dedicate beds to serve only youth ages 18-24, strengthen our local HMIS/CES systems and continue administrative support to manage CA-526 ongoing projects.

Included for submission:

Letters of Support attached x4

County Board Resolutions x4

LSA X 2

Counties Intent to redirect x 4

CA-526 Regional Housing funds list

Annual budget template

Narrative response

Authorized Signature form

Government TIN

Payee data record



HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM (HHAP) ANNUAL BUDGET TEMPLATE

APPLICANT INFORMATION

CoC / Large City / County Name:	COC-526	Receiving Redirected Funds? Y/N	Yes
Administrative Entity Name:	Central Sierra COC	Total Redirected Funding	\$ 922,180.24

HHAP FUNDING EXPENDITURE PLAN*

ELIGIBLE USE CATEGORY	FY20/21	FY21/22	FY22/23	FY23/24	FY24/25	TOTAL
Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing	\$ 46,215.90	\$ 46,215.90	\$ 46,215.90	\$ 46,215.90	\$ 46,208.93	\$ 231,072.53
Operating Subsidies and Reserves	\$ 80,686.14	\$ 80,686.14	\$ 80,686.14	\$ 80,686.14	\$ 80,686.14	\$ 403,430.70
Landlord Incentives	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Outreach and Coordination (including employment)	\$ 22,316.06	\$ 22,316.06	\$ 22,316.06	\$ 22,316.06	\$ 22,316.06	\$ 111,580.30
Systems Support to Create Regional Partnerships	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 121,000.00
Delivery of Permanent Housing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Prevention and Shelter Diversion to Permanent Housing	\$ 11,158.03	\$ 11,158.03	\$ 11,158.03	\$ 11,158.03	\$ 11,158.03	\$ 55,790.15
New Navigation Centers and Emergency Shelters	\$ 442,920.35	\$ 149,150.39	\$ 149,150.39	\$ 5,579.01	\$ 5,579.01	\$ 752,379.15
Strategic Homelessness Planning, Infrastructure Development, CES, and HMIS (up to 5%)						
	\$ 17,186.26	\$ 17,186.26	\$ 17,186.26	\$ 10,007.68	\$ 10,007.68	\$ 71,574.14
Administrative (up to 7%)						
	\$ 44,624.66	\$ 24,060.76	\$ 24,060.76	\$ 14,010.76	\$ 14,010.76	\$ 120,767.70
TOTAL FUNDING ALLOCATION						\$ 1,917,594.67
	FY20/21	FY21/22	FY22/23	FY23/24	FY24/25	TOTAL
Youth Set-Aside (at least 8%)	\$ 56,648.59	\$ 30,621.88	\$ 30,621.88	\$ 17,757.89	\$ 17,757.33	\$ 153,407.57

*Narrative should reflect details of HHAP funding plan

COMMENTS:

FINAL



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January 29, 2020

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Re: Homeless Housing Assistance Prevention Program HHAP Funding 2020-2025

Dear Mr. Foley,

On behalf of the Central Sierra CoC (CSCoC), I am submitting this letter of support and collaboration both as the CoC lead Agency and the selected Administrative Entity regarding the Homeless Housing Assistance Prevention Program. (HHAP)

The Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency will work timely and efficiently with Amador County Health and Human Services to deliver the HHAP funding as stated in the upcoming Standard Agreement. As the Administrative Entity we will contract County allocations and proportionate CoC allocations as directed by the CA-526 Governing Board/ Executive Committee.

We will complete all reporting requirements, monitoring of all awarded/selected Amador housing projects, and continue to oversee all HMIS/CES data systems for ongoing growth and development.

We will advertise and deliver a fair and transparent RFP process, to ensure all eligible housing service providers in your County have equal access to apply for HHAP funding. We look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to increase homeless and housing programs in Amador County.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (209) 223-1485 x 263 or dcloward@atcaa.org.

Sincerely,

Denise Cloward

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January 29, 2020

Kristin Stranger
Director, Calaveras County Health and Human Services
509 East St Charles Street
San Andreas CA 95249

Re: Homeless Housing Assistance Prevention Program HHAP Funding 2020-2025

Dear Ms. Stranger,

On behalf of the Central Sierra CoC (CSCoC), I am submitting this letter of support and collaboration both as the CoC lead Agency and the selected Administrative Entity regarding the Homeless Housing Assistance Prevention Program. (HHAP)

The Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency will work timely and efficiently with Calaveras County Health and Human Services to deliver the HHAP funding as stated in the upcoming Standard Agreement. As the Administrative Entity we will contract County allocations and proportionate CoC allocations as directed by the CA-526 Governing Board/ Executive Committee.

We will complete all reporting requirements, monitoring of all awarded/selected Calaveras housing projects, and continue to oversee all HMIS/CES data systems for ongoing growth and development.

We will advertise and deliver a fair and transparent RFP process, to ensure all eligible housing service providers in your County have equal access to apply for HHAP funding. We look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to increase homeless and housing programs in Calaveras County.

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January 29, 2020

Chevon Kothari, MSW
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Mariposa CA 95338

Re: Homeless Housing Assistance Prevention Program HHAP Funding 2020-2025

Dear Ms. Kothari,

On behalf of the Central Sierra CoC (CSCoC), I am submitting this letter of support and collaboration both as the CoC lead Agency and the selected Administrative Entity regarding the Homeless Housing Assistance Prevention Program. (HHAP)

The Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency will work timely and efficiently with Mariposa County Health and Human Services to deliver the HHAP funding as stated in the upcoming Standard Agreement. As the Administrative Entity we will contract County allocations and proportionate CoC allocations as directed by the CA-526 Governing Board/ Executive Committee.

We will complete all reporting requirements, monitoring of all awarded/selected Mariposa housing projects, and continue to oversee all HMIS/CES data systems for ongoing growth and development.

We will advertise and deliver a fair and transparent RFP process, to ensure all eligible housing service providers in your County have equal access to apply for HHAP funding. We look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to increase homeless and housing programs in Mariposa County.

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January 29, 2020

Rebecca Espino
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Re: Homeless Housing Assistance Prevention Program HHAP Funding 2020-2025

Dear Ms. Espino,

On behalf of the Central Sierra CoC (CSCoC), I am submitting this letter of support and collaboration both as the CoC lead Agency and the selected Administrative Entity regarding the Homeless Housing Assistance Prevention Program. (HHAP)

The Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency will work timely and efficiently with Tuolumne County Health and Human Services to deliver the HHAP funding as stated in the upcoming Standard Agreement. As the Administrative Entity we will contract County allocations and proportionate CoC allocations as directed by the CA-526 Governing Board/ Executive Committee.

We will complete all reporting requirements, monitoring of all awarded/selected Tuolumne housing projects, and continue to oversee all HMIS/CES data systems for ongoing growth and development.

We will advertise and deliver a fair and transparent RFP process, to ensure all eligible housing service providers in your County have equal access to apply for HHAP funding. We look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to increase homeless and housing programs in Tuolumne County.

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