# Modoc County Department of Social Services Homeless Housing Assistance, Prevention Program (HHAP) Narrative

# Summary of Homelessness in the NorCal Continuum of Care (NorCal CoC) HUD Longitudinal System Assessment (LDA) from June 2018-June 2019

# Total number of households served in:

Emergency shelter	Safe Haven and Transitional housing	Rapid Re-housing and Permanent
		Supportive Housing
0	133	14

Total number of disabled households served across all interventions	66
Total number of households experiencing chronic homelessness	51
served across all interventions	
Total number of 55+ households served across all interventions	59
Total number of unaccompanied youth served across all interventions	0

### Number of individuals served across all interventions who were:

Female	Male	Transgender or Gender Non-Conforming
73	84	1

### Total number of individuals served across all interventions who were:

White, Non-	White,	Black or	Asian	American	Native/Haw	Multiple
Hispanic/Non-	Hispanic/Latino	African	(only)	Indian or	aiian/Other	Races
Latino (only)	(only)	American		Alaska	Pacific	
		(only)		Native	Islander	
				(only)		
121	5	9	0	8	1	3

### **Modoc County Demographic Area**

Modoc County is a rural, frontier county in the north eastern corner of California. The 2017 U.S. Census Bureau estimates our population was 8,859 – the county encompasses 3,484 square miles. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates the median household income in 2017 was \$39,296, per capita income was \$22,052, average rental housing was estimated at \$739, per month. Approximately 10.5% of our population under age 65 are without insurance, and 19.2% of the population were in poverty. There are several areas within Modoc County that have high needs and significant socioeconomic, and health related challenges that need immediate attention.

Modoc County currently has no homeless shelter, temporary housing, or permanent housing options for our highly vulnerable homeless population. Modoc County is one of the coldest places in California. January average temperatures are a low of -8.6°F and a high of 41.6 °F. The record low was -34°F on December 9, 1972. There are an average of 203.8 days with lows of 32 °F or lower.

Temperatures begin to drop in late September to early October. This is when we find our long term local homeless migrating to warmer neighboring counties for the winter. Our homeless who remain here over the long, cold, winter, often resort to couch surfing, seek shelter in abandoned buildings, or live in vehicles to escape the cold weather. Often times are homeless unexpectedly find themselves in harmful and unhealthy situations trying to find a warm place to sleep. In May or June our local homeless migrate back to Modoc to escape the higher temperatures and seek unsheltered living close to home. Couch surfer's that found winter shelter are no longer welcome so they return to vehicles, tents or other unsheltered living places.

### Demonstration of Regional Coordination and Coordinated Entry System (CES) Information

The NorCal CoC is currently recruiting County participation from all 7 counties in the CoC jurisdiction to develop policy and procedures for implementation designed specifically to each County services and needs for the CE system. In addition to the Current efforts underway to engage and designate County staff to support CE implementation to coordinate and address the unique needs of each County across the NorCal CoC jurisdiction. Policy and procedures are being finalized to implement CES

The Coordinated Entry (CE) system will prioritize services based on greatest need to assure no matter where or how people present they are quickly identified and referred to housing services based on their strengths and needs.

The biggest challenge for our County is lack of staff resources and time to dedicate to CES quarterly meetings. Geographically it is difficult to attend meetings due to the length of travel. Our hope is dedicated staff resources will be available soon to engage in CES/HMIS quarterly meetings/work groups.

# **Coordination of Regional Needs**

Modoc County is committed to reducing homelessness in our local and regional efforts. Youth set aside exceeds the 8% requirement to serve our homeless youth (age 12-24), including youth aging out of Foster Care. Services will focus on prevention services to divert homelessness and promote permanent housing. Rapid Re-housing rental assistance will offer solutions to transition as quickly as possible to permanent housing solutions.

### **Creating Sustainable, Long Term Housing Solutions**

Our sustainability planning incorporates our belief that by creating strong and supportive efforts with our local community partners as well as combining resources will support the philosophy that we can do more with less. These efforts will support cost savings to operations and service delivery while, increasing quantity and quality of services. Our enhanced collaborative approach prevents duplication of services as well creates opportunities to improve programs. This comprehensive layered approach supports the needs of our partnerships as well as our local community.

Our long term solution is further supported by our Modoc County CoC Advisory Board members, which include our City Planner, two (2) Modoc County Board of Supervisors as well as our Modoc County Administration office. This wealth of knowledge provides a realistic view of housing standards, as well and zoning and ordinances to consider viable housing inventory solutions to serve our homeless population needs.

## **Resources Addressing Homelessness**

### **Modoc County Current Existing Programs and Resources**

No Place Like Home	\$600,000
HDAP	\$75,000 (funding exhausted)

Modoc County's greatest need as well as gap in services is the lack of and non-existence of shelter, safe and affordable, as well as permanent housing inventory. Our Whole Person Care (WPC) funds (set for release March 2020) will focus on building housing stock to begin to address are gap in resources. By purchasing dilapidated or foreclosure properties we can reasonably obtain and invest in inventory, renovate, improve our community appearance while meeting the housing needs in our communities.

# **HHAP Funding Plans and Coordination Funding Solutions**

Our first initiative will utilize the flexibility of WPC funding to purchase and renovate structures. This will address the gap in housing/shelter inventory that otherwise would not exist in Modoc County. Additional program improvements will provide and comprehensive approach to fundamental services through a multiple layers of funding (braided funding), as well as unduplicated expanded services to our eligible populations. The goal of this innovative approach is a streamlined delivery system for the greater good of our community. Our innovative solution based vision is to build upon our whole person system of care recognizing the complex needs of our most vulnerable populations. Whole person system of care is a vision of improved coordination of care, easy access to services, and improved health and wellness.

Modoc County plans to dedicate HHAP allocation to increase capacity, prevention/diversion services, expand and development of HMIS/CES system, and support administration services. HHAP allocation will expand prevention and diversion programs to promote permanent housing including rental assistance for Rapid Rehousing. In addition to prevention services, intensive case management and housing navigators will be utilized to access a multitude of services to quickly address wellness challenges. Engagement with landlord(s), including incentive services will be utilized to stabilize housing and solutions to prevent eviction. By addressing prevention and intervention strategies our goal is to maintain current housing and provide stabilization services as quickly as possible.

### **HHAP Target Population:**

Youth aging out of Foster Care	Aging Population and Children
Unaccompanied Homeless Youth	Youth Homeless Parents

### **HHAP Services:**

Prevention and Interventions of Homelessness	Intensive Case Management/Navigators
Prevention of Chronic Homelessness	Landlord Incentives

# **Partnerships**

Key Implementation	Organization Name	Contact Name and Title	Key Implementation Project
Agency or Department			Partners Services/Roles

Health Services Agency	Modoc County Mental Health Services  Modoc County Alcohol & Drug  Modoc County Public Health  Modoc County Behavioral Health	Stacy Sphar Interim Director (530) 233-6312	<ul> <li>County Mental Health Provider</li> <li>County Alcohol &amp; Drug Provider</li> <li>Stakeholder</li> <li>Direct service provider</li> <li>Referrals</li> <li>Modoc County Continuum of Care (CoC)</li> <li>Coordinated Patient care</li> <li>Data sharing</li> <li>Steering Committee</li> <li>Post criminal justice involved services</li> <li>Health screening</li> <li>Coordinated discharge planning</li> <li>Harm reduction outreach services for in custody inmates</li> </ul>
Hospital	Last Frontier Health Care District Dba Modoc Medical Center	Kevin Kramer Chief Executive Officer (530) 233-5883	<ul> <li>Coordinated Patient Care</li> <li>Coordinated discharge planning</li> <li>Hospital Authority</li> <li>Direct service provider</li> <li>Referrals</li> <li>Modoc County Continuum of Care (CoC)</li> <li>Coordinated Patient care</li> <li>Data sharing</li> </ul>
Modoc County Department of Social Services	Modoc County Department of Social Services Foster Youth Medical CalFresh Cash Assistance Programs APS CPS ILP	Kelly Crosby Director (530) 233-6501	<ul> <li>Lead Entity</li> <li>Whole Person Care Platform         Management</li> <li>Stakeholder</li> <li>Direct service provider</li> <li>Data sharing</li> <li>Referrals</li> <li>Modoc County Continuum of Care (CoC)</li> <li>Steering Committee</li> <li>Post criminal justice involved services</li> <li>Program Design and Implementation</li> </ul>
Modoc County Probation Department	Modoc County Probation Department	Kim Wills Chief Probation Officer (530) 233-6324	<ul> <li>Stakeholder</li> <li>Direct service provider</li> <li>Referrals</li> <li>Modoc County Continuum of Care (CoC)</li> <li>Data sharing</li> </ul>

Modoc County Sheriff's Office	Modoc County Sheriff Office	William "Tex" Dowdy Sheriff (530) 233-4416	<ul> <li>Steering Committee</li> <li>Post criminal justice involved services (warm handoff)</li> <li>Pre-trail release pilot program</li> <li>Correctional facility</li> <li>Data sharing</li> <li>Steering Committee</li> <li>Post incarceration coordination</li> <li>Referring agency</li> </ul>
Public Agency	City of Alturas	Jenn Anderson Planning Director (530) 233-2512	<ul> <li>City housing element</li> <li>Modoc County Continuum of Care (CoC)</li> </ul>
Community Based Organization  Training Employment And Community Help, Inc. (T.E.A.C.H., INC.)	T.E.A.C.H., INC.	Carol Madison Executive Director (530) 233-3111	<ul> <li>Community Based Organization</li> <li>Housing navigator</li> <li>Life Skills Workshops</li> <li>Community food bank</li> <li>Housing assistance</li> <li>Commodities</li> <li>Shelter</li> <li>Child care programs</li> <li>Data sharing</li> <li>Stakeholder</li> <li>Modoc County Continuum of Care (CoC)</li> <li>NorCal Continuum of Care</li> <li>Point-in-time count</li> <li>Steering Committee</li> <li>Disability Advocacy - SOAR</li> <li>Foster Family Agency</li> <li>In-Home Health Service Provider</li> <li>WPC Coordinator</li> <li>Adult Education</li> <li>Subsidized Child Care programs</li> <li>Transportation bus vouchers (medical appointments, dental appointments, and counseling appointments , only)</li> <li>Outreach for in custody inmates</li> <li>NA/AA Meetings</li> <li>Nurturing Parents Program</li> <li>Energy assistance</li> <li>Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program</li> </ul>
Community Partner 1	Sunrays of Hope Inc.	Sarah Bonderer President	Drop-in wellness center

Consumor	Concumor Door	(530) 233-9696	<ul> <li>Modoc County Continuum of Care,</li> <li>Consumer support system,</li> <li>Peer support groups,</li> <li>Encouraging wellness and recovery,</li> <li>Socialization,</li> <li>Recreation room,</li> <li>Arts and crafts</li> <li>Resource library and</li> <li>Computer access</li> <li>Safe and warm access</li> <li>Point in Time Count Partner</li> <li>Service link to homeless, and enabling services</li> </ul>
Consumer	Consumer Peer	Daisy	<ul><li>Community Member</li><li>Modoc County Continuum of Care</li></ul>

**Future Key Partnership Engagement Efforts** 

Surprise Valley Hospital	Local Dentist – Alturas Dental Care	Modoc County Schools
Local Tribes	County-Wide Rural Clinics	Law Enforcement
Landlord(s)	Employment – Workforce Development	Faith Based Community
Local Real Estate Agent		

## **Solutions to Address Homelessness**

Modoc County HHAP allocation (\$5,494.85) will provide prevention services targeted to prevent homelessness for the following targeted populations.

Population Served Number to be served

Youth	1
Aging seniors	1

Anticipated Measurable Outcomes Goal

Prevent at risk populations from becoming homeless	10%
Reduce Homelessness of Children	10%

### Gaps in Housing and Homeless Services:

Emergency Shelter	Affordable Housing					
Temporary Housing	Permanent Supportive Housing					
Rental Assistance Programs	Prevention/Intervention/Diversion Services					

By combining HHAP funds with Whole Person Care Pilot (WPC), CMSP (LINC Implementation Grant), Housing Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP), No Place Like Home (NPLC) we believe we have the best opportunity to address adverse effects of social determinants across our region.

Wraparound Services – Whole Person System of Care

Enhanced Case Management	System Navigator's	Care Coordination
Substance Abuse	Disability Benefit Advocacy	Care Coordination

Mental Health	Safe Discharge Plans	Harm Reduction Services
Therapy	Re-entry Criminal Justice System	Rental Assistance
Move-in Assistance	Facility Upgrades - Remodeling	Landlord Incentives
Prevention/Diversion/Intervention	Transition Housing	Temporary Housing
Domestic Violence	Legal Services	Dental Services
Employment Services	Housing Retention for Permanent	Volunteer and Mentoring
	Housing	

Modoc County will periodically conduct self-evaluations to identify any gaps with evidenced based practices such as Housing First to comply with HHAP, WPC, CMSP, HDAP, additional funding allocation(s) and/or grant opportunities requirements.



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

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

oC / Large City / County Name:	County of Modoc					]		Receiv			No			
dministrative Entity Name:	Modoc County Department of Social Services						Total Redirected Funding							-
LIHAP FUNDING EXPENDITURE PL	AN*					•								
ELIGIBLE U	SE CATEGORY		FY20/21	F۱	/21/22	F۱	/22/23	FY	23/24	FY	24/25			TOTAL
Rental Assistance	and Rapid Rehousing	\$	1,900.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		\$	1,900.00
Operating Subsi	idies and Reserves	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		\$	-
Landlord	Incentives			\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		\$	-
Outreach and Coordinati	ion (including employment)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		\$	-
Systems Support to Cre	eate Regional Partnerships	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		\$	-
Delivery of Per	rmanent Housing	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		\$	-
Prevention and Shelter Div	rersion to Permanent Housing	\$	2,901.90	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		\$	2,901.90
New Navigation Center	rs and Emergency Shelters	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		\$	-
trategic Homelessness Planning, Infrastruc	cture Development, CES, and HMIS (up to 5%)	\$	272.83	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		\$	272.83
Administrat	tive (up to 7%)	\$	381.96	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		\$	381.96
TOTAL FUNDING ALLOCATION										ON		\$	5,456.69	
			FY20/21	F۱	/21/22	FΥ	/22/23	FY	23/24	FY	24/25	ı		TOTAL
	ide (at least 8%)	\$	634.05	Ś	_	\$	_	\$	-	\$	_		\$	634.05

NED COE 1<sup>st</sup> District

PATRICIA CULLINS 2<sup>nd</sup> District

KATHIE RHOADS
3rd District

ELIZABETH CAVASSO 4th District

GERI BYRNE 5th District



TIFFANY MARTINEZ
CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

204 S. COURT STREET ALTURAS, CALIFORNIA 96101

(530) 233-6201 FAX (530) 233-2434

February 11, 2020

Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency 915 Capital Mall, Suite 350-A Sacramento, CA 95814

# Re: Letter of Support Modoc County Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Allocation

The Modoc County Board of Supervisors is writing this letter in support of the Modoc County Department of Social Services Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) funding application. We understand that the HHAP funding allocation may fund the following uses:

- Rental assistance and rapid rehousing;
- Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves;
- Incentives to landlords, including, but not limited to, security deposits and holding fees;
- 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;
- 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;
- Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions such as hotel and motel conversions;
- Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing; and
- New navigation centers and emergency shelters based on demonstrated need.

As a stakeholder, we acknowledge and agree to local and regional coordination and partnership, per Health and Safety Code 50219(a)(1). In order to support local coordination and partnership, we will attend regular meetings with the Modoc CoC to jointly plan and evaluate HHAP spending and projects. These regularly scheduled meetings will take place on a monthly basis at the Modoc CoC meetings.

We have reviewed and agree with how the Modoc CoC intends to spend their HHAP funds. The Modoc CoC's spending plan accurately addresses their share of the regional need to address homelessness.

Understanding the importance of local and regional coordination, we are dedicated to ensuring this collaboration will supplement the services and efforts provided by the use of HHAP funds.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Cavasso

Chair of the Board



**Last Frontier Healthcare** District A Public Entity

### **Chief Executive Officer**

Kevin Kramer

#### **Board Members**

Jim Cavasso Chair

Richard Steyer Vice Chair

Stacey Todd Secretary

Carol Madison Treasurer

> De Funk Member

Contact Information

### District

228 W. McDowell Avenue Alturas, CA 96101 (530) 233-7022

### Hospital

228 W. McDowell Avenue Alturas, CA 96101 (530) 233-5131

### Clinic

229 W. McDowell Avenue Alturas, CA 96101 (530) 233-7052

### Warnerview SNF

225 W. McDowell Avenue Alturas CA 96101 (530) 233-7066

### Physical Therapy

120 S. Main Street, Suite A Alturas, CA 96101 (530) 233-7054

### **Medical Staff**

228 W. McDowell Avenue Alturas, CA 96101 (530) 233-5131 ext. 1412

### **Last Frontier Pharmacy**

120 S. Main Street, Suite B Alturas, CA 96101 (530) 233-4884

www.modocmedicalcenter.org

February 14, 2020

Diane Fogle Program Manager Community House MODOC COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES 120 North Main Street Alturas, CA 96101

RE:

Homeless, Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Grant Application

The Last Frontier Healthcare District dba Modoc Medical Center (MMC) is writing this letter in support of the Modoc County Continuum of Care Advisory Board (Modoc CoC) for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) funding allocation. We understand that the HHAP funding allocation may fund the following items:

- Rental assistance and rapid rehousing.
- Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.
- Incentives to landlords, including, but not limited to, security deposits and holding
- 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.
- 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.
- Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions such as hotel and motel conversions.
- Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing.
- New navigation centers and emergency shelters based on demonstrated need.

As a partnering agency, we acknowledge and agree to support local and regional coordination and partnership, per Health and Safety Code 50219(a)(1). In order to support local coordination and partnership, we will attend regular meetings with the Modoc CoC to jointly plan and evaluate HHAP spending and projects. These regularly scheduled meetings will take place on a monthly basis at the Modoc CoC meetings.

We have reviewed and agree with how the Modoc CoC intends to spend their HHAP funds. The Modoc CoC's spending plan accurately addresses their share of the regional need to address homelessness.

Understanding the importance of local and regional coordination, we are dedicated to ensuring this collaboration will supplement the services and efforts provided by the use of HHAP funds.

Please do not hesitate to contact Edward Johnson, CNO at 530-233-7031 or via email at e.johnson@modocmedicalcenter.org if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely.

Kwin Kramer dw Kevin Kramer, CEO Modoc Medical Center

/dfb



112 East 2nd Street, Alturas, CA 96101 • (530) 233-3111 • FAX (530) 233-4744

February 10, 2020

Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency 915 Capital Mall, Suite 350-A Sacramento, CA 95814

# Re: Letter of Support Modoc County Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Allocation

Training, Employment, and Community Help, Inc. (T.E.A.C.H., Inc.) is writing this letter in support of the Modoc County Continuum of Care Advisory Board (Modoc CoC) for the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) funding allocation. We understand that the HHAP funding allocation may fund the following uses:

- Rental assistance and rapid rehousing;
- Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves;
- Incentives to landlords, including, but not limited to, security deposits and holding fees;
- 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;
- 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;
- Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions such as hotel and motel conversions;
- Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing; and
- New navigation centers and emergency shelters based on demonstrated need.

As a partnering agency, we acknowledge and agree to local and regional coordination and partnership, per Health and Safety Code 50219(a)(1). In order to support local coordination and partnership, we will attend regular meetings with the Modoc CoC to jointly plan and evaluate HHAP spending and projects. These regularly scheduled meetings will take place on a monthly basis at the Modoc CoC meetings.

We have reviewed and agree with how the Modoc CoC intends to spend their HHAP funds. The Modoc CoC's spending plan accurately addresses their share of the regional need to address homelessness.

Understanding the importance of local and regional coordination, we are dedicated to ensuring this collaboration will supplement the services and efforts provided by the use of HHAP funds.

Sincerely,

Carol Madison

Executive Director

Stacy Sphar, RN, BSN, PHN

Public Health Officer Edward P. Richert, MD

# Modoc County Department of Health Services

☐ Behavioral Health Phone (530) 233-6312

□ Public Health

☐ Environmental Health

or (530) 233-6319 Fax (530) 233-5754

Phone (530) 233-6311

Fax (530) 233-5754

Fax (530) 233-6342

Phone (530) 233-6310

Branch Directors Behavioral Health: Michael Traverso, MFT Acting Public Health: Tanya Schulz, RN, PHN, BSN Environmental Health: Warren Farnam, REHS

February 10, 2020

Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency 915 Capital Mall, Suite 350-A Sacramento, CA 95814

# Re: Letter of Support Modoc County Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Allocation

Modoc County Department of Health Services is writing this letter in support of the Modoc County Continuum of Care Advisory Board (Modoc CoC) for the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) funding allocation. We understand that the HHAP funding allocation may fund the following uses:

- Rental assistance and rapid rehousing;
- Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves;
- Incentives to landlords, including, but not limited to, security deposits and holding fees;
- 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:
- 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;
- Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions such as hotel and motel conversions;
- Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing; and
- New navigation centers and emergency shelters based on demonstrated need.

As a partnering agency, we acknowledge and agree to local and regional coordination and partnership. per Health and Safety Code 50219(a)(1). In order to support local coordination and partnership, we will attend regular meetings with the Modoc CoC to jointly plan and evaluate HHAP spending and projects. These regularly scheduled meetings will take place on a monthly basis at the Modoc CoC meetings.

We have reviewed and agree with how the Modoc CoC intends to spend their HHAP funds. The Modoc CoC's spending plan accurately addresses their share of the regional need to address homelessness. Understanding the importance of local and regional coordination, we are dedicated to ensuring this collaboration will supplement the services and efforts provided by the use of HHAP funds.

Interim Director of Health Services



February 11, 2020

To Whom it May Concern,

The NorCal Continuum of Care (NorCal CoC) is writing this letter in support of the County of Modoc (County) applying for the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) funding allocation. We understand that the HHAP funding allocation may fund the following uses:

- Rental assistance and rapid rehousing;
- Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves;
- Incentives to landlords, including, but not limited to, security deposits and holding fees;
- 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;
- 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;
- Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions such as hotel and motel conversions;
- · Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing; and
- New navigation centers and emergency shelters based on demonstrated need.

As a partnering agency, we acknowledge and agree to regional coordination and partnership, per Health and Safety Code 50219(a)(1). In order to support regional coordination and partnership, we will attend regular meetings with County representatives at the NorCal CoC to jointly plan and evaluate HHAP spending and projects. These regularly scheduled meetings will take place on a quarterly basis at the NorCal CoC local Advisory Board meetings and Executive Committee meetings.

We support the efforts of the County and the intent to spend their HHAP funds based on the approved uses for the funding. The allowable uses of the funds addresses many of the regional need to address homelessness.

Understanding the importance of regional coordination, we are dedicated to ensuring this collaboration will supplement the services and efforts provided by the use of HHAP funds.

Sincerely,

Melissa Janulewicz
Executive Board Chair
NorCal Continuum of Care