

Application Narrative-Trinity County

1. SUMMARY OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE CoC, LARGE CITY, OR COUNTY

To successfully complete this section, applicants must:

A. Submit their CoC's complete HUD Longitudinal System Assessment (LSA) from June 2018 – June 2019. Attached

B. Use the LSA data to provide (as defined by HUD):

1. Total number of households served in: (1) Emergency Shelter, Safe Haven and Transitional Housing, [0] (2) Rapid Rehousing [22], and (3) Permanent Supportive Housing [0].
2. Total number of disabled households served across all interventions [15].
3. Total number of households experiencing chronic homelessness served across all interventions [1].
4. Total number of 55+ households served across all interventions [3].
5. Total number of unaccompanied youth served across all interventions [3].
6. Total number of veteran households served across all interventions [4].
7. Number of individuals served across all interventions who were: (1) Female, [15] (2) Male, [16] (3) Transgender, [0] or (4) Gender Non-Conforming [0].
8. Total number individuals served across all interventions who were: (1) White, Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino [22] (only), (2) White, Hispanic/Latino [7] (only), (3) Black or African American [1] (only), (4) Asian [0] (only), (5) American Indian or Alaska Native [2] (only), (5) Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander [0] (only) or (6) Multiple races [0]

2. DEMONSTRATION OF REGIONAL COORDINATION

To successfully complete this section, applicants must provide:

A. Coordinated Entry System (CES) Information

For Large City and County applicants:

1. How do you coordinate with your CoC's CES? **Minimum funding and limited housing providers restrict the capacity of a truly viable CES system across the CoC. Within Trinity County, we will build capacity of the current system utilizing state funding to implement a Housing Supports Unit.**

Currently, the CES is fractured as a result of extremely limited funding and a lack of service providers across the entire CoC resulting in a system that cannot be implemented in the manner in which it was intended.

Moving forward, staff of the newly formed Housing Support Unit (HSU) will refer applicants to the Coordinated Entry System for assessment and prioritization at the administration office or at another access point in the County. When housing becomes available, the HSU will review the by name prioritization list to determine the next person to be placed in housing based on their vulnerability and program eligibility. The HSU staff sit on the Local Care Management Team which serves as the County's Coordinated Entry team decision making group which works, in tandem, to house and case manage the county's by name list and improve the coordinated entry system. This team continues to build capacity of the local housing system by conducting landlord engagement, outreach, implementation of housing programs and services and seeking grant funding to support the County's housing and service needs. The Local Care Management team coordinates resource referrals, case management, identifies gaps in services, evaluates programs and contributes to data collection through HMIS/CES.

Members of the Local Care Management Team participate in CoC activities and shares any details with the local stakeholders.

2. What, if any, are your jurisdiction's current challenges related to CES, and how do you plan to address these challenges? **Trinity County is one of three counties in the Dos Rios Continuum of Care; these counties are non-contiguous and more than two hours away from Trinity County in travel. Because the CES is CoC-wide and it is not realistic to transport homeless persons to another county to be placed in limited housing,**

Trinity County participates in the CoC-wide CES, but only works to place and house Trinity County residents. Limited housing across the CoC, lack of staff to transport and a lack of funds limits our ability to participate in a regional CES beyond using the CoC's HMIS/CES data tracking system.

With the recent influx of state funding for housing and homeless service provision, Trinity County will be able to add service providers, access points and build capacity of the local housing system. Funding also supports the expansion of staff to include a housing manager and housing navigator to serve as the outreach team to connect with both landlords and homeless persons, as well as to engage local community-based organizations and churches to become members of our Local Care Management team. Each of these efforts will have a significant impact to the use and capacity of the CES locally.

3. How do you promote the utilization of your CES?
 - a. Specifically, what outreach do you conduct to ensure all individuals experiencing homelessness in your jurisdiction, including those with multiple barriers, are aware of the CES assessment and referral process? **Current outreach efforts including street outreach by staff of Behavioral Health, Public Health, and the housing service provider. The priority for street outreach has been to target those frequent utilizers of public services-i.e.-chronically homeless, mentally ill, persons with drug/alcohol dependency, disabilities and poor health conditions which frequently land them in the county hospital or clinics. We are currently also conducting outreach to landlords/property owners to engage them in the incentives program in an effort to gain their trust and desire to rent/lease to homeless persons with multiple barriers and stability issues. The Trinity County Food Outreach program is a new member to our Local Care Management Team, and they will be collecting surveys from persons as part of outreach efforts to identify persons will housing or service needs.**

B. Prioritization Criteria

1. What are the criteria used to prioritize assistance for people experiencing homelessness in your jurisdiction? **Points are assigned in the VI-SPDAT in the following criteria to determine a participant's prioritization for assistance:**
 - A. A History of Homelessness-1 or more years of consecutive homelessness or 4 or more episodes of homeless**
 - B. Health Risks-in the prior 6 months, did the participant experience a health care risk, emergency room visit,**

ambulance to hospital, domestic violence assault, victim of a crime or stayed in jail/drunk tank

C. Public Risk-was the participant beaten up or tried to commit harm to themselves as a result of being homeless

D. Risky Behaviors-was the participant forced to do things they didn't want to do, or did they engage in risky behaviors such as sex for money, run drugs, share a needle, etc.

E. Daily Functioning-does the participant owe money to a landlord, the IRS or another entity; does the participant receive money for working; happiness about meaningful daily activity; ability to self-care; are social relationships stable or are they the cause for homelessness

F. Physical Health-did the participant's physical health result in an eviction from a housing or shelter program; does the participant have chronic health issues of vital organs or have HIV/AIDS; do physical disabilities limit the type of housing the participant can access; participant avoids getting help when sick; is pregnant

G. Substance Use-did the participant's use of drugs or alcohol result in being kicked out of a housing program or housing placement

H. Mental Health-has the participant been kicked out a housing program as result of a head injury, mental health concern, a learning or developmental disability or is unable to live independently because of the mental health or brain issue

I. Medications-does the participant skip taking prescribed medications or sells medications that were prescribed

J. Abuse & Trauma-has homelessness been caused by an experience of emotional, physical, sexual or other type of abuse, or by any other trauma you have experienced

2. How is CES, pursuant to 24 CFR 578.8(a)(8) used for this process?
The CES is easy for people to access through four access points across the county; the system identifies and assesses a person's needs using the VI-SPDAT and make prioritization decisions based upon those needs. The CES helps intake specialists prioritize assistance based on vulnerability and severity of service needs to ensure that people who need assistance the most can receive it in a timely manner.

C. Coordination of Regional Needs

1. How have you coordinated with your partnering CoC, large city (if applicable), and/or county to identify your share of the regional need to address homelessness?

Trinity County is a non-contiguous partner to a three-county CoC that is far spread and a long-distance away from one another. Because it is unrealistic for Trinity County to place homeless persons in housing that is over two hours away from our client's support systems/jobs, we utilize the local CES to prioritize and house only our Trinity County homeless. This approach addresses our share of the regional population of homeless persons. Within the County's Homeless Plan, the County has identified the strategies and objectives that the County is putting into action to reduce the number of homeless by expanding resources, housing stock and through the establishment of a Local Care Management Team. These actions will ensure that Trinity County is addressing the numbers of homeless that are identified as their share.

2. What is your identified share of this need, and how will the requested funds help your jurisdiction meet it?
Although the population in Trinity County is less than half that of our CoC partner counties, we have a larger homeless population than Colusa County and a slightly smaller homeless population than Glenn County. If you compare our January 2019 PIT count to the number of homeless that Trinity County has in the summer months, we exceed the homeless statistics for both Glenn and Colusa Counties. Our January 2019 Count was 81, but our summer count is often over 150.
With HHAP and other state funds, Trinity County is establishing a Housing Supports Unit and are hiring a Housing Program Manager and Housing Navigator to convene, coordinate and collaborate across all providers, systems and networks in the County. Our goal is to serve 15 identified chronically homeless in the first year of the program; thus, reducing our target population by 20%.

D. Creating Sustainable, Long Term Housing Solutions

1. How is your jurisdiction involved in the efforts to create sustainable, long-term housing solutions for people experiencing homelessness across your region?
Trinity County is working on an update to our Housing Element, we are updating our zoning codes and re-zoning available land to R3 for multi-family housing, and we are implementing a capital development project in the next two years, constructing approximately 30 units of affordable housing for seriously mentally ill persons, veterans and families. The County has secured a developer that will work with the County to apply for

grant funding to complete additional phases of the affordable housing project.

Through the establishment of the Housing Supports Unit, the case staffing, team decision making and “working through” the CES by name list, will be more formal and transparent while continuing to strengthen the existing system.

3. RESOURCES ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

To successfully complete this section, all applicants must answer the following questions:

A. Existing Programs and Resources

1. Provide an exhaustive list of all funds (including the program and dollar amount) that your jurisdiction currently uses to provide housing and homeless services for homeless populations.

This list should include (where applicable), but not be limited to:

- a. Federal Funding
ESG-\$127,595
- b. State Funding
NPLH-\$500,000
SB 2 (Planning)-\$160,000
REAP (Planning)-\$65,000
LEAP (Planning)-\$60,582
Whole Person Care-\$279,560
HEAP-\$200,000
CESH-\$364,255
CalWORKs HSP-\$200,000
- c. Local Funding
NA

2. How are these resources integrated or coordinated with applicants from overlapping jurisdictions (i.e. CoC, large city, and/or county)?

Logistically, Trinity County is an isolated County more than two hours from our CoC partner counties; therefore, our resources are allocated for services within Trinity County. As there are no incorporated cities within our jurisdiction, all resources are spent within the jurisdiction of Trinity County.

3. What gaps currently exist in housing and homeless services for homeless populations in your jurisdiction?
 - **Trinity County has a complete lack of housing stock across the jurisdiction, so much so that we can't attract workforce labor because they cannot locate a place to live.**
 - **With respect to the options for homeless persons we do not have an established graduated system of placement. The county does not have a cold weather shelter or an emergency shelter, so we are forced to place persons in motel rooms which is a costly, short-term fix.**
 - **The County, through its CoC, is not eligible for Continuum of Care/HUD funding so we are not afforded any Permanent Supportive Housing funds for long-term, sustainable housing options.**
 - **There are only two, small affordable housing developments across the entire county and both are targeted for seniors and disabled persons. No cost reasonable housing available.**
 - **The Trinity County Behavioral Health Department cannot fill behavioral health and substance use disorder counselor positions to help staff the homeless cases; potential applicants can't locate a place to live and can't afford to commute over an hour as the position pays less than neighboring counties and commuting is cost-prohibitive**
 - **No County/local funding available for homeless service provision**

B. HHAP Funding Plans

1. Explain, in detail, how your jurisdiction plans to use the full amount of HHAP funds (including the youth set-aside) and how it will complement existing funds to close the identified gaps in housing and homeless services for the homeless population in your jurisdiction.

Trinity County proposes to create and hire a Housing Coordinator/Navigator position that will be instrumental in conducting outreach and engagement efforts with both landlords and the target population as part of the Housing Supports Unit (HSU). The Housing Coordinator will be instrumental in conducting outreach efforts to the homeless population and then linking those individuals to service providers to provide housing and supportive services by leveraging other program funds across the County. Youth identified as having a need for housing will be linked to the youth prevention and intervention programs through the Human

Response Network (HRN) which includes employment, food bank and supportive services. HHAP funding will be set aside for rental assistance or other housing solutions.

The HSU will also have a Housing Program Manger that will be focused on securing/leveraging funding, convening stakeholders, developing plans/policies/procedures, and building local capacity and infrastructure.

The HSU will convene the essential stakeholders (Local Care Management Team) and develop a release of information that is acceptable to all service providers; establish a resource and referral system for the target population; purchase HMIS licenses and conduct training; hold regular stakeholder/CES meetings to strength and expand the existing local care management team; recruit and hire another intensive case manager at Behavioral Health; establish the HSU's policies and procedures which will serve as the guiding documents for the local care management team.

2. How will you ensure that HHAP funded projects will align and comply with the core components of Housing First as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code § 8255(b)?

The primary goal of the HSU is to utilize the staffing capacity and resources of the Local Care Management team to quickly house persons in available housing and to then provide a comprehensive array of wrap-around services; all of which will be documented in the CES/HMIS system. Currently, the County is working on a master lease program to ensure that there are maximum housing options for persons that may be actively using. The County utilizes the CES to promote housing placement based on vulnerability, chronic homeless status and frequent utilization of crisis services. No one will be rejected from the CES based on financial history, criminal convictions, use of alcohol or drugs or any other barrier to permanent housing. The Local Care Management team meets monthly to discuss the by name list and to staff those cases that are not promptly placed in housing; this ensures that housing selection practices are upheld at every access point.

4. PARTNERS ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

To successfully complete this section, all applicants must answer the following questions:

A. Collaborating Partner Efforts

Please note: per [Program Guidance](#), page 9, collaborative partners, at a minimum, should include representatives of local homeless service providers, homeless youth programs, law enforcement, behavioral health, county welfare departments, city and county public officials, educators, workforce development, community clinics, health care providers, public housing authorities, and people with lived experience. If any of these partnerships are not currently active in your jurisdiction, please address in question #3 below.

1. Describe, in detail, the collaborative partners who will be working with you on identified HHAP projects and how you will be partnering with them.

The County has an established Local Care Management Team (LCM) that consists of all local stakeholders and includes Behavioral Health, Health & Human Services, Public Health, Probation, Sheriff's Office, County Administration, Board of Supervisors, Ministerial Association, Human Response Network, Weaverville Ministerial Association, Golden Age Center, Northern Valley Indian Health, Weaverville Health Clinic, Hayfork Health Clinic, Trinity Food Bank, Trinity Food Outreach, Trinity Unified School District, Trinity Alps School District, Adult Protective Services, Public Guardian, First 5 Trinity and local community advocates. Currently, these collaborative partners are building the infrastructure of the Local Care Management Team, sharing resources, forms, tools and concepts that will expand the capacity of the system to address the needs of our most hard to serve residents. Depending on the person entering an access point, and what they have identified as a need, the LCM will be put into action to respond to those needs and develop a case plan that will be shared across the team to ensure that no one falls through the cracks and receives the services necessary to progress them forward towards self-sufficiency and improved health.

2. Describe any barriers that you experience in partnering, and how you plan to address them.

The only barrier is not having representation and partnership from local property owners/landlords on the Local Care Management Team, but the HSU staff will be working on that as a priority. A lack of financial resources and limited service providers has tempered a fractured system; however, the County stakeholders realize that increased revenue will reinforce service expansion and the potential for broad-scale success.

Even given the strong commitment from our local collaborative partners to strive to address the complex problem of homelessness, there are typical challenges that include:

- A lack of capacity, resources and staff time necessary to coordinate and collaborate across multiple systems
- Diverse systems that have a strong connection to the homeless population, but also serve a much broader purpose and population
- A universal release of information approved by public agencies and private providers that is HIPAA compliant yet allows for functionality and team decision making necessary for a successful CES system
- Limited expertise and capacity to coordinate the local CoC (Trinity is part of a larger, non-contiguous 3 County CoC), when the CoC lead entity is geographically distanced

3. *If no collaborative partners have not been identified at time of application, describe the collaborative process of how you intend to include new and existing partners on HHAP projects.*

As cited above, the Local Care Management Team, and, eventually, the HSU, will be responsible for conducting outreach and engagement of landlords to engage them in the goals of the Local Care Management Team to reduce the homeless population and improve health outcomes.

5. SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

To successfully complete this section:

Applicants that Submitted a Strategic Plan for CESH must:

- Identify the measurable goals set in your CESH Strategic Plan and explain, in detail, which of these goals HHAP funding will directly impact and by how much.

Goal 1-B: Invest in Outreach and Engagement

Goal 1-C: Implement the CES as a means of prioritizing housing for chronically homeless persons with the highest needs

Goal 2-A: Strengthen and build the capacity of our local community to improve quality of life by enhancing health, supportive services, skills development and other services to improve long-term outcomes.

Program Component	Estimated Number of Persons Served	Project Outcomes
Landlord Incentives	2	2 homeless Individuals successfully housed as a result of landlord capacity building
Youth Homeless Prevention/Rehousing	2	100% housed
Strengthen the Local Housing Support System-hire a housing navigator & manager	2	2 individuals served as a result of homeless outreach and engagement efforts
Rapid Rehousing (using leveraged funds)	15	50% housed

Please note: Per HSC § 50219(a)(6), all applicants' measurable goals must include the number of individuals they intend to serve, and the number of individuals they intend to successfully place in permanent housing with HHAP funding.

Applicants that did not Submit a Strategic Plan for CESH must:

- Identify clear, measurable goals that HHAP will be expected to achieve in your jurisdiction.

Examples:

- Decrease the percent of our jurisdiction's total homeless population that is unsheltered by 10 percentage points annually (baseline of 65% from 2018).

- Reduce the number of people who become homeless for the first time across our jurisdiction by 20% annually (baseline of 2,000 households from 2018)
- Increase the percent of successful shelter exits into permanent housing by 5 percentage points annually (baseline of 60%).

Please note: Per HSC § 50219(a)(6) all applicants' measurable goals must include the number of individuals they intend to serve, and the number of individuals they intend to successfully place in permanent housing with HHAP funding.



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

APPLICANT INFORMATION

CoC / Large City / County Name:	County of Trinity	Receiving Redirected Funds? Y/N	No
Administrative Entity Name:	Trinity County Administration	Total Redirected Funding	\$ -

HHAP FUNDING EXPENDITURE PLAN*

ELIGIBLE USE CATEGORY	FY20/21	FY21/22	FY22/23	FY23/24	FY24/25	TOTAL
Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 3,450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,900.00
Operating Subsidies and Reserves	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Landlord Incentives	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
Outreach and Coordination (including employment)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Systems Support to Create Regional Partnerships	\$ 19,428.58	\$ 19,426.00	\$ 19,426.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58,280.58
Delivery of Permanent Housing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Prevention and Shelter Diversion to Permanent Housing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
New Navigation Centers and Emergency Shelters	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Strategic Homelessness Planning, Infrastructure Development, CES, and HMIS (up to 5%)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Administrative (up to 7%)	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,968.00	\$ 1,967.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,035.09
TOTAL FUNDING ALLOCATION						\$ 86,215.67
	FY20/21	FY21/22	FY22/23	FY23/24	FY24/25	TOTAL
Youth Set-Aside (at least 8%)	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 3,450.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,900.00

*Narrative should reflect details of HHAP funding plan

COMMENTS:

FINAL



TRINITY COUNTY

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January 10, 2020

Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency
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Re: HHAP Local Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern:

The Trinity County Administration Office is pleased to submit this letter of support for the local Homeless, Housing Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) application for new funding to provide homeless prevention, housing navigation essential case management support services to Trinity County's most needy citizens.

The County of Trinity is committed to establishing a Housing Support Unit (HSU) to serve as the local lead for homeless service coordination and collaboration. The HSU will recruit and hire a Housing Coordinator/Navigator to conduct outreach and engagement with both the homeless population and local landlords. This unit will serve as a coordinated entry access point and will convene all local service providers regularly to improve the local coordinated entry system to ensure timely housing placement or prevention for those at risk.

Eligible HHAP uses align with the local priorities found in the County's Homeless Plan and include those listed below. These priorities are the focus of the HSU, in partnership with our local stakeholder's committee, which serves as the local homeless taskforce.

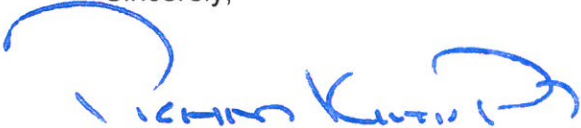
- 1) Support for countywide Coordinated Entry System including:
 - a. Street Outreach: establishment of street outreach services that will work to engage persons and families living on the street or in encampments and link persons to shelter and housing programs
 - b. Housing Navigation Services: HSU will work with homeless individuals and families in gathering eligibility documentation and linking to eligible services and housing programs
 - c. Housing Locator & Engagement Services: HSU will develop relationships with landlords and property owners and identify housing opportunities for persons who are homeless; identify new landlord partners
- 2) Homeless Prevention & Diversion Services
- 3) Supportive Services: housing-focused, engaging services focused on helping tenants remain housing and linking them to desired programs and services to support housing retention. Services will support the most vulnerable households in achieving their housing goals.
- 4) Flexible Housing Subsidies and Rental Assistance

HHAP funding will be leveraged to establish the County's first housing coordinator position and Housing Support Unit which plays a vital role in our countywide effort to end and prevent

homelessness, and to ensure that our residents have the resources that they need to transition from homeless to long-term sustainable housing.

Trinity County Administration offers its full support for the Housing Support Unit HHAP application. I am confident that the grant funds will serve homeless and at-risk persons while continuing to strengthen our collective efforts to end chronic homelessness throughout Trinity County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Kuhns". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and a flourish at the end.

Richard Kuhns
County Administrative Officer



Colusa-Glenn-Trinity Community Action Partnership

Administered by the
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February 10, 2020

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Dear Funder:

The Colusa-Glenn-Trinity Action partnership wishes to express its support of the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) to be launched by the Trinity County should funding be awarded. Colusa Glenn Trinity Action partnership acknowledges that Trinity County spending plan accurately addresses their share of the regional need to address homelessness.

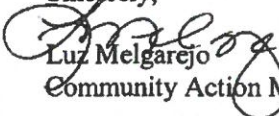
HHAP Grant funding will be dedicated to providing evidence-based solutions that address and prevent homelessness in Trinity County through proposes to create and hiring a Housing Coordinator/Navigator position that will be instrumental in conducting outreach and engagement efforts with both landlords and the target population as part of the Housing Supports Unit (HSU). The HSU will also have a Housing Program Manger that will be instrumental in securing/leveraging funding, convening stakeholders, developing plans/policies/procedures, and building local capacity and infrastructure.

The Colusa-Glenn Trinity Action Partnership provides easier access to temporary housing, permanent housing and housing vouchers and will assist vulnerable populations in accessing permanent housing and promote housing stability in supportive housing. In addition, Colusa-Glenn-Trinity Action partnership does housing rehabilitation loans to eligible property owners who need to comply with locally adopted housing standards. Reducing the cost of ongoing and future maintenance costs and thus preserving safe, decent affordable housing.

Colusa-Glenn-Trinity Action partnership will be able to support Trinity County by with continued support with the administration of Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) as we are the lead agency as required. Also continue to work together under this important mission.

We believe the alliance between Trinity County and Colusa-Glenn-Trinity Action Partnership is a natural fit with Trinity County's goal to reduce homelessness and struggles of low income families to maintain permanent housing. The Colusa-Glenn-Trinity Partnership outreach and targeted assistance concept aligns with the intent and goals the HHAP Governing board, and is conducive to the achievement of successful outcomes within the focus areas of HHAP. It is because of this close working relationship that we acknowledge and agree to regional coordination and partnership, per Health and Safety Code 50219(a)(1).

Sincerely,


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January 10, 2020

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Re: HHAP Local Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern:

The Trinity County Health & Human Services Department is pleased to submit this letter of support for the local Homeless, Housing Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) application for new funding to establish the Housing Support Unit (HSU) which will provide homeless prevention, housing navigation, and essential case management support services to Trinity County's most needy citizens.

Trinity County is a very small and extremely rural County with unique challenges and our residents must travel out of County for services due to a lack of capacity and resources within the County. With HHAP funding, the County will be better equipped to navigate our residents through housing identification and relocation, assist with employment search or make referrals to supportive services such as behavioral health and intensive case management.

The County of Trinity is committed to establishing a Housing Support Unit (HSU) to serve as the local lead for homeless service coordination and collaboration. The HSU will serve as the local convener of the stakeholder's committee, aka the local homeless taskforce. The HSU will also drive improvement in our local HMIS data integrity and the coordinated entry system by coordinating health care service providers, housing service providers, public agencies and private non-profits into taskforce decision making and case management. The Trinity County Health & Human Services Department plays a pivotal role in the homeless taskforce and is able to bring expertise and funding to support the HSU's efforts across the County.

Partnerships are key to all that we have achieved thus far; and the Health & Human Services Department offers its full support and partnership to the efforts of the HSU and the County HHAP application. I am confident that the grant funds will serve an underserved population of homeless and at-risk persons that may continue to be underserved if it were not for new grant funding made available for homeless populations/services.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Letty Garza.

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January 10, 2020

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The Behavioral Health Department is committed to providing support behavioral health and substance and other drug services to the homeless and at-risk populations and we welcome a streamlined and more thorough approach to cross-departmental service provision.

Partnerships are key to all that we have achieved thus far; and the Behavioral Health Services Department offers its full support and partnership to the efforts of the HSU and the County HHAP application. I am confident that the grant funds will go a long way to improve health outcomes of an underserved population of homeless and at-risk persons across the County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Connie Cessna-Smith".

Connie Cessna-Smith
Director

January 10, 2020

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

Re: HHAP Local Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern:

The Trinity County Public Health Department is pleased to submit this letter of support for the local Homeless, Housing Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) application for funding to establish a Housing Support Unit (HSU). The HSU will serve as the lead entity responsible for strengthening the Trinity County Homeless Crisis Response System through outreach and engagement, client centered services, data collection and analysis and shared visioning.

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The Trinity County Public Health Department is committed to participating in solutions that will have a positive impact on our county's frequent utilizers of public services; typically, those involve our residents with serious mental illness, and persons who are homeless and lack sufficient resources to adequately take care of their own needs. The Public Health Department serves as the County's lead entity for the Health Systems Collaborative which is the collective impact body that addresses social determinants of health, health equity, and trauma informed care, which is a significant component of a crisis response system.

Partnerships and a collective approach to complex issues is key to all that we have achieved thus far; and the Public Health Department offers its full support and partnership to the efforts of the HSU and the County HHAP application. I am confident that the grant funds will go a long way to improve health outcomes and meet the needs of an underserved population of homeless and at-risk persons across the County.

Sincerely,



Marcie Jo Cudziol RN, PHN, MPA
Public Health Nursing Director



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Sincerely,



Tim Rogers

Trinity County Probation Department
Chief Probation Officer



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Re: HHAP Local Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern:


The Trinity and Hayfork Community Health Clinics are pleased to submit this letter of support for the local Homeless, Housing Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) application for new funding to establish the Housing Support Unit (HSU) which will provide homeless prevention, housing navigation, and essential case management support services to Trinity County's most needy citizens.

The need for comprehensive care is significant in small rural communities, as well there are a considerable number of individuals and families facing tremendous difficulty in finding and maintaining suitable housing for their families resulting in a barrier to improved health outcomes and frequent utilization of public services. With the development of the HSU, the County will be able to assist with the elimination of barriers and aiding those persons who have difficulty helping themselves; this is a local priority identified in our current homeless plan.

The local community health clinics, and the members of the Trinity County Stakeholders Committee (homeless taskforce), are committed to developing a Housing and Supports Unit that will serve as a coordinated entry point for the target population to access all services available in the County, including housing. The stakeholders will target the frequent utilizers of public services which tend to be those that are uninsured, have complex health/behavioral health needs, have been released from incarceration and lack housing stability (homeless). The planning grant funding will assist the County in determining the best approach to engage the target population by building capacity across our Coordinated Entry System and by strengthening our existing services and supports system.

The Trinity and Hayfork Community Health Clinics agrees and is committed to working with the Stakeholders Committee and the HSU, and its partners, to meet the needs of individuals experiencing barriers in improving their overall health and locating sustainable housing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary G. Cole". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mary Cole
Manager of Clinics
Trinity Community Health Clinic
Hayfork Community Health Clinic