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Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 1:39 PM
To: Veronica Ortiz-De Anda
Cc: Thai Hilton
Subject: Fw: HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) American Rescue Plan (ARP) Draft Allocation Plan Now Available!

EXTERNAL

Hi Veronica,

Maybe a question more than a public comment: Are you able to talk about the thought process behind the decision not to use CES as the referral process for applicable projects funded through this plan? I noticed that section was left "N/A" and didn't see anything describing why.

Thank you!



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To: Veronica Ortiz-De Anda
Subject: FW: Public Comment from the Continuum of Care regarding the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

From: Dave Kiff <Dave.Kiff@sonoma-county.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 1:10 PM
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Subject: Public Comment from the Continuum of Care regarding the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Dear Rhonda –

Thank you for the opportunity for the Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC) to provide formal comment to the Sonoma County Community Development Commission's (SC CDC) Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. As chair and co-chair of the CoC's Funding and Evaluation Committee, we were authorized by the Board on January 25, 2023 to provide input to you and your team.

We appreciate the chance to collaborate further within the Allocation Plan ("Plan") to help address the needs of the unhoused and precariously housed in Sonoma County.

First, we are excited that much of the proposed allocations on Page 22 of the Plan are consistent with the CoC's 2023-2027 Homelessness Strategic Plan, specifically the emphasis on Supportive Services, non-congregate shelter expansion, and the development of more affordable rental housing. Thank you for that close alignment there.

Our specific comments include:

1. In the **Development of Affordable Rental Housing** use category, please consider further directing the funds within that category to permanent supportive housing (PSH) as much as possible. If our region is to add 1,000 more PSH units over five years, this funding should be directed towards projects that add more PSH to our local inventories. We recommend that funds allocated here be closely monitored regularly (such as every 18-24 months) for projects that are in the housing pipeline and that have gone through the CD Committee (including to review for readiness). Where a project does not seem viable or ready upon review, we recommend that the funds be reconsidered at that time for reallocation to supportive services or non-congregate shelter if deemed viable.
2. In the **Supportive Services** use category, we're appreciative of the Plan's affirmation of the need for stronger supportive services. We respectfully suggest that funds within this line item be used to enhance case management and supportive services for any homeless project type that would assist unhoused clients obtain permanent housing (PH), including Rapid Rehousing and PSH. Services should be housing-focused, helping individuals and families attain PH and long-term housing sustainability.

Thank you again for this opportunity for the Continuum of Care to provide public comment on the Allocation Plan.

Sincerely,

Teddie Pierce
Dennis Pocekay
Chair and Vice-Chair of the Funding and Evaluation Committee