

**Sonoma County  
Community  
Development  
Commission**



# No Place Like Home Plan and Acceptance of Noncompetitive Allocation

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# No Place Like Home Program

- \$2 Billion statewide for development of permanent supportive housing
- Program serves persons with severe mental illness who are homeless, chronically homeless or at risk of chronic homelessness
- Noncompetitive vs. Competitive Funds
- Successful first round: \$22 million for 114 units:
  - Burbank Housing's Caritas Homes (74 units)
  - DanCo Communities (50 units)



# No Place Like Home Plan

- Requirement for Noncompetitive allocation of \$3,935,834
- This Plan meets requirements to secure Sonoma County's Noncompetitive allocation
- After the Noncompetitive allocation is accepted, further consultation will occur with both Home Sonoma County and the Board of Supervisors.

# Broad Consultation

- Department of Health Services

*Behavioral Health Division*

*Public Health Division*

*Whole Person Care Team*

*Consumers of Mental Health Services*

- Health Care for Homeless Collaborative
- Clinical Health Care Providers
- NAMI Sonoma County/family caregivers

- Community Development Commission

*Ending Homelessness Team*

*Neighborhood Investments Team*

*Rental Assistance Team*

- Home Sonoma County Technical Advisory Committee
- Probation Department
- Criminal Justice Providers
- Human Services Department



# Challenges Identified

- Housing crisis, exacerbated by the 2017 fire disaster
- Local government revenue is insufficient to fully fund safety net and justice services
- Consumers experience fragmented, duplicative service delivery
- Inadequate public transportation
- Coordinated Entry System in early stages of implementation
- New State definition, “at risk of chronic homelessness,” misaligned with federal definitions and funding eligibility.



# Encouraging Progress

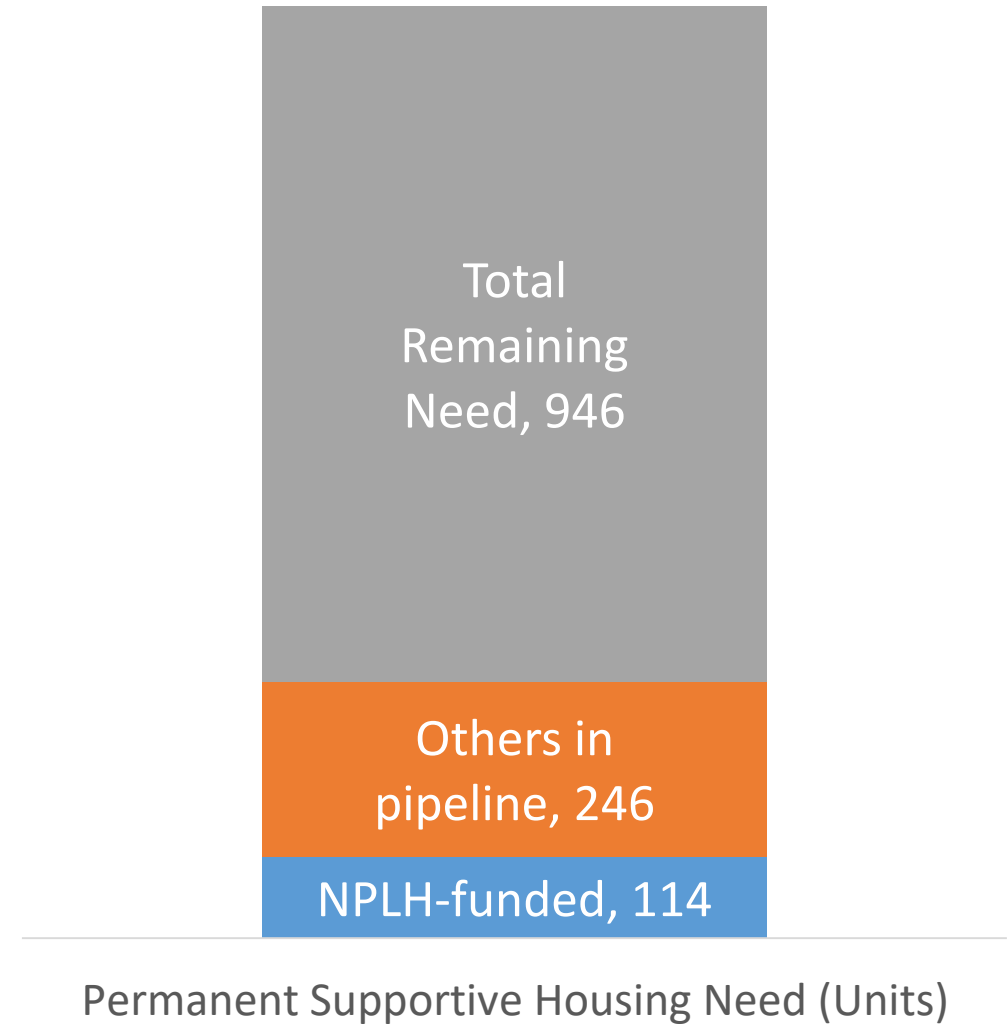


- ACCESS Sonoma Initiative
  - Eliminating barriers between protected data systems
  - Better serving the County's most vulnerable residents
- Robust efforts to prevent criminalization of homelessness and address service gaps through Mentally Ill Offender Task Force
- 1,070 existing permanent supportive housing beds

# Need for Permanent Supportive Housing

Based on 2018 Homeless Count data, and system utilization and vulnerability data, the Commission estimates 1,306 more units of permanent supportive housing are needed.

- 114 units supported with recent No Place Like Home competitive awards
- 246 more units are in the housing pipeline
- 946 additional units needed





# Key Goals and Strategies

- Continually increase coordination
  - Build Home Sonoma County
  - Expand ACCESS Sonoma Initiative
- Geographic equity: homeless housing & services in underserved communities
- Expand homeless access to rental assistance
- Address service gaps
  - Mentally Ill Offender Task Force
- Training to become a client centered system of care
- Use peer navigators to ensure cultural competency





# Recommended Actions

- Accept the No Place Like Home Plan, a required submission for acceptance of the No Place Like Home Non-Competitive Allocation.
- Adopt a resolution authorizing the Commission to enter into, execute, and deliver documents required to be awarded the No Place Like Home Noncompetitive Allocation Award Documents.