



Annual Contract Approval for Homeless Programs and Continuum of Care Programs

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HUD Continuum of Care CoC Background

- Continuum of Care (CoC) is a regional or local planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals.
- Purpose of a CoC is to plan, organize and deliver housing and services to meet the specific needs of homeless persons as they move to stable housing and maximize self-sufficiency, preventing a return to homelessness.
- In 1995, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) required communities to submit a single application for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants to streamline the funding application process, encourage coordination of housing and service providers on a local level, and promote the development of Continuums of Care (CoCs).



Continuum of Care Sonoma County CoC

- Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC) is designed to function as the HUD designated “Continuum of Care”—the local body implementing policies & plans to end homelessness.
- Sonoma County’s CoC is governed by a fifteen-member Board responsible for oversight of funds designated to the Continuum of Care. The Board consists of local elected officials, nonprofit representatives, subject matter experts, and individuals with lived homeless experience.
- The CDC serves as the CoC lead agency and has acted in this role since the inception of CoC planning activities in 1997.

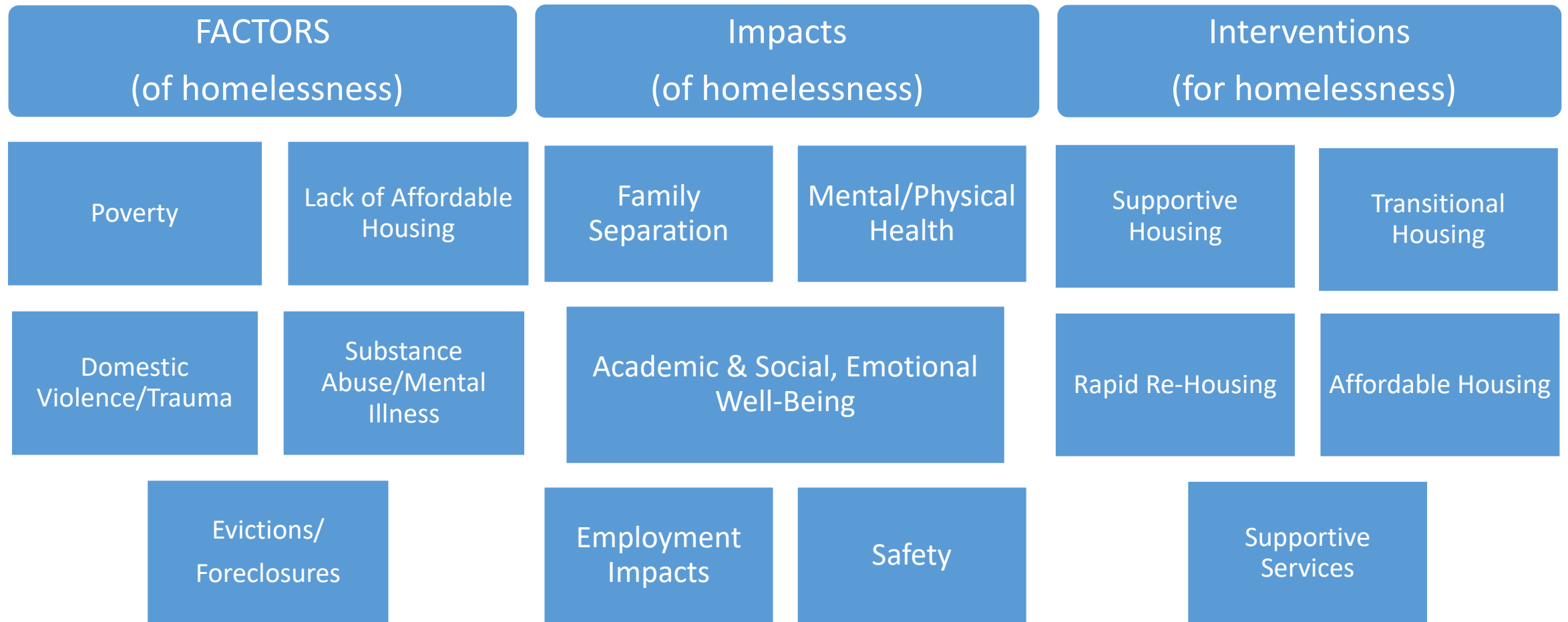


Continuum of Care Sonoma County CoC

- One of most important activities of the CoC is the PIT count of the homeless population and an annual enumeration of emergency systems, transitional housing units, and beds that make up the homeless assistance systems.
- The Continuum of Care Awards (Contracts) serve as the annual system of care seeking to provide services, offering prevention strategies, housing and homeless assistance programs to assist those at-risk of or experiencing homelessness.



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The Goal of the CoC is to achieve Functional Zero homelessness in Sonoma County. The system of care program through the Continuum of Care Awards is designed to accomplish the following objectives:

- Promote a community-wide commitment to ending homelessness
- Provide funding for efforts to quickly re-house homeless minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness
- Promote access to and effective use of mainstream programs
- Optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness



Continuum of Care

Functional zero can only be achieved by efficiently operating a homeless services system that has an appropriate mixture of housing resources to which participants can exit.



Continuum of Care

Recognition that funds administered by the CoC comprise only a portion of the homeless services system. To achieve optimal results, these funds must be coupled with an approach that brings additional investments as demonstrated in this board item along with greater collaboration and creative interventions in order to move homeless persons along the housing continuum...



2020 HUD Continuum of Care Awards

- Each year the CDC has submitted annual consolidated funding applications to HUD in partnership with up to a dozen local non-profits.
- Continuum of Care funding awards are made through a national competition in which up to twenty local homeless services projects are submitted together.
- These projects will potentially provide permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing to 237 homeless persons.



2020 HUD Continuum of Care Awards

- The total award for the Continuum of Care was **\$4,103,914** for the eighteen **(18)** projects.
- Of this, **\$1,875,253** is designated directly to eight **(8)** CDC projects.



Continuum of Care Awards

CA-504 Sonoma County CoC FY 2020 Grant amounts

#	Project name		2020 Grant	Project Type	# of beds
1	CoC planning Project		\$116,030	Administrative	N/A
2	Catholic Charities Permanent Supportive Housing Santa Rosa 2		\$632,281	Permanent Supportive Housing	20
3	Community Based Permanent Supportive Housing		\$287,899	Permanent Supportive Housing	16
4	Coordinated Intake Expansion	CDC	\$349,991	Administrative	N/A
5	HMIS Expansion 2019	CDC	\$139,250	Administrative	N/A
6	Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) expansion	CDC	\$187,907	Administrative	N/A
7	Mill Street Supportive Housing		\$96,255	Permanent Supportive Housing	8
8	Reach For Home North County RRH		\$210,477	Rapid Rehousing	17
9	Rental Assistance-Chronically Homeless Persons with Mental Illness	CDC	\$116,337	Permanent Supportive Housing	9
10	Rental Assistance-Homeless with Chronic Health Problems	CDC	\$252,098	Permanent Supportive Housing	10

#	Project name		2020 Grant	Project Type	# of beds
11	Rental Assistance- Persons with HIV/AIDS	CDC	\$634,414	Permanent Supportive Housing	60
12	Rental Assistance-Youth with Disabilities	CDC	\$79,226	Permanent Supportive Housing	12
13	Samaritan FACT		\$107,138	Permanent Supportive Housing	6
14	Sanctuary Villas		\$62,324	Permanent Supportive Housing	5
15	Sonoma SCIL		\$262,217	Permanent Supportive Housing	12
16	Sponsor Based Rental Assistance		\$253,256	Permanent Supportive Housing	16
17	Stony Point Commons		\$58,862	Permanent Supportive Housing	16
18	YWCA RRH for Vulnerable Survivors of DV		\$257,952	Rapid Rehousing	30
	CA-504 Total		\$4,103,914		237
	8 CDC Total Awards		\$1,875,253		91



Blue text = CDC awards



Continuum of Care Community Development Commission Awards

The **Eight** CDC projects:

- **Four** renewals for CoC Rental Assistance to support 84 formerly homeless, disabled persons in scattered site housing throughout Sonoma County, matching rental assistance with supportive services provided by partners including Face to Face, Social Advocates for Youth, Sonoma County Department of Health Services Behavioral Health Division, and several federally qualified health centers.

The total amount of the four awards is \$1,082,075



Continuum of Care Community Development Commission Awards

- **Two awards - one renewal award and one new expansion** award supporting the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), a HUD-mandated web-based client database which reports quality statistical information regarding the extent and nature of homelessness to HUD officials and to the US Congress, and provides invaluable information for local systems planning.

The total amount of the two awards is \$327,157.

- **One** Coordinated Entry Project that addresses HUD's mandate that communities accessing Federal Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant dollars be used for a single front door into their homeless services system.

The total amount of the award is \$349,991.



Continuum of Care Community Development Commission Awards

- **One Annual Planning award of \$116,030** (calculated at 3% of the total \$4.1 million award to Sonoma County agencies) to partially defray the cost of staffing the Home Sonoma County effort.



2021 Homeless Program Contracts

2021 Homeless Program Contracts provide for critical system support for rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, street outreach, homelessness prevention, Fair Housing activities, and emergency shelter.

- The approval of local funds by your Board in combination with funds approved by the CoC Board for contracts in March 2021 will result in level funding for up to **36 projects**.
- Combined funds in **FY 21-22 total \$5,158,067.65** and will be executed for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.



Recommended Actions

- Approve the CDC's acceptance of \$1,875,253 in eight U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care awards:
 - \$1,082,075 in Continuum of Care Rental Assistance to homeless persons with disabilities;
 - \$327,157 to sustain and expand operations of the Homeless Management Information System;
 - \$349,991 to sustain Sonoma County's Coordinated Entry System for homeless persons; and
 - \$116,030 to support management of the Continuum of Care planning effort.
- In addition, authorize Interim Executive Director or designee of the CDC to execute **initial** and **renewal contracts** with HUD for the above services, each for a one-year period beginning in calendar 2020 and ending in calendar 2021.



Recommended Actions

- Approve the CDC's FY 2021-2022 local homeless program contracts for a total of **\$5,158,067.65** in 2021-2022 funding
 - \$1,454,049 in local funds under the purview of the Board of Supervisors
 - \$3,704,018.65 of funds under the purview of the Continuum of Care Board
- Authorize the Interim Executive Director or designee of the CDC to execute initial contracts with homeless service providers for a one-year period beginning in calendar year 2021 and ending in calendar year 2022.

