

HHAP Funding Discussion Notes

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Butte Countywide CoC

Based on the combined results from the planning meeting on January 22 and the online survey, the following eligible use categories received the highest ranking for HHAP funding priorities:

- Operating Subsidies and Reserves
- Outreach and Coordination
- New Navigation Centers and Emergency Shelters
- Innovative Solutions = Connestoga huts/tent campgrounds, safe parking/RV parking

Project Discussion:

OPERATING SUBSIDIES AND RESERVES:

Shelter Beds – should we focus on expanding existing shelters to incorporate more shelter beds? Examples of expansions would be Torres Shelter and Oroville Rescue Mission.

Torres Shelter has funding to remodel and add 50 beds. Torres Shelter would need HHAP funding for operational expenses. Torres Shelter will also need money to continue the Day Services program after the HEAP funding ends on June 30, 2021.

There is an area of land, approximately 1 acre in size, which is owned by Butte County where a sprung shelter or Connestoga huts could be set up for an emergency shelter. Directors of DESS and BCDBH are in support of exploring the idea. The area is fenced. The parcel is on Cohasset Road near County agencies and crisis services. Operations would need to be contracted out. Showers and bathrooms would need to be brought in, and possibly food service. The Jesus Center said they can provide mobile food delivery with HHAP operating subsidy funding. The City of Chico would look at funding to help pay for the set up the shelter or purchase of huts. This would be a great example of regional coordination between the County, City, and community partner agencies. This space could possibly be used to house the navigation center and outreach coordination.

OUTREACH AND COORDINATION:

We do not currently have any outreach services in the County. We are in need of an outreach coordinator to develop a locally designed outreach project.

It is important to have services come to shelters. This allows greater access for shelter residents.

We also need case managers to support the outreach efforts. There must be a bed available and a means to get to a shelter if a client decides they want shelter.

A reminder that we have the Ampla Health Mobile Medical Unit that will provide basic diagnostic services and the BCDPH does mobile immunization clinics.

NEW NAVIGATION CENTERS AND EMERGENCY SHELTERS:

Haven of Hope has 4,000 square feet available for shelter and services. The location is 3110 Myers Street in Oroville. The building needs some infrastructure improvements to get set up for sheltering. They can currently put 6 beds in. There is the potential for a total of 25 beds.

YOUTH PROGRAMS:

Mobile outreach for youth for clinical services. Youth will be directed to 6th Street Center where they can participate in services.

Youth specific peer workers.

Operating subsidies for HEAP purchased units. More operating subsidies is needed.

OTHER IDEAS DISCUSSED:

Safe Space is looking for 6,500 – 8,000 square feet space to operate their low barrier shelter. If there are not sufficient HHAP funds to support a sprung shelter/connestoga huts on the Cohasset Road property, maybe Safe Space can operate their shelter there until the HEAP funding ends, and HHAP operational funding can continue to support a shelter.

Home and Heart operates an ageing in place program. The home provider is partnered with a home seeker which may be a student or a camp fire survivor. The home provider selects the home seeker. There is a vetting process and background checks are completed before partnering.

CHAT is working on a 3-phase plan to bring more housing to Chico. This would include an area for safe parking and connestoga huts, a tiny house village and finally a housing apartment project. Currently working with the City of Chico for the land.

The following participants are bringing pricing/budgets to the next meeting on February 5:

- Kasey Reynolds – storage units (converted railroad cars)
- Nancy Jorth – youth set aside programs
- Joy Amaro – pricing for operations for expansion of Torres Shelter and Day Services
- Laura Cootsona – pricing for setting up and operating a sprung shelter
- Pastor Thompson – pricing for Oroville navigation/shelter center