



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

Monday, July 29, 2024, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Special Council Member Meeting

Butte County Employment & Social Services

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CoC Coordinator: Erin Murray

Recording: Lisa Angle

AGENDA

- 1) Convene Meeting and Establish Quorum *A. Abney-Bass*
 - A) Virtual Meeting Format. Recording Meeting.
- 2) CoC Program Grant Ranking – **DISCUSSION** *S. Morgado*
D. Villasenor
- 3) Next Meeting – Monday, August 19, 2024: Council Member Meeting
Butte County Department of Employment & Social Services to host Virtual Meeting
- 4) **ADJOURN**

July 29, 2024

To: Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care Board and Membership

From: Sherry Morgado, Housing Tools, Consultant to the CoC
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant

Subject: Review and Presentation of Data Pertaining to the Annual HUD CoC Program Competition and Renewal Application Projects

Background: At its meeting of June 17, 2024, the CoC heard a presentation and held a discussion regarding a potential strategy to preserve funding for existing permanent housing projects funded by the annual HUD CoC funding program. At that meeting, Board and general members asked for data on the rankings results from the last few years and as part of the discussion, a suggestion was made to look at existing CoC plans and policies regarding funding priorities to determine if any such criteria should be applied to the annual review and ranking process.

Data on Rankings Results: In the following three charts, the results of the Housing Tools' initial ranking of projects, the ranking approved by the CoC and whether or not the project was ultimately funded by HUD is shown for 2023, 2022 and 2021, with clarifying notes provided beneath each chart. For 2023, we have also included information showing Years in Operation, Number of Units/Beds, PH or Other Housing Assistance and If Owned by Agency, as requested.

Summary of HUD CoC NOFO Project Rankings for Application Years 2021, 2022 and 2023

2023:

Agency/Project	Application Type	HT Initial Ranking/Tier	CoC Approved Ranking/Tier	Funded by HUD?
Butte County/HMIS	Renewal	1/Tier 1	1/Tier 1	Yes
Butte County/CES	Renewal	2/Tier 1	2/Tier 1	Yes
Catalyst/Cottages TH-RRH	Renewal	3/Tier 1	3/Tier 1	Yes
Butte County/CES	Expansion	4/Tier 1	Pulled; see note	No
Catalyst/RRH	Renewal	5/Tier 1	4/Tier 1	Yes
CHAT/Housing For All	New	6/Tier 1	7/Tiers 1 and 2	Yes
Catalyst/RRH	Expansion (DV Bonus)	7/Tier 1 and 2	9/Tier 2; see note	No
Caminar/Avenida Apts	Renewal	8/Tier 2	5/Tier 1	Yes
Caminar/Basecamp Village	Renewal	9/Tier 2	6/Tier 1	Yes
ORM/Roundabout Housing	New	10/Tier 2	Removed from ranking due to lack of	No

			adequate funding	
True North/James' Place	Renewal	11/Tier 2	8/Tier 2	No

Notes about the 2023 Competition:

Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) was \$610,611

Tier 1 was equal to 93% of Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) or \$567,868

CoCs could apply for a CoC Bonus and a DV Bonus; at the ranking meeting the County elected to pull its CES Expansion Project from the list and Catalyst requested its RRH Expansion Project through the potential DV Bonus be ranked last in Tier 2, so as to avoid bumping another project (which happened in 2021). The CoC did receive the CoC Bonus of \$55,203 which helped to fund the projects in Tier 1, including the new CHAT project. The CoC did not receive the DV Bonus, so the Catalyst RRH was not funded

The CoC solicited and accepted New Project Applications; two were received (CHAT Housing for All and ORM Roundabout Housing)

HUD funded into Tier 2, just enough to provide full funding for the CHAT project ranked #6 but nothing below that

HUD CoC Funded Projects from 2023 Showing Years in Operation, Number of Units/Beds, PH or Other Housing Assistance and If Owned by Agency:

Agency/Project	Years in Operation under CoC Grant	Number of Units/Beds	Permanent Housing or Other?	Owned by Agency?
Butte County/HMIS	2 (see note)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Butte County/CES	2 (see note)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Catalyst/Cottages TH-RRH	1	7 beds	Cottages are TH; RRH is Other	Cottages (TH) are; RRH units are not
Catalyst/RRH	8	10 beds	Other	No
CHAT/Housing For All	0	23 beds	Permanent Housing	Likely a mixture of owned and master leased
Caminar/Avenida Apts	16	14 beds	Permanent Housing	Yes
Caminar/Basecamp Village	4	12 beds	Permanent Housing	Yes

Note: While the CoC has received HUD funding for HMIS and CES longer than 2 years as shown, this funding was previously under a different Lead Agency (CAA) and therefore reflects the number of years that the County has been receiving these funds.

2022:

Agency/Project	Application Type	HT Initial Ranking/Tier	CoC Approved Ranking/Tier	Funded by HUD?
Butte County/HMIS	Renewal	1/Tier 1	1/Tier 1	Yes
Butte County/CES	Renewal	2/Tier 1	2/Tier 1	Yes
Catalyst/RRH	Renewal	3/Tier 1	3/Tier 1	Yes
Caminar/Basecamp Village	Renewal	4/Tier 1	4/Tier 1	Yes
Caminar/Avenida Apts	Renewal	5/Tier 1	5/Tier 1	Yes
True North/James' Place	Renewal	6/Tier 1	6/Tier 1	Yes
Catalyst Cottages/TH-RRH	Renewal	7/Tiers 1 and 2	7/Tiers 1 and 2	Yes

Notes about the 2022 Competition:

Annual Renewal Demand was \$610,611

Tier 1 was equal to 95% of Annual Renewal Demand or \$580,080

CoCs could apply for a CoC Bonus and a DV Bonus: Butte did not apply for these bonuses due to concerns about competitiveness with the shortened HUD timelines

The CoC did not solicit and accept New Project Applications due to HUD's shortened timeline for the competition (60 days total, 30 days less than usual)

HUD funded into Tier 2 so that all of the Catalyst Cottages/TH-RRH was funded at rank #7

2021:

Agency/Project	Application Type	HT Initial Ranking/Tier	CoC Approved Ranking/Tier	Funded by HUD?
Butte County/HMIS	Renewal with Expansion	1/Tier 1	1 and 2/Tier 1	Yes, Expansion funded with CoC Bonus
Butte County/CES	Renewal	2/Tier 1	3/Tier 1	Yes
Catalyst/ RRH	Renewal	3/Tier 1	4/Tier 1	Yes
Catalyst/ Cottages Joint TH/RRH	New (DV Bonus)	4/Tier 1	5/Tier 1	Yes, but in Tier 1 no DV Bonus
BCBH/SEARCH II	Renewal	5/Tier 1	10/Tier 2	No
BCBH-HA/SEARCH South	Renewal	6/Tier 1	9/Tier 2	No
True North/James' Place	Renewal	7/Tier 1	6/Tier 1	Yes
BCBH/SEARCH III	Renewal	8/Tier 1	11/Tier 2	No
Caminar/Avenida Apts	Renewal	9/Tiers 1 and 2	7/Tier 1	Yes

Caminar/Basecamp Village	Renewal	10/Tier 2	8/Tiers 1 and 2	Yes, only portion in Tier 1
Safe Space/Magnolia House	New	11/Tier 2	12/Tier 2	No

Notes about the 2021 Competition and Rankings:

Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) was \$611,763

Tier 1 was equal to 100% of ARD

CoCs could apply for a CoC Bonus and a DV Bonus: Butte applied for both and had the HMIS Expansion funded with the CoC Bonus of \$37,080; Catalyst was not awarded the DV Bonus so they were funded in Tier 1 and bumped the projects ranked below them down one rank. This pushed the Basecamp project partially into Tier 2 and this portion was not funded.

The CoC solicited and accepted New Project Applications and received one from Safe Space for Magnolia House.

At the CoC meeting, BCBH and the Housing Authority requested that their SEARCH projects be ranked in Tier 2, as they had already determined that there was no long-term viability of the projects due to lack of rental units

Nationwide, HUD did not fund projects ranked in Tier 2 in 2021. For the Butte CoC, this meant that Basecamp Village lost \$28,399 in funding because they were straddling Tier 1 and Tier 2, and it eliminated the SEARCH projects and the new project from Safe Space could not be funded.

Analysis of Existing CoC Policies and Plans: We reviewed the following CoC documents to determine if any of them include a discussion of the types of housing to be prioritized for CoC funding:

- 10 Year Strategy to End Homelessness (2014 with 2018 update)
- CoC Local Priorities (updated December 2018)
- Butte CoC Policies and Procedures (Revised November 2023)
- CES Policies and Procedures (May 2024)

10 Year Strategy to End Homelessness:

The 10 Year Strategy includes a series of Goal Statements in the areas of Community Action, Funding, Housing, Services, and Jobs. Each Goal Statement includes 3 Objectives. The Housing Goal Statement is “Butte County housing and service providers will create safe and secure housing options for homeless persons that address gaps in the homeless ‘continuum of care’ and build community. The 3 Housing Objectives are: 1. Institute a Homeless Camp; 2. Develop a Wet Shelter and 3. Implement a Housing-First Program. ***There are no specific goals nor strategies in the Plan which address prioritization of funding for various housing types.*** The greatest identified gap at the time the Plan was written was housing and services targeted to chronically homeless individuals. The 2018 Update was designed to meet the Plan

requirements of the No Place Like Home (NPLH) program and focused on needs and services related to physical and mental health for those experiencing homelessness. There were no new housing objectives added to the Plan with the 2018 update.

CoC Local Priorities:

This document consists of a list of Primary and Secondary local CoC priorities. ***There are no priorities which speak directly to prioritization of funding for various housing types.*** The Primary priorities which relate to housing are: to prioritize projects that provide housing and to house within 30 days or less of becoming homeless families with children, youth or transition aged youth, and domestic violence victims/survivors. The Secondary priorities which relate to housing are: develop an elderly 60+ with chronic illness housing program, and significantly reduce veteran homelessness.

Butte CoC Policies and Procedures:

This set of Policies and Procedures does not include a policy which delineates prioritization of funding for various housing types. There are policies which address prioritization of the following populations for available housing, including PSH:

Chronically homeless

Those with severe service needs (including crisis services, health/mental health/SUD, youth, victims of domestic violence)

Households with children and

Unaccompanied youth

CES Policies and Procedures:

Per HUD requirements, the CoC's CES Policy delineates how households are prioritized within CES, based upon vulnerability. This Policy identifies the following prioritization:

1. Chronically homeless or at risk of chronic homelessness
2. Households with Children
3. Transition-aged Youth
4. All Other Households

The CES Policy is not intended to address prioritization of funding for various housing types.

Summary:

The CoC does not currently have any adopted Plans, Policies or Procedures which directly address a funding prioritization for various housing types, such as permanent housing. There are however, adopted Policies and Procedures which indicate which populations will be prioritized for available CoC funded housing. Chronically homeless, households with children, transition aged youth and

victims/survivors of domestic violence are identified in these documents as having the highest priority for housing.

In 2021 and 2023, the CoC Board voted to change the Housing Tools' recommended rankings of programs in order to move renewal projects that offer permanent housing up in the rankings as a strategy to preserve funding for those units. These are projects that serve those who are chronically homeless.

The CoC has made other strategic decisions in the recent past related to the annual HUD CoC funding in order to ensure funding for programs that cannot easily access other funding sources, including HMIS and CES.

In recent years, individual programs have requested to be ranked lower than others to avoid bumping of permanent housing projects.