



Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care

Monday, June 17, 2024, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Council Member Meeting

Butte County Employment & Social Services

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COC COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Amber Abney-Bass	Briana H. Butterfield	Jennifer Macarthy	Sarah Frohock
Anastacia Snyder	Ian Clement	Marie Demers	Steve Culleton
Angie Little	Josh Indar	Matthew McCoy	Tami Ritter
Ann Winters	Josh Jamison	Meagan Meloy	Tracy Johnstone
Brad Brunner	Keesha Hills		

CoC Coordinator: Erin Murray

Recording: Lisa Angle

AGENDA

- 1) Convene Meeting and Establish Quorum *A. Abney-Bass*
 - A) Virtual Meeting Format. Recording Meeting.
- 2) Approval of Minutes - **ACTION** *A. Abney-Bass*
 - A) May 20, 2024
- 3) Violence Against Women Act Overview – **INFORMATION** *C. Turner*
Presenting: Corey Turner, Legal Services of Northern California *A. Winters*
- 4) CoC Program Grant Ranking – **DISCUSSION** *S. Morgado*
Presenting: Sherry Morgado and Debbie Villasenor *D. Villasenor*
- 5) CoC Program Grant Report Out - **INFORMATION** *Various*
- 6) PIT/HIC Submission – **INFORMATION** *E. Rawlinson*
- 7) Lead Agency, Collaborative Applicant, Administrative Entity Updates – **INFORMATION** *B.H. Butterfield*
E. Murray
- 8) Committee Reports – **INFORMATION** *All*
- 9) Coalition and Jurisdiction Reports/Updates – **INFORMATION** *All*
- 10) Announcements *All*
- 11) Next Meeting – Monday, July 15, 2024: Council Meeting

12) *ADJOURN*



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CoC Agenda Item #2:

Approval of Minutes:

A) May 20, 2024



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Council Member Meeting Minutes

Monday – May 20, 2024 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

In Person Hosted by: Butte County Employment & Social Services

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Angie Little, HACB
Josh Indar, BCOE
Amber Abney-Bass, Jesus Center
Tracey Johnstone, City of Oroville
Anastacia Snyder, Catalyst
Briana Harvey-Butterfield, DESS H&H
Keesha Hills, OSCIA
Marie Demers, City of Chico
Sarah Frohock, BCDBH
Tami Ritter, BC Board of Supervisors
Matthew McCoy, DESS

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brad Brunner, Caminar
Jennifer Macarthy, City of Chico
Ian Clement, Hope Cooperative
Josh Jamison, Oro Hope Center
Steve Culleton, Town of Paradise
Meagan Meloy, BCOE
Ann Winters, Catalyst

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Jaymee McLaughlin, CUSD
Brittnie Paxman, Jordan Crossing
Shelly Miller, First 5
Shelly Forbes, Nations Finest
John Sabelman, CSUC
Samuel Keller, Advocate
Elisa Rawlinson, DESS
Debbie Villasenor, Housing Consultant
Don Taylor, Willow Wellness

OTHER ATTENDEES CONT:

Erin Murray, DESS
Erin Spasbo, DESS
Charles Withuhn, North State Shelter Team
Ed Mayer, HACB
Shelly Watson, Jesus Center
Jennifer Zellers, 6th Street Center for Youth
Nancy Jorth, Youth for Change
Joelle Chinnock, NCC of SDA
Leslie Johnson, CHAT
Lisa Torres, OSCIA
Sharon Fritsch, NSST
Kevin Thompson, OSCIA
Wendy Cumberland, DESS
Shelly Storkan, BCDBH
Rayna Bryson, DESS
Maisue Thao, Butte College
Pahua Thao, DESS
MaryJo Alonzo, City of Chico
Megan Massie, New Beginnings
Nick Fashing, DESS
Monica Soderstrom, BC Public Health
Jennifer McClure, Elijah House
Brian Boyer, CAA
Norma Lacy, NVCSS
Kirstie Clifton, BCDBH
Allan Dikes, ORM

CoC Coordinator: Erin Murray, DESS H&H **Recording:** Pahua Thao, DESS H&H/ Lisa Angle, DESS H&H

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONVENE MEETING AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by Amber Abney-Bass, Chairperson at 1:07pm. Roll call of the council members conducted and a quorum established. This meeting is being facilitated by Amber Abney-Bass Chairperson and the meeting is in person. This is an all-member meeting located in the Chico Community Employment Center in the Condor Room.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes for April 15, 2024 as presented.

a. April 15, 2024 – CoC Meeting Minutes

Motion: Anastacia Snyder
Second: Tracy Johnstone
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

3. COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT:

Agenda item cancelled, to be rescheduled for a later date.

4. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE – ACTION: ALL VOTING MEMBERS

Governance Charter: Council Terms

Erin Murray, on behalf of the Governance Committee, presented the Council Member Terms Survey results from the survey previously sent out by email to the CoC membership. After a review of the survey results, the Governance committee proposed changing CoC Council terms from a maximum of three consecutive terms at two years per term, to a maximum of three consecutive terms at three years each, which can be extended for one additional term if extenuating circumstances exist and is approved by the CoC Executive Board. Council requested clarification in proposed verbiage that only one additional extension be allowed.

A motion was made to approve the updated Council Member terms in the Governance Charter, with clarification on the language on the one term additional extension.

Motion: Anastacia Snyder
Second: Marie Demers
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

All Member Voting - QR Code for voting presented to members to vote. After QR code voting concluded the updated Council Member terms in the Governance Charter was approved unanimously.

5. HMIS/CES COMMITTEE UPDATE – ACTION: ALL VOTING MEMBERS

Elisa Rawlinson, on behalf of the HMIS/CES Committee, reviewed the Coordinated Entry System (CES) updated Policy. The HMIS/CES Committee approved the changes to the CES Policy committee approved the Policy at the April Committee meeting.

A motion was made to approve the revised CES Policy.

Motion: Keesha Hills
Second: Tracy Johnstone
Opposed: None
Abstained: None

All Member Voting - QR Code for voting presented to members to vote. After QR code voting concluded the updates to the CES Policy were approved unanimously.

6. CoC & HMIS OVERVIEW - INFORMATION

Erin Murray presented an overview of the Continuum of Care (CoC). Erin Murray reviewed the functions, structure, council and membership of the Continuum of Care (CoC).

Elisa Rawlinson presented an overview of HMIS. Elisa Rawlinson explained what HMIS is and how the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and State entities use the data within HMIS.

Elisa Rawlinson explained the benefits of the HMIS for clients and agencies, showed a list of agencies who use HMIS, reviewed the annual cost of HMIS.

Elisa Rawlinson explained HMIS Lead Agency Responsibilities and shared information on ongoing training and support for users.

7. CoC FUNDING COMPARISON - INFORMATION:

Erin Murray presented a on overview of CoC funds, specifically the CoC Program Grant. Emergency Solutions Grant - Balance of State, Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention funding data from last fiscal year. The overview consisted of a comparison of funds at the federal level (as applicable), State level, and local level.

8. CoC EXPENDITURE RECAP – INFORMATION:

Erin Murray presented an overview of expenditures through March 31, 2024 for Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus, California Emergency Solutions in Housing Round 1 and 2, and Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Rounds 1 through 5.

9. LEAD AGENCY, COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT, ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY UPDATES – INFORMATION

Briana Harvey-Butterfield announced the sheltered Point in Time and Housing Inventory Count have been submitted and an overview will be provided at the next CoC meeting. She also stated that the annual CoC Program Report outs will be occurring at the June CoC meeting.

Briana Harvey-Butterfield announced that the County is staying up-to-date on the pending approval of the State budget and Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 5 and will provide updates as they are available.

Briana Harvey-Butterfield announced an outbreak of Shigella in Oroville and that Public Health is closely monitoring the situation.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS – INFORMATION

Governance Committee – Erin Murray provided an update in agenda item #4

HMIS/CES Committee – Elisa Rawlinson provided an update in agenda item #5

Households with Children – Jayme McLaughlin made an announcement regarding resources for parents in Butte County, the Back-to-School Drive is starting soon, and Summer Programs are available for families who are experiencing homelessness.

Chronic Homelessness – Shelly Storkan stated the committee was unable to meet since last CoC meeting and the next meeting will be June 17, 2024 from 1:30 to 3:00pm via zoom.

PIT Committee – Erin Murray announced the PIT Committee has been meeting on a monthly basis and if anyone is interested in participating in the PIT Committee to contact Erin Murray or Jay Coughlin.

Equity Committee – Erin Murray announced the current Chairperson for the Equity Committee is has stepped down and a new Chairperson will need to be identified. Anyone interested notify Erin Murray.

Youth Homelessness – Josh Indar announced School Ties has new grant funding to help students and families with housing.

11. COALITION AND JURISDICTION REPORTS/UPDATES - INFORMATION

Board of Supervisors – Supervisor Ritter announced there is a survey available for the community to complete to identify programs/projects the Board of Supervisors should prioritize. This survey is available at 25 County Center Drive and on the Butte County website.

City of Chico – It was announced there is a community movie being shown called “Labels” at the Chico Library on Friday at 6pm.

City of Oroville – Tracey Johnstone announced there is a community activity providing funds for youth scholarships.

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City of Paradise – No report

Greater Chico Homeless Task Force – No report

Greater Oroville Homeless Coalition – No report

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

**13. NEXT MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024: COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING
Butte County Department of Employment & Social Services – Virtual Meeting**

14. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 3:09pm



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CoC Agenda Item #3:

Community Spotlight:

Violence Against Woman Act Overview

State and Federal Housing Protections for Survivors of Abuse or Violence

Cory Turner, Special Assignment Attorney

June 17, 2024

[Adapted from NHLP presentations]

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3 Areas of Law that Apply to Survivors

1. State landlord-tenant laws that protect survivors of multiple forms of “abuse or violence”, HH, & family
 - Applies to all rental housing
2. Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
 - Protects survivors of domestic violence, HH, & family
 - Applies to all federally subsidized housing – HUD, USDA, and Low Income Housing Tax Credit
3. Federal and State Fair Housing Laws
 - Not discussing today. Generally applied due to disparate impact on protected classes.

State Law Protections for Survivors of Abuse or Violence

Applies to all tenancies

SB 1017 (2022)

- [SB 1017](#) strengthened California's eviction protections for survivors of abuse or violence as of January 1, 2023.
 - Expands available documentation survivors can submit to establish abuse or violence.
 - Expands who is covered to include tenant's immediate family member.
 - Creates "partial eviction" court process that allows only abuser to be evicted.

Eviction Restriction for Acts of Abuse or Violence: C.C.P § 1161.3

- Applies to survivors of “**abuse or violence**” defined as:
 - domestic violence
 - sexual assault
 - human trafficking
 - stalking
 - abuse of an elder or dependent adult
 - Crimes that causes bodily injury or death
 - Crimes that included . . . a firearm or other deadly weapon
 - Crime that included the use of force or threat of force

Eviction Restriction for Acts of Abuse or Violence: C.C.P § 1161.3

- A landlord cannot evict a **tenant, tenant's household member, or tenant's immediate family member** based upon an act of “abuse or violence:
- If **documentation** of abuse or violence to Landlord.
- **"Immediate family member"** means the parent, stepparent, spouse, child, child-in-law, stepchild, or sibling of the tenant, or any person living in the tenant's household at the time the crime or act listed in subdivision (a) occurred who has a relationship with the tenant that is substantially similar to that of a family member.

Eviction Restriction for Acts of Abuse or Violence: C.C.P § 1161.3

Documentation can be:

1. Temporary restraining order / emergency protective order issued within last 180 days
2. Police report written within last 180 days
3. Documentation from “qualified third party”
4. *** New*** - “Any form of documentation or evidence that reasonably verifies the abuse or violence occurred.

Eviction Restriction for Acts of Abuse or Violence: C.C.P § 1161.3

But, landlord can still evict if either applies:

1. Abuser lives in rental unit; or
2. Both apply:
 - a. Abuser has threatened physical safety of other tenants **and**
 - b. After 3-day notice to not voluntarily allows abuser on premises, survivor continues to do so.

Eviction Restriction for Acts of Abuse or Violence: C.C.P § 1161.3

- If LL continues to evict based on acts or abuse or violence, tenant can raise as affirmative unlawful detainer defense:

Option 1: If abuser does not live in unit, complete defense.

*** New*** **Option 2:** If abuser lives in the rental unit, new “partial eviction process” in CCP 1174.27

- This process allows court to evict abuser and allows survivor to remain.

Partial Eviction: C.C.P §§ 1161.3 & 1174.27

CCP 1174.27 partial eviction process:

1. Court must determine if there is evidence of abuse or violence;
2. If no evidence, court denies the affirmative defense.
- 3. If there is evidence of abuse or violence (continued):**
 - a. Defendant raising (survivor) is not guilty of UD as long as court does not find Defendant guilty of UD on other grounds.
 - b. And another tenant is the abuser, the court must do the both:
 - i. Issue a partial eviction and order the abuser removed and barred from the home; and
 - ii. Order LL to change locks & new key for remaining tenants.

Eviction Restriction for Calling Police: Civil Code § 1946.8

- Leases cannot prohibit/limit and landlords cannot penalize or threaten to penalize tenant's (or other person's) right to call police or emergency services (e.g. ambulance) on behalf of:
 - ◆ Victims of abuse
 - ◆ Victim of crime
 - ◆ Individual in an emergency
- If tenant believes necessary

State Law Protections for Tenants in D.V. Situations

BREAKING THE LEASE

Cal. Civil Code § 1946.7

- A landlord must allow survivors of abuse or violence to
- To break lease with 14 day notice
- Tenant must make request in writing and provide **documentation**

State Law Protections for Tenants in D.V. Situations

BREAKING THE LEASE

Cal. Civil Code § 1946.7

Process to break the lease:

1. Tenant must provide written notice w/ 180 days of when crime occurred or 180 days of documents, etc.
2. Attach allowed documentation of eligible act or crime
*** New*** - Allowed documentation now includes “any other form of documentation that reasonably verifies that the crime occurred . . .”
3. ***New*** - Penalty of actual damages and statutory damages of \$100 to \$5,000 if LL violates this section.

CHANGING THE LOCKS

Cal. Civil Code §§ 1941.5, 1941.6

- If survivor makes request to LL to change locks and provides correct documentation, LL must change locks within 24 hours.
- If the landlord refuses, tenant may change the locks without the landlord's permission.

Documentation:

- If abuser lives with the tenant making the request:
 - Court order that excludes the abuser from the dwelling unit
- If abuser does not live with the tenant making the request:
 - Court order that states abuser is restrained from contacting tenant or police report that lists the abuser

Violence Against Women Act UD Defenses

Applies to federal housing
programs

VAWA 2022 Reauthorization

- VAWA 2022 took effect October 1, 2022
 - Expands upon protections from VAWA 2023 and VAWA 2005
- ***New*** in VAWA 2022
 - Expanded to more federal housing programs and new “catch all”
 - Complaint process through HUD’s Dept. Housing & Equal Opportunity (FHEO)
 - HUD’s new VAWA website
 - <https://www.hud.gov/vawa>
 - Website has all HUD VAWA notice, forms, etc.
 - Great resource!

VAWA 2022: Law & Resources

→ HUD's VAWA website

- ◆ <https://www.hud.gov/vawa>

→ National Housing Law Project Resources

- ◆ Website: [Protections for Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence](#)
- ◆ KYR VAWA Brochures
 - [English](#)
 - [Spanish](#)

VAWA Complaints to HUD's FHEO

- File at HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
 - <https://www.hud.gov/fairhousing/fileacomplaint>
 - [FHEO Notice: FHEO -2023-01](#)
 - Will accept complaints & investigate using its Fair Housing Act complaint process
 - Must file w/in 1 year of being injured by VAWA violation
- FHEO forms are not yet updated for VAWA complaints
- NHLP's [Guide to Completing the VAWA 2022 Complaint Form](#)¹⁹

2013 VAWA Housing Programs

HUD Programs	
• Public Housing	• § 236 Multifamily rental housing
• Section 8 vouchers	• § 221d3 BMIR (Below Market Interest Rate)
• Project-based Section 8	• HOME
• Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly	• HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS)
• Section 811 Supportive Housing for People with Disabilities	• McKinney-Vento (Homelessness Programs)
Department of Agriculture	
• Rural Development (RD) Multifamily	
Department of Treasury/IRS	
• Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)	

New 2022 VAWA Housing Programs

- Section 202 Direct Loan Program
- Transitional Housing Assistance for Homeless Veterans
- Grant program for homeless veterans with special needs.
- Supportive Services for Veteran Families
- Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)
- National Housing Trust Fund
- Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking.
- Rural Development Vouchers

New 2022 VAWA Housing Programs

Catch all:

“[A]ny other Federal housing programs providing affordable housing to low- and moderate-income persons by means of restricted rents or rental assistance, or more generally providing affordable housing opportunities, as identified by the appropriate agency through regulations, notices, or any other means”

34 USCA § 12491(a)(3) - Covered housing programs

Who is Protected?

- Applies to applicants and tenants in federally subsidized housing (see last slide) who are survivors of:
 - Domestic violence
 - Sexual assault
 - Dating violence
 - Stalking
 - And “affiliated individual” (family member or person in household (non-family member))

VAWA Protections

- Survivors of DV have protections under VAWA at two points:



- Cannot be denied admission or rental assistance because they are a survivor or have been threatened with abuse.
- Cannot be evicted / terminated from subsidy for reasons related to abuse.

Protections for Applicants

Cannot be denied assistance or housing for **adverse factors** that are a “**direct result**” of DV including:

- Poor Credit History
 - Running up debt on joint accounts
 - Forcing survivor to take out credit cards in their name
 - Selling personal information to identity thieves
 - Preventing a survivor from keeping employment
- Poor Rental History
 - Property damage;
 - Noise complaints;
 - Missed or late utility or rent payments(s)
- Criminal History
 - Forced to write bad checks
 - Failure to protect a child
 - Crimes committed in self-defense

VAWA Eviction Protections

1. VAWA Notice Requirements
2. Substantive protections against evictions based on status as survivor of abuse

VAWA Notice Requirements (34 USCA § 12491)

- Every housing provider must provide applicant and tenant notice of VAWA rights and self certification form:
 - ◆ At time applicant is denied admission/assistance;
 - ◆ At the time applicant is admitted or given assistance; and
 - ◆ **With any notification of eviction or termination of assistance.**

- Notices available at: <https://www.hud.gov/vawa>

VAWA Substantive Eviction Protections (34 USCA § 12491(b))

- Housing authorities, landlords, and owners may not evict a tenant on the basis or as a direct result of their status as a survivor.
- Criminal activity against a survivor directly relating to the abuse is not grounds for evicting the survivor.
- An incident of actual or threatened domestic or sexual violence does not constitute a “serious or repeated lease violation” or “good cause” for evicting the survivor or terminating their rental subsidy. (24 C.F.R. § 5.2005(b) & (c).)

When is an action a “direct result” of abuse?

- “On the surface, adverse factors may appear unrelated to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and may present legitimate reasons for denial, termination, or eviction.
- However, the presence of an adverse factor may be due to an underlying experience of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.”
- HUD Notices H 2017-05, p. 7

When is an action a “direct result” of abuse?

→ Depending on the circumstances, the following actions by survivor may be a **direct result** of abuse:

- ◆ Temporary failure to pay rent / repeated late rent
- ◆ Failure to pay utilities
- ◆ Writing bad check to LL
- ◆ Out of the unit for too long
- ◆ Violations of guest policies
- ◆ Engaging in criminal activity
- ◆ Missing deadlines
- ◆ Evictions based on these items

See HUD Notices H 2017-05 and PIH 2017-08 for examples and discussion of “direct result.”

Direct result case example

Laura has HCV.

Her abusive ex is threatening her, breaking into her home.

She leaves home and stays with friends to be safe.

She does not pick up mail regularly for several weeks b/c out of home.

She misses HCV inspection and is terminated for missing inspection.

Exceptions to Eviction Protections

Landlord can still evict survivor for breach not premised on and/or related to abuse. But, cannot hold survivor to more demanding standard.

Housing authorities and owners can still evict if they can demonstrate an “actual and imminent threat” to other tenants or employees at the property if the survivor is not evicted.

Proving DV: Documentation

Survivor chooses the type of documentation. LL/PHA may ask for proof, but not required to.

1. Self-Certification Form

- HUD Form 5382
- This form must (1) state that the applicant or tenant is victim; (2) state that the incident is ground for protection meeting requirements under VAWA and (3) include perpetrator's name, *if known and safe to provide*.

2. Police, Court or Administrative Record

- Record can be from a federal, state, tribal, territorial, or local entity or administrative record.

3. Statement from Third Party

- Can be from a victim service provider, medical professional, mental health professional or attorney.
- Must be signed by both the third party and the victim under penalty of perjury.

Other VAWA Protections for Tenants

- Lease Bifurcation
 - A housing authority or landlord may “bifurcate” a lease to evict a perpetrator and allow the survivor to stay
- Section 8 Vouchers:
 - Family Break Ups: Housing Authority can terminate abuser and continue to assist survivor
 - Survivor allowed to port w/in first year if needed for safety
- Emergency Transfer Plans
 - Housing Authorities and Landlords must have emergency transfer plans
 - Should allow transfer to another unit when needed for safety

LOCAL RESOURCES



Butte Regional Office

541 Normal Avenue

Chico, California 95928

Daytime: (530) 345-9491

Phone Hours: M-Th, 9-12 & 1-5; F, 9-12

Walk-In Hours: M-Th, 9-12 & 1-3

Evening Appointments: 1-866-815-5990

www.lsn.net



Hotline for Immediate Assistance

1 (800) 895-8476.

Chico Business Office

330 Wall Street, Suite 50

Chico, CA 95928

(530) 343-7711

M-F: 9:00 – 5:00

Oroville Business Office

1931 Arlin Rhine Memorial Dr.

Oroville, CA 95966

(530) 532-6427

M/W: 9:00-5:00

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CoC Agenda Item #4:

CoC Program Grant Ranking

Date: June 17, 2024

To: CoC Council and Members

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

RE: HUD Continuum of Care 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Recommendation to Revise Local CoC's Rating and Ranking Policy

Background: HUD's CoC Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a county-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. CoCs must promote access to and effectively utilize mainstream programs to assist homeless individuals and families. HUD requires that as part of the annual CoC funding competition, all CoC projects, except for the Planning Grant, be ranked and placed into one of two tiers (Tier 1 or Tier 2), with those placed in Tier 1 generally guaranteed to receive full or partial funding. Based upon conversations at the CoC meetings in recent years when ranking decisions were made, it has been suggested that Butte's local rating and ranking policy should consider prioritizing renewal projects with existing permanent housing units for CoC funding, so these units remain available to the most vulnerable persons in the foreseeable future. Creating new affordable housing units is important, but it is also extremely expensive and slow to accomplish. Valuable resources such as existing permanent housing projects that have demonstrated the ability to manage HUD CoC funding should be prioritized and supported whenever possible.

Action Recommended: We propose revising Butte's CoC Rating and Ranking Policy for Renewal Project Applications. Specifically, we suggest automatically placing renewal projects which meet a defined set of criteria (described below) in the CoC's Tier 1 Priority List. This policy change is intended to preserve funding for existing affordable housing reserved for unhoused individuals and households, especially those who meet the definition of "chronically homeless".

Policy Change: Renewal projects with existing permanent housing units will be automatically approved for the CoC's Tier 1 Priority List. The projects must meet the following criteria:

1. HUD Renewal project with prior approval and have a current grant agreement.
2. The housing units are reserved for serving those experiencing homelessness.
3. Provide permanent housing.
4. The affordable housing project is owned and operated by a CoC member agency.

We suggest using the following criteria to rank the Renewal projects with permanent housing for the CoC Tier 1 Priority List:

- a. Projects with 5 years or more HUD Renewal approvals will rank immediately below the HMIS and CES Renewal Applications.
- b. Projects with 2 to four years of HUD Renewal approvals will rank below item (a).
- c. Projects with 1 year of HUD Renewal approvals will rank below item (b).

New or expansion projects will continue to be accepted as part of the annual competition and will be reviewed and ranked to take advantage of the CoC Bonus or other bonuses made available in each annual HUD NOFO that the CoC qualifies for.



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CoC Agenda Item #5:

CoC Program Grant Report Out

CoC Program Grant Annual Report-Out

JUNE 2024

Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services

- Coordinated Entry System
- Homeless Management Information System
- Planning Grant



Butte County DESS

Coordinated Entry System (CES)

Calendar Dates of Service:

01/01/2024 – 12/31/2024

Amount Awarded: \$36,241.00

Amount Expended: \$18,121.00

Project Goal(s): To support Coordinated Entry enrollment costs.

Progress Made Toward Project Goal(s): 249 new CE enrollments completed and 294 updated CE enrollments by Help Central this calendar year.

Note: Grant to be fully expended by end of calendar year.



Butte County DESS

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Calendar Dates of Service: 01/01/2024 – 12/31/2024

Project Goal(s): To support HMIS administration and application costs.

Amount Awarded: \$144,080.00

Amount Expended: \$65,946.31

Progress Made Toward Project Goal(s): 32 agencies, over 120 programs, over 150 users.

Challenges: Significant operational costs.

Note: Grant to be fully expended by end of calendar year.



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Planning Grant

Calendar Dates of Service: 01/01/2024 – 12/31/2024 Project Goal(s): To support CoC grant activities.

Amount Awarded: \$19,649.00

Amount Expended: \$0.00

Challenges: High level administrative activities.

Progress Made Toward Project Goal(s): Funds will support a portion of the contract with Housing Tools for the 2024 CoC Program Grant process.

Note: Grant to be fully expended by end of calendar year.





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- Avenida Apartments – Supportive Housing Project
 - Base Camp Village – Supportive Housing Project

Caminar

Avenida Apartments

Calendar Dates of Service: 10/1/2023-9/30/2024

Amount Awarded: \$87,981

Amount Expended:\$51,322.25

Project Goal(s): Provide housing to a minimum of 14 consumers per year. And support consumers to maintain a minimum two (2) years length of stay.

Progress Made Toward Project Goal(s): Avenida has served 16 individuals YTD with an average stay of 4.08 years.

Positive Outcomes: Met all program goals, connected tenants to employment and basic needs services, provide community garden, provide safe space for socialization and family interactions.

Challenges: Cost of furnishings for apartments are rising, storage space on site is limited for apartment materials, motivating tenant attendance to Property Management meetings is difficult, obtaining enough support for tenant during transition from unsheltered living to community rules and regulations a challenge.

Caminar

Base Camp Village

Calendar Dates of Service: 5/1/2023-4/30/2024

Amount Awarded: \$86,718

Amount Expended: \$86,718

Project Goal(s): Provide housing to a minimum of 12 consumers per year. And support consumers to maintain a minimum two (2) years length of stay.

Progress Made Toward Project Goal(s): Base Camp Village has served 16 individuals YTD with an average stay of 2.57 years.

Positive Outcomes: Met all program goals, high participation in community garden, sobriety support in on-site dual diagnosis support group, Behavioral Health support group participation

Challenges: Cost of furnishings for apartments are rising, storage space on site is limited for apartment materials, motivating tenant attendance to Property Management meetings is difficult, obtaining enough support for tenant during transition from unsheltered living to community rules and regulations a challenge.

Catalyst

- Cottages – Transitional Housing/Rapid Re-Housing
- Rapid Re-Housing

Catalyst

Rapid Rehousing/Transitional Housing

Calendar Dates of Service: 10/1/23-9/30/24

Amount Awarded: \$110,846

Amount Expended: \$57,037

Project Goal(s): Four households TH (Cottages)

Three households RRH (Scattered Sites)

Progress Made Toward Project Goal(s): We've met our goals.

9 HH in RRH

5 HH in TH

Positive Outcomes: We currently have three participants who have been accepted into The Foundation which is income-based housing. We have had success assisting three other participants into similar housing. We have implemented an internal housing-readiness which includes an Advocate assisting each participant to obtain all the documents necessarily for standard and low-income housing. This has become a valuable part of the work Advocates do at HAVEN. Also, the importance of having a Housing Coordinator at HAVEN cannot be overstated. It has changed the nature of what gets done at shelter exponentially.

Challenges: The same we all struggle with, lack of affordable housing, difficulty qualifying for housing, competition for housing, finding housing that accepts pets, maintaining relationships with participants prior to getting housed, and just the complicated nature of applying for housing.

Catalyst

Rapid Rehousing

Calendar Dates of Service: 7/1/23-6/30/24

Project Goal(s): Five Households housed

Amount Awarded: \$95,765

Amount Expended: \$84,449

Progress Made Toward Project Goal(s): Eight Households housed

Positive Outcomes: We have had the great good fortune to assist three households complete the multi-step process to be promised housing at the Foundation. They are just waiting for construction to be complete.

Challenges: Lack of enough affordable housing, landlords willing to see past barriers, too many hoops to jump through to get affordable housing, and difficulty keeping participants engaged through all of this hoop jumping.

True North Housing Alliance, Inc.

- James Place – Permanent Supportive Housing Program

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James Place Permanent Supportive Housing Program

Calendar Dates of Service: 09/01/2023 – 08/31/2024

Amount Awarded: \$48,983.00

Amount Expended: \$48,983.00

Project Goal(s): Help tenants obtain and maintain permanent housing; help participants build life skills and increase outcomes; help tenants increase their self-sufficiency.

Positive Outcomes: 20 individuals have been successfully housed through the program since it's first year. 10 have transitioned into permanent independent living. The resident with the longest tenancy and highest needs will be moving into independent permanent housing this summer.

Challenges: Finding clients who meet the criteria has been challenging as the program is designed for a unique population with unique challenges. Increases in rent, utilities, and general operating costs have increased expenses beyond the program budget/award amount. TNHA has utilized income from rents to offset costs and sustain the program this FY.

Progress Made Toward Project Goal(s): five individuals have successful remained housed at James Place. One resident transitions to independent permanent housing, and another is moving out later this year. Residents have maintained their housing while working with case managers to develop essential life skills and seek/secure permanent housing that meets their unique needs.