



## AGENDA

### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

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Thursday, April 2, 2026

1:00 PM

**DIFFERENT LOCATION: 2120  
Diamond Blvd, Concord (McMorrow  
Training Room) or Register for Zoom:  
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gister/WN\\_uUokWYJLT9qdDIKT4Q2F](https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uUokWYJLT9qdDIKT4Q2F)  
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#### Regular Meeting

Agenda and Slides for 4.2.26 COH Meeting

[26-1337](#)

**Attachments:** [COH Agenda w Time 4.2.26](#)  
[COH Slides 4.2.26](#)

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Roll Call and Introductions
2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).
3. Consent Calendar: APPROVE 4.2.26 Staff Report and 3.5.26 Minutes [26-1339](#)

**Attachments:** [COH Minutes 3.5.26](#)  
[COH Staff Report 4.2.26](#)

**4. Committee Report Outs: Governance Committee Update**

Jamie Schechter, H3

**5. Committee Report Outs: Youth Action Board**

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor and Anatasia Lockwood, Youth Representative

**6. Old Business: Point-In-Time Count and Client Satisfaction Surveys**

Janel Fletcher, H3

**7. Old Business: Sector Report Outs from Council Members**

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor

**8. Old Business: Funding Updates**

Jamie Schechter and Christy Saxton, H3

9. New Business: (ACTION ITEM) County and State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recommendations for Upcoming Fiscal Year [26-1338](#)

**Attachments:** [FY 2026.27 State ESG Recommendations \(Year 2\)](#)  
[FY2026.27 ESG Recommendations](#)  
[CoH Staff Report - State ESG \\_DCD\\_](#)  
[CoH Staff Report - ESG \\_DCD\\_](#)

Melanie Erickson, Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

10. **New Business: (ACTION ITEM) DISCUSS and APPROVE 2026 Quarter 1 Council on Homelessness Recommendations for Report to County Board of Supervisors**

11. **New Business: Learning Corner: Transitional Rent**

Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3

**12. Announcements**

All

The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 7, 2026

Adjourn

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For Additional Information Contact: Council on Homelessness: [contracostacoc@cchealth.org](mailto:contracostacoc@cchealth.org)



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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## Staff Report

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**File #:** 26-1337

**Agenda Date:** 4/2/2026

**Agenda #:**

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Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Subject: Agenda and Slides for 4.2.26 COH Meeting

Presenter:

Contact:

Information:

Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):



# CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

## AGENDA

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026, 1 PM – 3 PM

2120 DIAMOND BLVD, McMORROW ROOM, CONCORD, CA

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### MEETING PURPOSE:

The Contra Costa Council on Homelessness, appointed by the Board of Supervisors, provides advice & input on the operations of homeless services, program operations, and program development efforts in Contra Costa County.

### PUBLIC ACCESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

The public may attend this meeting in person at the above location. The public also may attend this meeting remotely via Zoom or call-in. Log-in information and call-in information is provided below.

### HOW TO JOIN THE MEETING VIA ZOOM:

Link to register: [https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_uUokWYJLT9qdDIKT4Q2F7w](https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uUokWYJLT9qdDIKT4Q2F7w)  
 How to Join the Meeting Via Call-In: 1-669-444-9171 / Meeting ID: 891 5428 6292

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER
1:00	1. <b>Call to Order</b> - Chair starts the meeting	Juno Hedrick, <i>Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor</i>
1:00 15 min	2. <b>Introductions</b> a. Hybrid Meeting Norms (2 min) b. Roll call of Councilmembers and introduction of guests (11 min) c. Poll – Who’s in the room? (3 min)	Juno Hedrick, <i>Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor</i>
1:15 5 min	3. <b>Public Comment</b> - Open period for members of the public to comment on items not listed on the agenda.	Members of the public
1:20 5 min	4. <b>Consent Calendar (ACTION ITEM)</b> – Items on the consent calendar are generally non-controversial and may not require discussion. Approving the Consent Calendar means approving the items below in one vote. Council members and the public can remove an item from the consent calendar for discussion by informing the Chair. a. APPROVE minutes from the March 5, 2026 Council meeting b. APPROVE staff report for the April 2, 2026 Council meeting	Juno Hedrick, <i>Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor</i>
1:25 15 min	5. <b>Committee Report Outs</b> - Report outs from each of the committees below. a. Governance Committee Update (5 min) b. Youth Action Board (YAB) Update (10 min)	a. Jamie Schecter, <i>H3</i> b. Juno Hedrick, <i>Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor and Anatasia Lockwood, Youth Representative</i>



# CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

<b>1:40</b> <i>30 min</i>	<b>6. <u>Old Business</u></b> a. Point-In-Time Count and Client Satisfaction Surveys (10 min) b. Sector Report Outs from Council Members (10 min) c. Funding Updates (10 min)	a. Janel Fletcher, <i>H3</i> b. Juno Hedrick, <i>Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor</i> c. Jamie Schecter and Christy Saxton, <i>H3</i>
<b>2:10</b> <i>30 min</i>	<b>7. <u>New Business</u></b> a. <b>(ACTION ITEM)</b> County and State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recommendations for Upcoming Fiscal Year (10 min) b. <b>(ACTION ITEM)</b> DISCUSS and APPROVE 2026 Quarter 1 Council on Homelessness Recommendations for Report to County Board of Supervisors (5 min) c. Learning Corner: Transitional Rent (15 min)	a. Melanie Erickson, <i>Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development</i> b. Jamie Jenett, <i>H3</i> c. Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, <i>H3</i>
<b>2:40</b> <i>10 min</i>	<b>8. <u>Announcements</u></b> – Open for all to share announcements about upcoming events and to give brief reports about recent events/trainings relevant to the Council.	a. All
<b>2:50</b>	<b>9. <u>Pin It</u></b>	Juno Hedrick, <i>Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor</i>

**HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Persons who wish to address the Council on Homelessness during public comment on matters within the jurisdiction of the Council on Homelessness that are not on the agenda, or who wish to comment with respect to an item on the agenda, may comment in person, via Zoom, or via call-in. Those participating in person should stand where they are sitting when called upon. Those participating via Zoom should indicate they wish to speak by using the “raise your hand” feature in the Zoom app. Those calling in should indicate they wish to speak by pushing “9” on the phone. All public comments will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker. For assistance with remote access contact: [contracostacoc@cchealth.org](mailto:contracostacoc@cchealth.org) or call 925-608-6700. Public comments may also be submitted before the meeting by email at [contracostacoc@cchealth.org](mailto:contracostacoc@cchealth.org) or by voicemail at 925-608-6700. Comments submitted by email or voicemail will be included in the record of the meeting but will not be read or played aloud during the meeting.



# CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

## COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

Acronym	Definition
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
CARE	Coordinated Assessment and Resource
CCYCS	Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services
CDBG, CDBG-CV	Community Development Block Grant (federal and state programs) and the federal Community Development Block Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
CESH	California Emergency Solutions and Housing program (state funding)
Continuum of Care (CoC)	Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless. Federal grant program promoting and funding permanent solutions to homelessness.
Con Plan	Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG.
CORE	Coordinated Outreach Referral, Engagement program
COVID-19	Coronavirus
DOC	Department Operations Center
EHSD	(Contra Costa County) Employment and Human Services Division
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
ESG and ESG-CV	Emergency Solutions Grant (federal and state program) and the federal Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
ESG-CV	Emergency Solutions Grant CARES
FMR	Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for Section 8 rental assistance/CoC grants)
HCD	Housing and Community Development (State office)
HEAP	Homeless Emergency Aid Program (State funding)
HEARTH	Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009
HHAP	Homeless Housing and Assistance Program
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act
NOFA	Notice of Funding Availability
PHA	Public Housing Authority
PUI	Persons Under Investigation
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
SRO	Single-Room Occupancy housing units
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TA	Technical Assistance
TAY	Transition Age Youth (usually ages 16-24)
VA	Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
VI-SPDAT	Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool



# CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

## EQUITY DEFINITIONS

*(adapted from C4 Innovations and approved by Council on Homelessness on 8/3/23)*

Term	Definition
<b>Individual Racism</b>	A person's beliefs and actions that serve to perpetuate racial oppression. This can be conscious and unconscious. This may be externalized or internalized
<b>Institutional Racism</b>	Policies and practices at the organization (or "sector") level that perpetuate oppression. It involves unjust policies, practices, procedures, and outcomes that work better for white people than people of color, whether intentional or not.
<b>Interpersonal Racism</b>	The interactions between people - both within and across racial groups.
<b>Microaggressions</b>	Brief, everyday exchanges that send denigrating messages to certain individuals because of their group membership.
<b>Race</b>	A social construct created in the 17th century by white Europeans to justify the enslavement of Africans and the spread of colonialism. Understanding of race as a concept has changed over time, but the outcomes of discrimination based on race remain entrenched in our systems.
<b>Race Equity Lens</b>	A way of viewing the world in an integrated and holistic manner, taking into account past and present racial injustices and seeking to address them through more equitable practices and structures.
<b>Racial Bias</b>	Implicit and/or explicit bias that reinforces discriminatory attitudes and behaviors when interacting with people or situations.
<b>Racial Equity</b>	The condition where one's racial identity does not predict their social, health, or economic outcomes. Racial equity is a process of eliminating racial disparities and improving outcomes for everyone. It is the intentional and continual practice of changing practices, systems, and structures by prioritizing the measurable change in the lives of people of color.
<b>Racism</b>	A system of institutional, systemic oppression, and practices of individuals and society that shape cultural beliefs and values that support racist policies and practices.
<b>Structural Racism</b>	How these effects interact and accumulate across institutions and across history. Structural racism highlights how racism operates as a system of power with multiple interconnected, reinforcing, and self-perpetuating components which result in racial inequities across all indicators for success.
<b>Systemic Racism</b>	infrastructure of rulings, ordinances or statutes adopted by a sovereign government or authoritative entity, whereas such ordinances and statutes entitles one racial group in a society certain rights and privileges, while denying other groups in that society these same rights and privileges because of long-established cultural prejudices, religious prejudices, fears, myths, and Xenophobia's held by the entitled group.
<b>White Fragility</b>	White fragility refers to feelings of discomfort a white person experiences when they witness or engage in discussions around racial inequality and injustice. Their engagement in conversations about racism may trigger a range of defensive actions, feelings, and behaviors, such as anger, fear, and silence. These reactive behaviors reinforce continued white dominant culture.



# COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

April 2, 2026 from 1:00-3:00

WELCOME

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair & Lived Experience Advisor

Purpose of the Meeting: These are monthly meetings for the Council on Homelessness (COH) to conduct the business of the Council. The Council is the planning body that coordinates the community's policies, strategies, and activities toward preventing and ending homelessness in Contra Costa County.

# BROWN ACT ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

If not attending in person		Traditional Teleconferencing	Alternative Teleconferencing (1/1/26-1/1/2030)
	Basis for Remote Attendance	When unable to attend in person	May appear remotely for Just Cause: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2x/year</li> <li>• Notify COH by state of meeting with specific just cause reason</li> </ul>
	Agenda and Public Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide address to be listed on agenda to COH staff 1 week before meeting (name not listed on address)</li> <li>• Post agenda at your location</li> <li>• Public may attend at your location</li> </ul>	N/A
	Quorum	Counts towards quorum	Quorum must be met by in person members & traditional teleconferencing
	Voting	May vote if meet address/posting requirement	A majority of membership body participates in person

# HYBRID MEETING NORMS

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair & Lived Experience Advisor

# HYBRID MEETING NORMS

1. Raise your hand (actual or virtual) before speaking
2. Say your name before speaking and try to speak as clearly as you can
3. 2-minute timer for public comments
4. Make and take space – consider your privilege and the other voices who are in and not in the room
5. Minimize distractions like side conversations and cell phone use
6. Maintain a safe and respectful environment, even when disagreeing
7. If in-person meeting is interrupted for an emergency, the meeting will be suspended or cancelled, case-by-case basis.
8. An individual may be asked to leave should they behave in a manner that threatens the safety of the group or does not honor these meeting norms.

ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCIL  
MEMBERS

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair & Lived Experience Advisor

# INTRODUCTIONS

Council Members: Please unmute and share your name, pronouns, seat, and agency (if applicable)

Community Members: Please introduce yourself in the chat.

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## POLL – WHO'S IN THE ROOM?

- 1) How many Council on Homelessness meetings have you attended?
- 2) Do you have lived experience of homelessness?
- 3) What best describes your racial identity?

# PUBLIC COMMENT

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair & Lived Experience  
Advisor

# CONSENT CALENDAR

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair & Lived Experience  
Advisor

# CONSENT CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

- Items on the consent calendar are generally non-controversial and do not require much, if any, discussion
- Enables grouping such items together and deciding on them at one time
- Council members and the public can remove an item from the consent calendar if they desire to discuss the item by informing the Chair

Source: <https://www.ca-ilg.org/resource/concept-consent-calendar>

# ACTION ITEM

Approve the consent calendar items as listed:

- Approve minutes from the March 5, 2026 Council Meeting
- Approve staff report for the April 2, 2026 Council Meeting



# COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

Governance Committee Update – Jamie Schechter,  
H3

Youth Action Board (YAB) Update – Juno Hedrick,  
Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor and  
Anastasia Lockwood, Youth Representative and YAB  
Member

GOVERNANCE  
COMMITTEE  
UPDATE

Jamie Schechter, H3

# 2026 BYLAWS UPDATE

- The purpose of the Governance Committee is to review and revise the Governance Charter and Bylaws to increase efficiency and impact of the Council on Homelessness
- The committee meets annually on an ad hoc basis, in 2026 the committee met on February 18 and March 18
- The committee has recommended revisions that will be reviewed by Contra Costa County Counsel (the chief legal entity for a county government) before it comes to the Council on Homelessness for review

# 2026 BYLAWS UPDATE

Summary of revision areas:

1. Update Membership Section
2. Update Committee section
3. Align bylaws with federal policy

# YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB)



Juno Hedrick, CoH Lived Experience Advisor and  
Vice Chair, YAB Coordinator

Anastasia Lockwood, CoH Youth Representative  
and YAB Member

# YAB MARCH MEETINGS

Bimonthly hybrid meetings at H3 in and RYSE

Subcommittees:  
Communications,  
Data & Research,  
Outreach & Retention

National YAB  
Connection Space

Council on  
Homelessness (CoH):  
CoH Meeting

Youth & Young Adult  
(YYA) Strategic  
Planning Meeting

Peer Support Check-In  
Meetings

# YAB MARCH ACTIVITIES

Impact of Stipends on  
Taxes & Benefits  
Training with  
Homebase and  
SparkPoint

Celebrating YAB  
Members Birthdays

Celebrating 2 Year  
Anniversary of YAB

Recording Session

# COMING UP IN APRIL!



# CONNECT WITH YAB

Young people with lived experience of homelessness and community partners are invited to join a meeting to learn more!

Partner Opportunities Include:

- Cross-Training
- Co-Hosting YAB Meetings
- Site Visits
- Pursue Shared Grant and Funding
- Youth Survey (Fall 2026)

✉ [ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org](mailto:ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org)

? 925-500-3237

2026 Contra Costa County YAB  
Meeting RSVP



# CONNECT WITH YAB

Are you—or do you know—a young person with lived experience of homelessness or housing instability who wants to create change?

Join a meeting as a guest to learn more!

For more information:

✉ [ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org](mailto:ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org)

? 925-500-3237

2026 Contra Costa County YAB  
Meeting RSVP



## OLD BUSINESS

Point-In-Time Count and Participant Satisfaction Surveys – Janel Fletcher, H3

Sector Report Outs from Council Members – Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair and Lived Experience Advisor

Funding Updates – Jamie Schechter and Christy Saxon, H3

POINT-IN-TIME  
COUNT AND  
PARTICIPANT  
SATISFACTION  
SURVEYS

Janel Fletcher, H3

# POST PIT SURVEYS

- After the observational count, the CoC collects community surveys to learn about the demographics, needs, and causes of unsheltered homelessness from people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in our community
- The survey collection period started on February 9<sup>th</sup> and ended March 9<sup>th</sup>

Volunteers collected 560 surveys!

## NEXT STEPS

- Results from the Post PIT surveys will be used to estimate the demographics, needs, and causes of homelessness for individuals and sleep settings identified during the observational count on January 29<sup>th</sup>
- PIT Data are due to HUD for review and approval by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Once approved, final results are shared with the COH community

# THANK YOU!

## HUGE THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT!

BARM

BART

Bay Compassion Church

H3 Programs

- Concord Service Center

- CORE Outreach

Contra Costa College

Diablo Valley College

GRIP

GROW

Healthcare for the Homeless

John Muir

Loaves and Fishes

Los Medanos College

RYSE

Safe Organized Spaces

The Share Community

Trinity Center

Veteran Affairs Northern California

Youth Action Board

# PARTICIPANT SATISFACTION SURVEY COLLECTION APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> - APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>

The purpose of the Participant Satisfaction Survey is to gather feedback about the experience of people accessing services across our system of care.

- Surveys are anonymous
- Collected CoC wide survey across all 7 program models
- Completed on an annual basis
- Required by our CoC Program Models

# PARTICIPANT SATISFACTION SURVEY COLLECTION APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> - APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>

The feedback identifies what is working well, service gaps or areas for improvement and used to improve service delivery.  
Thank you for your support!

If you are not sure whether your program is required to collect surveys, or for any other questions, please contact:  
[H3Evaluations@cchealth.org](mailto:H3Evaluations@cchealth.org)

SECTOR  
REPORT OUTS  
FROM COUNCIL  
MEMBERS

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair and Lived Experience  
Advisor

# FUNDING UPDATES

Jamie Schechter and Christy Saxton, H3

# FUNDING COMMITTEE

- March 17, 2026 - first Funding Committee meeting provided overview of the 2025 CoC NOFO release and expected changes to the upcoming 2026 CoC NOFO
- Join the next meeting on April 28th at 2:30 pm on Zoom
  - Register - <https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/dZ3KHOTHY-pAFqHaGwFFA>
- We will be discussing scoring tool revisions and policies that effect renewal projects. Current CoC Grantees highly encouraged to join!

# UPDATES TO SAM.GOV LIKELY

- The General Services Administration is proposing to update SAM.gov to require registrants to certify compliance with [Executive Order 14173 Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit- Based Opportunity](#), as well as Immigration and Anti-Terrorism executive orders
- Expanding certification to Executive Orders may increase risk to agencies receiving federal funding
- Proposed language - [Regulations.gov](#)
- Organizations should review and assess compliance

# HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM (HHAP-6)

- Still awaiting grant agreement from State, though awards were officially announced March 2, 2026
- Contra Costa County and Contra Costa CoC jointly receive \$6,708,894.47
- More HHAP information available online - [Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention \(HHAP\) Grant Program | California Department of Housing and Community Development](#)

# CONSOLIDATED HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS RFP

- Funding recommendations delayed
- Awards include funding from Measure X, HHAP-5, HHAP-6, Coordinated Entry, County General Funds, and Employment and Human Services Department's housing programs
- Providers notified in advance of Board of Supervisors approval and will receive application scorecard

## NEW BUSINESS

Presentation: County and State Emergency Solutions Grant Recommendations for Upcoming Fiscal Year – Melanie Erickson, Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

Discuss and Approve 2026 Quarter 1 Council on Homelessness Recommendations for Report to County Board of Supervisors (ACTION ITEM) – Jaime Jenett, H3

Learning Corner: Transitional Rent – Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3

(ACTION ITEM)  
REVIEW AND  
APPROVE COUNTY  
AND STATE  
EMERGENCY  
SOLUTIONS GRANT  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR UPCOMING  
FISCAL YEAR

Melanie Erickson, Contra Costa County Department  
of Conservation and Development

# ACTION ITEM

Approve County and State Emergency Solutions Funding Grant recommendations.



ACTION ITEM:  
DISCUSS & APPROVE  
2026 QUARTER 1  
COUNCIL ON  
HOMELESSNESS  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR REPORT TO  
COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS

Jaime Jenett, H3

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Support full funding of HHAP 7 at \$1B in Governor's May Revision budget.
  2. Share information about Homelessness 101 series with constituents.

# ACTION ITEM

Approve recommendations for Q1, 2026 COH report to County Board of Supervisors



LEARNING  
CORNER:  
TRANSITIONAL  
RENT

Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, H3

CONTRA COSTA  
**HEALTH**



[cchealth.org](http://cchealth.org)

# Transitional Rent

Contra Costa Health,  
Housing and Homeless  
Services (H3)

March 2026

## Agenda

- Transitional Rent (TR) 101
- Referral Requirements and Process
- FAQ / Q&A

# Transitional Rent 101



## What is Transitional Rent?



CaAIM 15<sup>th</sup> Community Support



Requires members meet a Behavioral Health Population of Focus



Up to 6 months of rental assistance

Launched  
January 1<sup>st</sup>,  
2026

# Who is eligible for TR?

## Core Requirements



### Medi-Cal Enrollment

- Must be actively enrolled in CCHP Medi-Cal



### TR Population of Focus

- Serious Mental Illness or Substance Use Disorder
- (Specialty Mental Health or Drug Medi-Cal)



### Housing Instability

- Transitioning from one of the following settings:
- An institution
  - Unsheltered or in temporary housing (ex. shelter, motel)
  - At risk of homelessness (ex. eviction notice, couch surfing)
  - Fleeing domestic violence or unsafe living conditions



### Permanent Housing Pathway

- A unit or voucher is secured
- OR
- Interim setting is needed until move in to approved permanent housing (own rental unit, shared living, BHSA, voucher, etc.)

Project Type/Pathway	Activities to Cover
Rapid Rehousing (RRH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interim - Interim Housing – (Bed night rate a hotel or BHBH interim setting)</li> <li>• Permanent - Rental Subsidy</li> </ul>
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interim - Interim Housing – (Bed night rate a hotel or BHBH interim setting)</li> <li>• Permanent - Rental Subsidy</li> </ul>
Recovery Residence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interim – Interim Housing – (Bed night rate at interim setting)</li> <li>• Permanent – Rental Subsidy</li> </ul>
Self Resolve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interim - Interim Housing – (Bed night rate a hotel or BHBH interim setting)</li> <li>• Permanent - Rental Subsidy</li> </ul>

# Referral Requirements & Process

## Ways to Submit Referral

### CaAIM Providers

- ccLink Provider Portal: <https://cclinkproviderportal.cchealth.org>
- Complete IHSP in ccLink or HMIS

### Non CaAIM, in HMIS

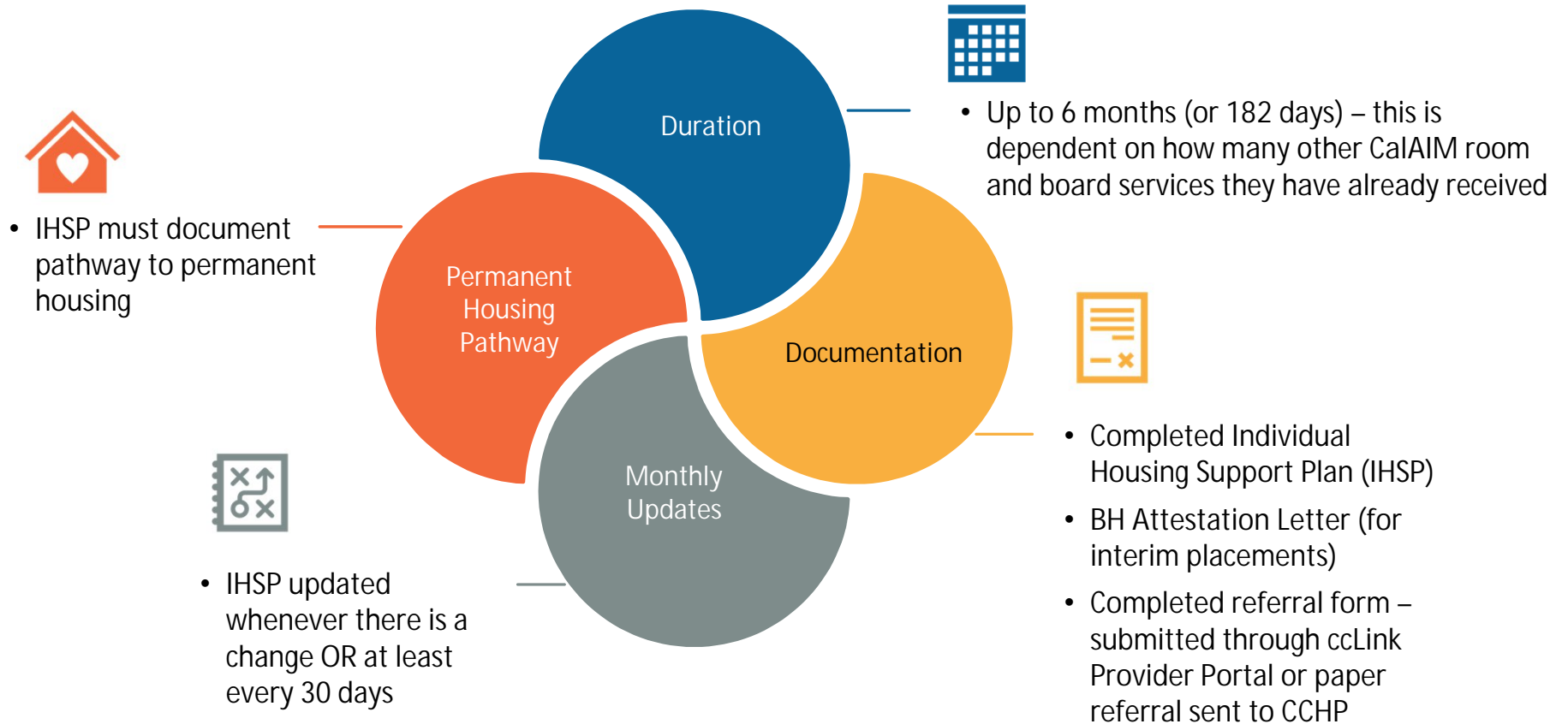
- Complete TR Referral Form: [CaAIM Programs | Contra Costa Health](#)
- Call CCHP Member Services: 1-877-661-6230
- Complete IHSP in HMIS

### Non CaAIM, not in HMIS

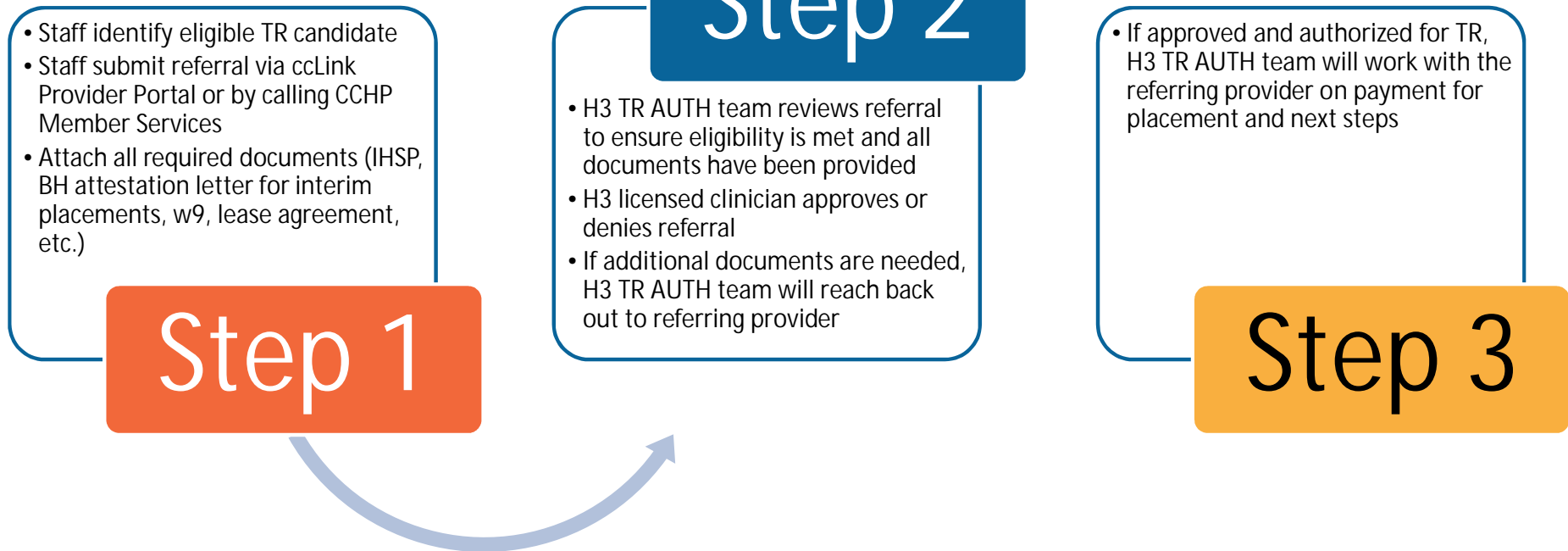
- Complete TR Referral Form: [CaAIM Programs | Contra Costa Health](#)
- Call CCHP Member Services: 1-877-661-6230
- Complete paper IHSP



# TR Requirements



Transitional Rent **referrals** are necessary to get  
Transitional Rent **authorized**



## Frequently Asked Questions

What if I'm not a CaAIM provider and I don't provide Housing Navigation Services?

- Refer your participant to H3 Housing Transition Navigation Services by submitting referral form to: [CCHPCaAIMReferrals@cchealth.org](mailto:CCHPCaAIMReferrals@cchealth.org)

Where do I find the Transitional Rent referral form?

- <https://www.cchealth.org/health-insurance/information-for-providers/calaim-programs>

What if I'm confused and don't know where to start?

- Attend Transitional Rent Office Hours with H3

Where can I get a copy of the IHSP if I'm not in HMIS?

- <https://www.cchealth.org/health-insurance/information-for-providers/calaim-programs>

# More Information on Transitional Rent

[CalAIM Programs | Contra Costa Health](#)

## Q&A



[cchealth.org](http://cchealth.org)

Thank  
you!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open for all to share announcements about upcoming events and to give brief reports about recent events/trainings relevant to the Council on Homelessness

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Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair & Lived Experience  
Advisor

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Next COH Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 1 – 3 PM (2120 Diamond Blvd, Concord)
- Homeless Service Provider Meeting: Thursday, April 9, 8:30 – 9:30 AM (Zoom)
- CoC Training Best Practices for Low Barrier Services: Monday, April 13, 10 AM – 12 PM (Zoom)
- Oversight Committee: Thursday, April 16, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM (Zoom)
- Homelessness 101: Thursday, April 16, 6 – 7:30 PM (Zoom)
- Funding Committee: Tuesday, April 28, 2:30 – 4:30 PM (Zoom)



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET  
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

## Staff Report

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**File #:** 26-1339

**Agenda Date:** 4/2/2026

**Agenda #:** 3.

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Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Subject: Consent Calendar: APPROVE 4.2.26 Staff Report and 3.5.26 Minutes

Presenter:

Contact:

Information:

Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

APPROVE 4.2.26 Staff Report and 3.5.26 Minutes



# CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

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## COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MINUTES

**Date:** Thursday, March 5, 2026, 1 – 3 p.m.

**Recording link:** Available by email request to [CChomelesscouncil@cchealth.org](mailto:CChomelesscouncil@cchealth.org)

### **Council Member Attendance:**

- In-Person (15): Anastasia Lockwood, Belinda Jackson-Thomas, Courtney Pal, Dani Jimenez, Donnie Diego, Gabriel Lemus, Jared Murti, Juno Hedrick, LeAnn Matthews, Mia Fairbanks, Ralph Payton, Shawn Ray, Sherina Criswell, Tony Ucciferri, Verneda Clapp
- Remote (0): None.
- Absent (4): Alejandra Chamberlain, Heather Worobey, Nicole Green, Wayne Earl

**Staff Attendance:** Jamie Schecter, H3; Jaime Jenett, H3; Mark Mora, Homebase; Tania Morales, Homebase

### **Community Member Attendance:**

- In-person: Dr. Grant Colfax, CEO of Contra Costa Health
- Remote: Alicia Espinoza, City of Antioch; Jared Murti, City of Pinole and COH member; Ishani Rasanayagam, City of Pittsburg; Catherine Casimere, City of Richmond; Benisa Berry, Center for Human Development (CHD); Aleta Perata, Community member; Awura Amani Dzidzornu, Community member; Donald Lang, Community member; Joanna Mezquita, Community member; Miranda Murphree, Community member; Rachel Rosekind, Community member; Wendalyn Fabian, Contra Costa Board of Supervisors; Lisa Malul, Contra Costa Crisis Center; Terri Brown-Garett, Contra Costa Family Justice Center; Teuna Gremillion, CCC MHSII; Melanie Erickson, Department of Conservation and Development; Elizabeth Winstead, Department of Rehabilitation; Jai De Lotto, Department of Veterans Affairs; Allison Mabbs, Focus Strategies; Claire Burrus, Focus Strategies; Brittany Ferguson, H3; Carina Rodriguez-Pena, H3; Caroline Miller, H3; Cheryl Leonor, H3; Jacqueline Franco, H3; Lavonna Martin, H3; Maria Dominguez, H3; Rachel Mitchell, H3; Rhonda Smith, H3; Shelby Ferguson, H3; Yessenia Aguilar, H3; Alex Michel, Homebase; Michele Byrnes, Homebase; Hang Mosier, SAHA Homes; Alicia Alferez, SHELTER, Inc.; Cynthia Chavez, SHELTER, Inc.; Daniel Barth, SOS Richmond; Janny Castillo, SOS Richmond; Sean Noland, Superior Court of California - County of Contra Costa.



## AGENDA ITEM

### 1) Call to Order

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#### A. Chair starts the meeting:

Speaker: Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair & Lived Experience Representative*

Juno Hedrick called the meeting to order.

### 2) Introductions

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#### A. Meeting Norms:

Speaker: Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair & Lived Experience Representative*

Juno Hedrick provided an overview of the hybrid meeting norms and guidelines to help ensure that meetings are conducted in a safe and respectful environment that encourages participation and inclusivity.

#### B. Roll call of Council members and introduction of guests:

Speaker: Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair & Lived Experience Representative*

Juno Hedrick conducted a roll call of Council members and invited guests to introduce themselves in the chat.

#### C. Poll – Who’s in the room?

Speaker: Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair & Lived Experience Representative*

Juno Hedrick conducted the poll activity via Mentimeter. All answers are anonymous and the results are provided below:

- **Question 1: How many Council on Homelessness meetings have you attended?**

This is my first meeting:	0 (0%)
I’ve attended some meetings:	3 (19%)
I’ve attended a lot of meetings:	13 (81%)
I prefer not to answer:	0 (0%)

- **Question 2: Do you have lived experience of homelessness?**

Yes, currently	3 (16%)
Yes, within the past 7 years	0 (0%)
Yes, more than 7 years ago	2 (11%)
No	14 (74%)
I prefer not to answer	0 (0%)



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- **Question 3: What best describes your racial identify?**

African American/Black	4 (19%)
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2 (10%)
Asian/Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	4 (19%)
Hispanic/Latinx	3 (14%)
White	6 (29%)
Multi-racial	1 (5%)
I describe myself in another way	0 (0%)
I prefer not to answer	1 (5%)

### 3) Public Comments

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**A. Open period for members of the public to comment on items not listed on the agenda**

Members of the public:

- None.

### 4) Consent Calendar (ACTION ITEM)

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**A. APPROVE minutes from the February 5, 2026 Council meeting**

**B. APPROVE staff report for the March 5, 2026 Council meeting**

Speaker: Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair & Lived Experience Representative*

Members made a motion to approve the items in the consent calendar as listed:

Motion

- State of Motion:
  - To approve the consent calendar items as listed.
- Discussion:
  - None.
- Procedural Record:
  - Motion made by: Dani Jimenez.
  - Seconded by: Verneda Clapp.
  - AYES: Anastasia Lockwood, Belinda Jackson-Thomas, Courtney Pal, Dani Jimenez, Donnie Diego, Gabriel Lemus, Jared Murti, Juno Hedrick, LeAnn Matthews, Mia Fairbanks, Ralph Payton, Shawn Ray, Tony Ucciferri, Verneda Clapp.
  - NOES: None.
  - ABSTAINS: None.
  - UNABLE TO VOTE: None.
  - ABSENT: Alejandra Chamberlain, Heather Worobey, Nicole Green, Sherina Criswell, Wayne Earl.



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### 5) Meet Dr. Grant Colfax, New CEO of Contra Costa

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Speaker: Dr. Grant Colfax, *CEO of Contra Costa Health*

Dr. Grant Colfax introduced himself as the new Chief Executive Officer of the Contra Costa Health Department. Dr. Colfax shared that he became familiar with the Contra Costa work during the COVID pandemic based on a collaboration from different agencies to work on a regional approach while being the Director of Health in San Francisco and became to admire the work that was being done in Contra Costa. Dr. Colfax provided his work background as a trained primary care where he worked at a public hospital and helped patients who were experiencing homelessness and/or who were treated for HIV-AIDS. Dr. Colfax also worked as the Director of Domestic for the HIV-AIDS program in the White House during President Obama's term, giving him an opportunity to gain experience in housing policy work. He hopes to continue the great work that the Contra Costa community is doing during these challenging times. To conclude, Dr. Colfax gave an opportunity for anyone to ask questions.

### 6) Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Update

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#### A. Update on CoC NOFO and Funding Committee

Speaker: Mark Mora, *Homebase*, and Jamie Schecter, *H3*

Mark Mora provided an update for the 2025-2026 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). A timeline from past and current news and developments per The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s policy changes and litigation events was shared. Per the recent guidelines released from HUD on January 8-9<sup>th</sup> of this year to request renewing existing programs to apply for grants, Contra Costa CoC submitted the renewal project list. The FY 2026 NOFO is anticipated to be announced this summer and will have funding available for new projects. The Funding Committee will start meeting monthly in March to update policies and scoring tools in preparation for the 2026 CoC NOFO competition. In lieu of the different shift of the current funding landscape, Christy Saxton recommended agencies and people being impacted to call their government representatives and provide specific examples on how these changes will impact organizations and people in the community overall. In addition, H3 is also working closely with the California State Association of Counties to identify gaps in fundings, find new ongoing grants such as HHAP-7 to fill in the gaps, and do advocacy at the state and federal level.



## 7) Committee Report Outs

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### A. Oversight Committee (ACTION ITEM)

#### **APPROVE New Contra Costa Housing Needs Assessment (CC-HNA) as recommended by the Oversight Committee**

Presenter: Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald, *H3*; Claire Burrus, *Focus Strategies* and Allison Mabb, *Focus Strategies*

In 2022, Contra Costa County conducted a Coordinated Entry (CE) Evaluation that included revising the VI-SPDAT tool, which is an assessment tool used at the national level. The study found that the VI-SPDAT was perpetuating inequitable outcomes and in response, the County redesigned and developed a customized assessment that is trauma-informed and provides fairness in the CES system. Fifteen current CE assessment staff were part of the pilot project and 109 assessments were completed. The new Housing Needs Assessment contains 19 questions, with seven of them being pre-populated based on prior information collected during HMIS intake. The previous data is confirmed by assessors rather than being asked again, reducing the overall time to complete it to 15-30 minutes. The presentation covered race and ethnicity of the pilot respondents and their feedback, the five main key areas of collection, and weight scale for the following categories: 1) history of housing and homelessness; 2) income and employment; 3) disabilities and health conditions; 4) experiences with services with other systems of care; and 5) experiences impacting people's well-being (e.g., domestic violence, history of abuse, etc.). In terms of next steps, Focus Strategies will train assessors on the CC-HNA tool, update the CES policies, officially launch the HNA, retire the VI-SPDAT, and monitor the data over time. The complete CC-HNA tool with questions may be accessed at the [Contra Costa County's Health site](#). Anyone with questions can contact Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald at [mary.fitzgerald@cchealth.org](mailto:mary.fitzgerald@cchealth.org) or Focus Strategies at [claire@focusstrategies.net](mailto:claire@focusstrategies.net) and [allison@focusstrategies.net](mailto:allison@focusstrategies.net).

#### Motion

- State of Motion:
  - To approve the new Contra Costa Coordinated Entry Housing Needs Assessment.
- Discussion:
  - None.
- Procedural Record:
  - Motion made by: Sherina Criswell.
  - Seconded by: Ralph Payton.
  - AYES: Anastasia Lockwood, Belinda Jackson-Thomas, Courtney Pal, Dani Jimenez, Donnie Diego, Gabriel Lemus, Jared Murti, Juno Hedrick, LeAnn Matthews, Mia Fairbanks, Ralph Payton, Shawn Ray, Sherina Criswell, Tony Ucciferri, Verneda Clapp.
  - NOES: None.
  - ABSTAINS: None.
  - UNABLE TO VOTE: None.



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- ABSENT: Alejandra Chamberlain, Heather Worobey, Nicole Green, Wayne Earl.

### **B. Youth Action Board (YAB) Update**

Presenter: Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair & Lived Experience Representative* and Anastasia Lockwood, *YAB Member and Outreach and Retention Facilitator*

Juno Hedrick shared the different activities that YAB members accomplished in the month of February, which included bimonthly hybrid meetings with H3 and RYSE, subcommittee communications, Oversight Committee, peer support meetings, YAB retreat, and Youth PIT survey. The activities for the month of March will include social media, strategic planning for youth and young adults, financial and taxes learning opportunities, among others. Anyone interested in connecting with YAB can send an email at [ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org](mailto:ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org) or call at (925) 500-3237.

## 8) Old Business

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### **A. Update: CoC Compliance Monitoring Process**

Presenter: Michele Byrnes and Alex Michel

The CoC Compliance monitoring process involves working towards an improvement system performance that help identify any opportunities or gaps where agencies need additional support in areas such as technical assistance training and it helps them be better prepared for HUD audits. The monitoring process is mandated by HUD and is an annual activity. This year's review focuses on participant files across 22 CoC-funded projects. The agencies will be asked to provide three files per project (two from active clients and one who exited), which will be assessed for eligibility documentation, person-centered and low-barrier services, case management, grievance procedures, and VAWA compliance. Site visits will occur in April, followed by findings and agency feedback in the month of August. The overall goal is to support providers, clarify requirements, and improve compliance.

### **B. Sector Report Outs from Council Members**

Speaker: All

- Tony Ucciferri shared that the Nevin Plaza project in Richmond has a waitlist open for project-based voucher programs. The waitlist will be open until March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and only senior adults 62 years old and up can apply. The flyer and application may be found at the [Housing Authority of the County of Contra Costa's website](#).
- As of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, Contra Costa County's Crisis Response is no longer part of the County's Behavioral Health Department but it will now be under Contra Costa's Community Response Division and will include H3 and 4<sup>th</sup> Street Outreach. They will utilize mobile responses for community calls not related to EMS or 911 emergency services but rather as field-based teams to leverage resources and skills.



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- Mia Fairbanks shared that The Healthcare for the Homeless agency will start its laser tattoo removal in mid-April. More information about who qualifies and how to schedule appointments will be shared soon. The qualification process will be based on the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) definition of homelessness, which is different from the HUD definition, and encompasses a wider group of people who can qualify.
- Due to the shortage of staffing of the Bay Area Community Services agency at the Delta Landing project, residents at the program are under a lot of stress. Jamie Schecter emphasized that the program is not closing and reassured that Contra Costa County is working to increase staffing to have them back on the site and rebuild the supportive services. Tony Ucciferri added that the project has 25 project-based vouchers (PBV), 12 of them being reserved for the site-based waitlist, and 13 have a homeless requirement and are connected through Coordinated Entry. All the coordinated entry units are one-bedroom units, and the regular PBVs are three bedrooms.
- Many prospect applicants who applied to be housed at Legacy Court housing development in Richmond received letters of acceptance but were told that over the phone by property management that they are not pulling new applications even though the prospect applicant status on the website shows them as being accepted. In other instances, prospect applicants called many times but never received a phone call back. In general, Tony Ucciferri explained that the acceptance letters are sent to all the applicants who are on the waitlist but the units are filled on a first come first serve basis to avoid vacancy loss penalties. If the program fills the units before someone gets the paperwork ready, they go back to the waitlist for the next cycle. Tony Ucciferri recommended agencies and service providers to call him directly if prospect residents don't get anyone at the property office to answer the call so he can investigate what is happening.
- Courtney Pal shared that she and Mary Juarez-Fitzgerald from H3 will be presenting a panel on improving access to Coordinated Entry through policy changes at the Housing California Conference based on the work Contra Costa County is doing. The conference will take place March 18<sup>th</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento City.

### C. Funding Updates

Speaker: Jamie Schecter and Christy Saxton, H3

Jamie Schecter shared that there has been a lot of advocacy and support for the funding amount to be restored in full for the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 7 application. This billing dollar allocation is from the State of California and supports many projects across the state.



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### 9) General Announcements

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#### A. General Announcements:

Speaker: All

- The California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) is recruiting for their Lived Experience Advisory Board. Person with prior lived experience of homelessness can apply and can do so by March 31. it is a two-year term beginning in July 2026. Anyone interested in applying can check the flyer at the [State of California's Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency](#).
- The National Alliance to End Homelessness recruited people with lived experience of homelessness for their Community Strategic Team (CST). The number of applications was limited to the first 100 applicants, and it reached that number quickly. The application is now closed.
- Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP) staff announced that the program has modified their eligibility criteria for the family shelter program where now extended family members, such as grandparents, can be included. The program is inclusive to families with children under 18 years of age. They have open slots and are now taking intakes every day on Monday mornings at 10 a.m. Abbreviated intakes are also taken during the weekends. The families' average length of stay is usually around 6 months but there is some flexibility if parents are working towards a career certification. Anyone is welcome to tour the site to learn more about the program. Additionally, the program will have its annual meeting — called Sunset and Sips — on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30–7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley where the main goal of discussion will be accomplishments for the last year. Representatives from local government agencies such as John Gioia, District 1 Supervisor, will be present and will be part of the panel discussion. The official flyer with information about the event may be found at the [GRIP's website](#).
- The America's Job Center in Concord is open to give some tours to agencies and service providers in the County. The program prioritizes formerly incarcerated population and provides individuals with trainings. The site has a full computer lab where people can work on their resumes and offers advanced manufacturing and health trainings such as EMT and paramedic program, IT, truck driving classes for people to get Class A licenses courses, etc.

### 10) Pin It

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Speaker: Jaime Jenett, H3

- The next COH meeting will be on April 2, from 1 – 3 p.m.
- A list of upcoming meetings was shared and will also be sent via email. Calendar meeting invites to all committee meetings will be sent out to COH Council members based on the committees for which they signed up.



# CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING

## Commonly Used Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
BIPOC	Black and Indigenous People of Color
CARE	Coordinated Assessment and Resource
CCYCS	Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services
CDBG, CDBG-CV	Community Development Block Grant (federal and state programs) and the federal Community Development Block Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
CESH	California Emergency Solutions and Housing program (state funding)
Continuum of Care (CoC)	Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless. Federal grant program promoting and funding permanent solutions to homelessness.
Con Plan	Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG.
CORE	Coordinated Outreach Referral, Engagement program
COVID-19	Coronavirus
DCD	(Contra Costa County) Department of Conservation and Development
DOC	Department Operations Center
EHSD	(Contra Costa County) Employment and Human Services Division
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
ESG and ESG-CV	Emergency Solutions Grant (federal and state program) and the federal Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
ESG-CV	Emergency Solutions Grant CARES
FMR	Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for Section 8 rental assistance/CoC grants)
HCD	Housing and Community Development (State office)
HEAP	Homeless Emergency Aid Program (State funding)
HEARTH	Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009
HHAP	Homeless Housing and Assistance Program
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act
NOFA/NOFO	Notice of Funding Availability/ Notice of Funding Opportunity
PHA	Public Housing Authority
PUI	Persons Under Investigation
PWLE	People With Lived Experience of Homelessness
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
SRO	Single-Room Occupancy housing units
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income



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Acronym	Definition
TA	Technical Assistance
TAY	Transition Age Youth (usually ages 18-24)
VA	Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
VI-SPDAT	Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool



# CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS STAFF REPORT

*Report for the April 2, 2026 Council on Homelessness Meeting*

## INTRODUCTION

The Council on Homelessness staff report is to inform the Contra Costa Council on Homelessness of the status of projects happening within the Continuum of Care. The report was created to create space on Council on Homelessness meeting agendas for discussion on important issues, to share more information in a digestible format, to make it easier for Council on Homelessness members to review and track ongoing content, and to increase transparency about the work happening within the Continuum of Care. The Council on Homelessness guides the content included in the staff report.

## PROJECTS

### **Project: Concord Naval Weapons Station (CNWS) and Homeless Collaborative**

There are no updates at this time.

### **Technical Assistance (TA) Updates:**

There are no updates at this time.

## COMMITTEES

### **Committee Membership Updates**

Committee membership is now as follows

**Funding:** Courtney, Dani, Jared, Juno, Nicole, Sherina, Wayne

**Governance:** Anastasia, Dani, Jared, Juno, LeAnn, Sherina

**HMIS Policy:** Belinda, Gabriel, Heather, Juno, LeAnn, Mia, Nicole, Tony

**Oversight:** Alejandra, Courtney, Daniel, Juno, Ralph, Shawn, Wayne



# CONTRA COSTA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS STAFF REPORT

## Funding Committee

- The purpose of the Funding Committee is to direct the community input process for several time-sensitive federal and state funding streams, including updating materials and preparing for the bi-annual Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (CoC NOFO) competition.
- The Funding Committee re-convened to prepare for the FY 2026 CoC NOFO competition on March 17. The committee received an overview of the CoC competition, a summary of the FY 2025 competition process, and discussed the approach to prepare for the FY 2026 competition. The committee will meet on a monthly basis through June: April 28, May 19, and June 16. The FY 2026 CoC NOFO is expected to be released by June 2026.

## Homelessness Awareness Month Committee

There are no updates at this time. The committee will begin meeting later in 2026.

## Oversight Committee

The last Oversight Committee meeting was held on February 19, 2026. During the call the following was discussed:

- Approved 2026 Oversight Committee Workplan
- Selection of 2026 Oversight Committee Co-Chairs (Courtney Pal & Wayne Earl)
- Approval of the new Contra Costa County CoC Coordinated Entry Housing Needs Assessment (CC-HNA)
- Heard update of the upcoming 2026 Compliance Monitoring process.

The next Oversight Committee Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday April 16, 11:30am - 1:30pm** and will be virtual via Zoom.



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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## Staff Report

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**File #:** 26-1338

**Agenda Date:** 4/2/2026

**Agenda #:** 9.

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Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Subject: New Business: (ACTION ITEM) County and State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Recommendations for Upcoming Fiscal Year

Presenter: Jaclyn Tummings, *Department of Conservation and Development*

Contact: 925-655-2886 or [Jaclyn.tummings@dcd.cccounty.us](mailto:Jaclyn.tummings@dcd.cccounty.us) <<mailto:Jaclyn.tummings@dcd.cccounty.us>>

**Information:** See attached staff reports for 1) ESG and 2) State ESG information and referral history.

### Referral History and Update:

### Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

Approve DCD Staff's recommendations for FY 2025/26 County and State ESG funding allocations. The Committee's recommendations will be forward to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors.

**State Emergency Solutions Grant Funding Recommendations for FY 2026/27 (Year 2 of 3-Year Funding Cycle)**

Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Objective/Description	Core Activity	CA-ESG Requested	Emergency Shelter	Street Outreach	Rapid Rehousing	Homeless Prevention	HMIS (max 10%)	Admin	(Year 1) FY 2024	(Year 2) FY 2025
SHELTER, Inc. 1333 Willow Pass Rd #206 Concord, CA 94520	Rapid Rehousing & Homeless Prevention Program	Program rapidly re-houses homeless households and prevents homelessness for households at immediate risk of homelessness. Services include case management and financial assistance (e.g., move-in costs, rental subsidies). Increased focus to increase the level of services to quickly rapidly rehouse to a permanent home homeless households (e.g. housing search, more intensive case management and increased rent assistance as needed).	Rapid Rehousing	\$ 125,528			\$ 125,528				\$ 125,528	\$ 100,306
SHELTER, Inc. 1333 Willow Pass Rd #206 Concord, CA 94520	Mountain View Family Emergency Shelter	Open 24 hours a day and 7 days a week, Mountain View Emergency Family Shelter is a year-round emergency shelter serving homeless families with children. The program provides homeless families with a safe place to sleep and meals in conjunction with critical on-site services such as education, employment services and counseling aimed at developing stability and self-sufficiency.	Emergency Shelter Service	\$ 40,113	\$ 40,113						\$ 40,113	\$ 31,965
Contra Costa County Health Services 1350 Arnold Drive, Ste 202 Martinez, CA 94553	CCHS CORE OUTREACH PROGRAM	Health Services CORE Outreach Program will provide daytime outreach in small multidisciplinary teams that will work collaboratively to engage and stabilize homeless individuals living outside and deliver health and basic need services and aid in obtaining interim and permanent housing.	Street Outreach	\$ 64,912		\$ 64,912					\$ 65,650	\$ 41,221
STAND! For Families Free of Violence 1410 Danzig Plaza Concord, CA 94520	Emergency Shelter	STAND!'s Emergency Shelter can accommodate up to 24 adult survivors and their children who are fleeing life threatening violent relationships for up to 3 months at no cost. As part of a continuum of care at STAND!, the Shelter provides clients with access to comprehensive supportive services, including food, clothing, social and legal advocacy, vocational assistance, child services, housing referrals, and evidence-based counseling – transitioning clients toward independence.	Emergency Shelter Service	\$ 31,314	\$ 31,314						\$ 31,314	\$ 23,283
Trinity Center Walnut Creek 1924 Trinity Avenue Walnut Creek, CA 94596	Trinity Center Emergency Day Shelter	Trinity Center Walnut Creek proposes to continue and expand its successful Emergency Day Shelter to meet the basic and recovery needs of homeless and very low-income persons. Our accessible program engages homeless persons who are resistant to services and advocates for their health, self-sufficiency, and permanent housing.	Emergency Shelter Service	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000						\$ 38,602	\$ 30,475
Contra Costa County Conservation & Dev. Dept. 30 Muir Road Martinez, CA 94553	Program Administration	General Program Administrative costs include staff administrative work, training, equipment, and general operating expenses.	Administration	N/A						\$ 3,043	\$ 3,043	\$ 2,295
<b>Totals</b>				<b>\$ 301,867</b>	<b>\$ 111,427</b>	<b>\$ 64,912</b>	<b>\$ 125,528</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,043</b>	<b>\$ 304,250</b>	<b>\$ 229,545</b>

**Emergency Solutions Grant  
FY 2026/27 Funding Recommendations**

Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Objective/Description	Core Activity	ESG Requested	(Year 1) FY 2025	(Year 2) FY 2026
Contra Costa Health, Housing and Homeless Services	Contra Costa Adult Continuum of Services	The Adult Interim Housing Program is a 24-hour emergency shelter program that provides wrap-around services to assist persons in finding appropriate long-term housing. The interim housing program is located in two facilities (in the Cities of Richmond and Concord) and serves consumers from all over the County. The program has a combined capacity to serve 109 homeless men and women and provides case management, housing and benefits assistance, meals, laundry facilities, healthcare, mental health services and substance abuse treatment to residents. Residents can stay at the shelter until they have completed their housing/case plan. Program will provide services to 80 Persons.	Emergency Shelter Service	\$ 102,375	\$ 98,450	\$ 98,450
Contra Costa Health, Housing and Homeless Services	Calli House Youth Shelter	Calli House Youth Shelter provides emergency shelter and critical support services to run-away, homeless, and throw-away youth ages 18-24, including those emancipating from the foster care system. The Calli House goal is to provide these youth with the shelter and support they need in order to move off the streets, stabilize, and make positive choices.	Emergency Shelter Service	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,900	\$ 30,900
Contra Costa County Health Services 1350 Arnold Drive, Ste 202 Martinez, CA 94553	CORE - Coordinated Outreach	Health Services CORE Outreach Program will provide daytime outreach in small multidisciplinary teams that will work collaboratively to engage and stabilize homeless individuals living outside and deliver health and basic need services and aid in obtaining interim and permanent housing.	Street Outreach	\$ 30,844	\$ 31,800	\$ 31,800
SHELTER, Inc. 1333 Willow Pass Rd #206 Concord, CA 94520	Homeless Prevention & Rapid Rehousing Program	The goal of our program is to assist Contra Costa County residents facing a housing crisis. Given our county's soaring rental prices, stagnant incomes, and the shrinking availability of affordable housing, the need for our program has never been greater. Our program rapidly rehuses homeless households and prevents homelessness for households who are at immediate risk of losing their home by providing supportive services, and financial assistance.	Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention	\$ 132,128	\$ 132,127	\$ 132,127
STAND! For Families Free of Violence 1410 Danzig Plaza Concord, CA 94520	Emergency Shelter	STAND!'s Emergency Shelter can accommodate up to 24 adult survivors and their children who are fleeing life threatening violent relationships for up to 3 months at no cost. As part of a continuum of care at STAND!, the Shelter provides clients with access to comprehensive supportive services, including food, clothing, social and legal advocacy, vocational assistance, child services, housing referrals, and evidence-based counseling – transitioning clients toward independence.	Emergency Shelter Service	\$ 50,400	\$ 50,400	\$ 50,400
Trinity Center Walnut Creek 1924 Trinity Avenue Walnut Creek, CA 94596	Trinity Center Emergency Day Shelter	Trinity Center Walnut Creek proposes to continue and expand its successful Emergency Day Shelter to meet the basic and recovery needs of homeless and very low-income persons. Our accessible program engages homeless persons who are resistant to services and advocates for their health, self-sufficiency, and permanent housing.	Emergency Shelter Service	\$ 42,000	\$ 31,500	\$ 31,500
Contra Costa County Conservation & Dev. Dept. 30 Muir Road Martinez, CA 94553	Program Administration	General Program Administrative costs include staff administrative work, training, equipment, and general operating expenses.	Administration	N/A	\$ 30,420	\$ 30,420
<b>Totals</b>				<b>\$ 387,747</b>	<b>\$ 405,597</b>	<b>\$ 405,597</b>

Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Subject: State ESG recommendations for FY 2025/26

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- Page 34 of the Contra Costa Written Standards For Providing COC and ESG Assistance: <https://www.cchealth.org/home/showpublisheddocument/6397/638687436805330000>
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**Referral History and Update:** The County received State ESG funds on an entitlement formula basis for the provision of essential services for the homeless; emergency shelter operations and related services; homelessness prevention, and rapid re-housing activities. For FY 2025/26, the will County receive a total of \$229,545 of State ESG funding, which is approximately \$75,000 less than FY 2024/25. FY 2025/26 funds will be available for use beginning on July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

On October 14, 2025, the Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) released FY 2026/27 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. On December 11, 2025, DCD staff

received a total of five applications for State ESG funds in the amount of \$301,867, broken down between Rapid Rehousing, Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter. The five applications received are from current subrecipients that have received funding in prior years and who have capacity and experience.

State ESG regulations mandate that at least 40 percent of the funds be allocated to the Rapid Rehousing component, DCD staff has met this requirement while also ensuring an even increase across all project components that have been applied for – Rapid Rehousing, Street Outreach, and Emergency Shelter. Additionally, \$2,295 will be allocated for project administration.

The Department of Conservation and Development presents its recommendations for FY 2025/26 State ESG funding allocations to the Council on Homelessness for review and approval before forwarding Council’s recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. FY 2025/26 funding will become available beginning July 1, 2026 and go through June 30, 2027. Staff’s detailed recommendations for the use of State ESG funds are listed in the Attachment.

**Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

Approve DCD Staff’s recommendations for FY 2025/26 State ESG funding allocations.

Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Subject: Emergency Solutions Grant Funding Recommendation for FY 2026/27

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**Referral History and Update:** Contra Costa County is an entitlement jurisdiction, entitled to receive Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and ESG funds from HUD each year for the provision of essential services for the homeless; emergency shelter operations and related services; homelessness prevention, and rapid re-housing activities. To receive this annual award of federal funds, the County must submit a strategy, called the Consolidated Plan, every five years. The Consolidated Plan identifies priorities of local needs and general objectives on how these needs will be addressed. As part of the Consolidated Plan process, the County must submit an Annual Action Plan for each year during the five-year Consolidated Plan period. An Annual Action Plan specifies and describes what actions and activities will be carried out during the program year to address priority needs identified in the County's current Consolidated Plan, and identifies the use and amount of

HOME, CDBG and ESG funds to be received during the program year by activities and identifies proposed accomplishments by activity.

On February 3, 2026, the President signed the federal budget into law, which includes funding for HUD programs. Although HUD still needs to complete its appropriations formula to determine the County's exact allocation, we estimate that the amount will be similar to last fiscal year at \$405,597. Of this total, seven and a half percent (7.5%) will be used for administrative expenses, leaving \$375,177 available for project funding.

On October 14, 2025, the Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) released FY 2026/27 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for CDBG and ESG funds. On December 11, 2025, DCD staff received a total of six applications for ESG funds in the amount of \$387,747 broken down between Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Rehousing, Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter. The six applications received are from current subrecipients that have received funding in prior years and who have capacity and experience. Staff's recommendations for FY 2026/27 are to fund the programs at the amounts they were funded in FY 2025/26.

Since Staff's recommendations are based under a "Continuing Resolution," our recommendations may be subject to change once the federal budget is officially approved. Should any adjustments be necessary, we will reconvene with the committee to present revised recommendations accordingly.

The Department of Conservation and Development presents its recommendations for FY 2026/27 ESG funding allocations to the Council on Homelessness for review and approval before forwarding Council's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. FY 2026/27 funding will become available beginning July 1, 2026 and go through June 30, 2027. Staff's detailed recommendations for the use of State ESG funds are listed in the Attachment A.

**Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

Approve DCD Staff's recommendations for FY 2025/26 ESG funding allocations. The Committee's recommendations will be forward to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors.