



COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

August 6, 2026 from 1:00-3:00

WELCOME

Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services Representative*

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: • 2x/year • Notify COH by state of meeting with specific just cause reason
	Agenda and Public Access	• Provide address to be listed on agenda to COH staff 1 week before meeting (name not listed on address) • Post agenda at your location • Public may attend at your location	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

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HYBRID MEETING NORM LIST

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

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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

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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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 July 9, 2026 Council Meeting
- Approve staff report for the August 6, 2026 Council Meeting



CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) UPDATE

**CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity Update
(ACTION ITEM)** – Mark Mora, *Homebase* and Jamie
Schecter, *H3*

Youth Homelessness NOFO Update – Juno
Hedrick, *Vice Chair & Lived Experience Advisor* and
Caroline Miller, *H3*

COC NOFO UPDATE

Mark Mora, *Homebase*
Jamie Schecter, *H3*

COC POLICY STATEMENT

In alignment with the 2026 CoC NOFO Policy Initiative Preferences, the Contra Costa CoC:

- Prohibits CoC-funded housing projects from operating drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distributing drug paraphernalia on or off property under their control, knowingly permitting the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control,
- Encourages the provision of substance use disorder treatment and recovery housing within or outside the CoC
- Does not restrict or prohibit CoC-funded housing projects that require program participants to be sober or to participate in treatment as a condition of assistance in accordance with 24 CFR 578.

If the CoC determines a project is in violation of this policy, the project may be subject to a corrective action plan and/or receive reduced scores in future funding competitions

ESTIMATED AVAILABLE FUNDING

Category	Amount
Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)	\$24,848,366
CoC Bonus Funding	\$3,727,255
Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Funding	\$1,501,111
Tier 1 Funding	\$14,909,020
*Tier 2 Funding	\$15,167,712
CoC Planning Funding (not ranked)	\$1,242,418
Total Request to HUD	\$31,319,150

LOCAL REVIEW & RANK PROCESS

- Review and Rank Panel of non-conflicted Council members met on 7/14, 7/23, and 7/27
- Reviewed 8 scored renewal projects and 15 scored new project applications in the local competition
- Projects were scored using Council-approved scoring tools revised by the Funding Committee earlier this year

OVERVIEW OF PRIORITY LISTING

2026 CoC NOFO highlights

- Funding for permanent housing is limited in the 2026 CoC NOFO due to \$1.3 billion set aside (32% of available funds) for TH/SSO projects, HUD selection priorities, and and incentives in CoC application
- Tier 1 is at is 60% of Annual Renewal Demand – it was 30% in the rescinded FY 2025 CoC NOFO but typically around 90% prior to

Tier 1

- CoC prioritized maintaining existing PSH units – only 8 renewal projects included but all 8 reallocated partial funding to fit into reduced Tier 1 funding amount

Tier 2

- 14 new projects submitted and all are included in Tier 2: 5 Transitional Housing, 7 Supportive Services Standalone, and 2 Supportive Services Street Outreach
- New local policy (as of 2026) to prioritize new transition grants (renewal projects transitioning project types) over other new projects

Tier 1

Rank	Score	Applicant	Project	Type	Request Amount
1	96.00	CCHS (H3)	High Utilizers of Multiple Systems	PSH	\$ 1,934,446
2	93.75	Hope Solutions	Garden Park Apartments Community	PSH	\$ 201,212
3	92.63	Hope Solutions	ACCESS	PSH	\$ 1,608,017
4	91.00	CCHS (H3)	Permanent Connections	PSH	\$ 328,723
5	89.50	Hope Solutions	Families in Supportive Housing	PSH	\$ 1,096,738
6	89.00	HACCC	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	PSH	\$ 7,170,002
7	76.75	SHELTER, Inc.	Project Thrive	PSH	\$ 1,275,801
8	67.75	SHELTER, Inc.	Thrive CCC	PSH	\$ 1,294,080

Tier 2

Rank	Score	Applicant	Project	Type	Request Amount
9	89.75	Hope Solutions	**Project Home SAFE	TH	\$ 753,371
10	81.50	SHELTER, Inc.	**Lotus	TH	\$ 2,636,114
11	100.00	CCHS (H3)	**Delta Landing Supportive Services	SSO Standalone	\$ 2,282,470
12	100.00	CCHS (H3)	CORE	SSO Street Outreach	\$ 1,674,586
13	99.75	GRIP	CARE Center & Drop-in Center	SSO Standalone	\$ 550,565
14	96.25	M&WOP	Recovery Navigation Services	SSO Street Outreach	\$ 400,000
15	96.00	Trinity Center	Case Management Expansion	SSO Standalone	\$ 260,000
16	*95.75	Hope Solutions	AIM Transitional Housing	TH	\$ 1,412,189
17	95.50	BARM	LifeBridge Resource Hub	SSO Standalone	\$ 460,478
18	*94.00	Hope Solutions	***Threshold Transitional Housing (DV Bonus)	TH	\$ 1,501,111
19	91.00	Winter Nights	Housing Stability Project	SSO Standalone	\$ 240,000
20	90.75	SOS Richmond	Street-Level Engagement	SSO Standalone	\$ 1,658,047
21	90.25	VAH	Housing Resource Drop-In Center	SSO Standalone	\$ 393,927
22	78.00	VAH	Allegiance Transitional Housing	TH	\$ 944,854

*Per local policy, the Review and Rank Panel may add or decrease a project's final score by up to 5 points to align the Priority Listing with HUD NOFO priorities and local needs for the purpose of maximizing the CoC's competitiveness for available funding. The Review and Rank Panel added 5 points to two projects (AIM Transitional Housing and Threshold Transitional Housing) to account for deficiencies in the new project scoring tool between project types and to prioritize a mix of new project types in Tier

**Per local policy, transition grants (renewal projects that seek to transition from one project type to a different project type) are prioritized over other new projects at the top of Tier 2.

***This project is applying for Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus funding.

FY 2026 PRELIMINARY PRIORITY LISTING

APPEALS PROCESS

- No eligible appeals were submitted

COMMENTS FROM R&R PANELISTS

2026 R&R Panelists:

- Courtney Pal
- Juno Hedrick
- LeAnn Matthews
- Shawn Ray

COUNCIL APPROVAL OF PRIORITY LISTING

- Per local policies:
 - Council approves the final ranked list
 - Any Council members with a conflict of interest must recuse themselves from all related discussions and abstain from the vote
- A conflict of interest exists if:
 - You or immediate family member have (in the past year), currently, or will (per agreement) serve as a Board member, staff member, or paid consultant of an org making a proposal for funding
 - You are currently employed by or sit on a Board for an org that has a contractual relationship with any entity making a funding proposal, unless the contractual relationship does not impact the funding proposal

ACTION ITEM

- Approve 2026 NOFO Priority Listing of projects as recommended by the Review & Rank Panel



NOFO - WHAT'S NEXT

- **Thu, 8/6** – Council approves the Final Priority Listing
- **Fri, 8/7** – Applicants notified of final decisions
- **Fri, 8/14** – Homebase returns feedback on draft e-snaps New Project Applications
- **Thu, 8/20** – e-snaps Project Applications and attachments submitted in e-snaps (renewal and new)
- **Tue, 8/25** – Consolidated Application submitted in e-snaps

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS NOFO UPDATE

Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair & Lived Experience
Advisor*

Caroline Miller, *H3*

PLACEHOLDER

- Placeholder

COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

Governance Committee Update – Mark Mora,
Homebase

Point-In-Time Count Committee (ACTION ITEM)
–Yessenia Aguilar, *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

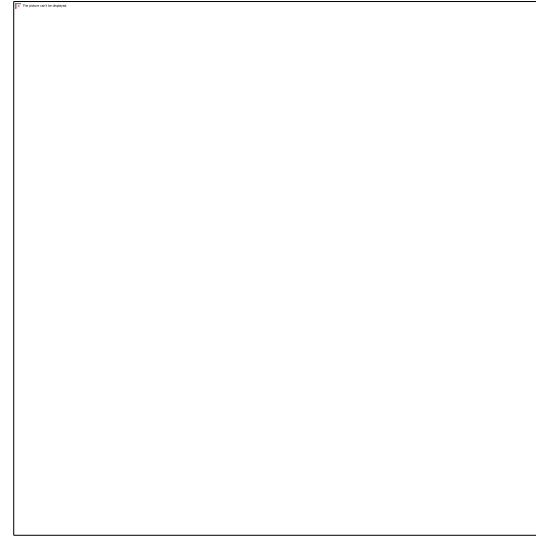
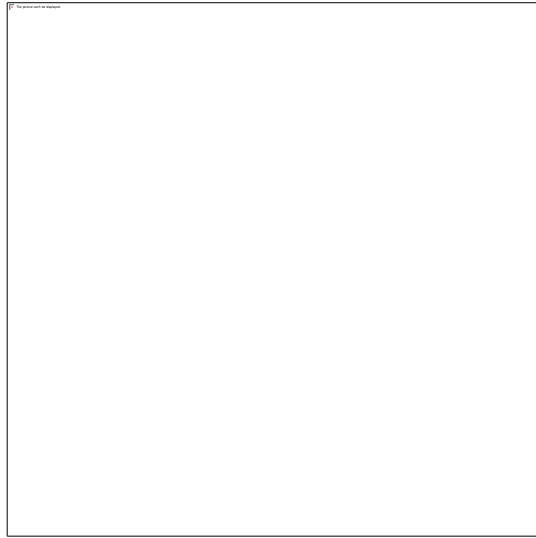
Mark Mora, *Homebase*

COUNCIL BYLAWS UPDATE

- The Governance Committee meets annually to review and revise the Governance Charter and Bylaws to increase efficiency and impact of the Council
- In 2026 the committee met on 2/18 and 3/18, and recommended revisions to be reviewed by Contra Costa County Counsel (the chief legal entity for a county government)
- County Counsel provided feedback in late June, H3 and Homebase are discussing the feedback with County Counsel
- The tentative plan is to bring the revised bylaws to the September Council on Homelessness meeting for approval before sending to the Board of Supervisors for official approval

**POINT-IN-TIME
COUNT
COMMITTEE
(ACTION ITEM)**

Yessenia Aguilar, *H3*



POINT IN TIME COUNT

COMMITTEE TIME COMMITMENT

September: Methods

- 1 Work Group Meeting
- Virtual

October: Hot Spots

- 1 Work Group Meeting
- Virtual

November: Survey and finalize Methods

- 1 Committee Meeting
- IN PERSON

Likely will meet 3rd Fridays

ACTION ITEM: PIT COMMITTEE

- Approve COH members for Point-In-Time Count Committee



YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB)



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

Anastasia Lockwood, *CoH Youth Representative and YAB Member*

YAB JULY MEETINGS

Bimonthly hybrid
meetings at H3 in and
RYSE

Subcommittees:
Communications, Data
& Research, Outreach &
Retention

Youth & Young Adult
(YYA) Homelessness
Community
Collaborative

CoH: CoH Meeting,
Oversight Committee,
Homeless Awareness
Month (HAM)
Committee

Peer Support Check-In
Meetings

HUD YAB Youth
Homelessness NOFO
Sessions

YAB JULY ACTIVITIES

Homelessness 101-
Virtual Sessions

YAB HUD Youth
Homelessness
Demonstration
Program (YHDP)
Review Panel

Contra Costa Health
Community Health
Assessment in East
County

National YAB
Connection Space

COMING UP!

Review and
Submit HUD's
Youth Homeless
NOFO by August
10th

Recruitment &
onboarding of
New YAB
Members

Updates to 2024
Community
Needs
Assessment

Youth Survey
planning (fall
2026)

HAM & Youth
HOPE Month
planning

YYA Homelessness Community Collaborative

Meetings began in February 2025. Last month, relaunched the **YYA Homelessness Community Collaborative**—where YYA with lived experience and community partners can:

- Review and shape plans like the [YYA Strategic Plan](#)
- Workshop ideas for events such as [CAL Youth HOPE Month](#) in November
- Explore ways to advance action, improve services, and uplift funding opportunities.
- Build community with others committed to supporting YYA in Contra Costa

Meetings co-hosted by H3 and YAB!

 Monday, August 17th (3rd Mondays) | ⌚ 3:00–4:00 PM

 <https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/j/89336324642>

CONNECT WITH YAB

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

For more information:

✉ ContraCostaYAB@cchealth.org

📞 925-500-3237

2026 Contra Costa County YAB
Meeting RSVP



OLD BUSINESS

Sector Report Outs from Council Members –
Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services*
Representative

(ACTION ITEM) Funding Updates – Jamie
Schecter and Christy Saxon, *H3*

SECTOR REPORT OUTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

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FUNDING UPDATES

Jamie Schechter and Christy Saxton, *H3*

FEDERAL GRANTS - HUD

- [Youth Homelessness NOFO for FY2024 and FY2025](#) - HUD will provide funding to communities to implement housing and services projects to reduce youth homelessness
 - Released June 10, 2026, Community Application due August 10, 2026
- [FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition](#)
 - Released June 1, 2026, Collaborative Application due August 26, 2026
- [Continuum of Care Builds \(CoC Builds\)](#) - CoC Builds provides funding for construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of new units of PSH
 - Submitted application for City of Antioch CSH Mahogany project
- [Family Unification Program \(FUP\) Multi-Year NOFO](#) - public housing authorities (PHAs) to partner with public child welfare agencies (PCWAs) to provide Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) assistance to families and transition aged youth
 - Forecasted release date August 12, 2026

FORECASTED FEDERAL GRANTS - HHS

Below grants were posted July 23, 2026, Applications due August 17, 2026

- [FY 2026 Basic Center Program](#) - provides temporary, emergency shelter; and counseling services to youth who have left home
- [The Primary Prevention Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program](#) - identify and implement strategies and services for youth and young adults between ages 12 and 26 in order to prevent homelessness
- [Street Outreach Program \(SOP\)](#) - provides street-based services to runaway, homeless, and street youth

CONSOLIDATED HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS RFP

- Planning underway for 2026 Request for Proposals
- Funding available through Measure X Housing Fund and other funding sources
- Anticipated release late September to October 2026

Sign up to the [Contra Costa CoC mailing list](#) to receive notification of upcoming funding opportunities

CITY OF RICHMOND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Establishing and Operating a Homeless Day Center for Unhoused Richmond Residents

- The purpose of the Day Center is to provide a safe, sanitary, secure, and welcoming environment where individuals experiencing homelessness can rest, access basic necessities, obtain information and referrals, connect to wraparound supportive services, and receive assistance with pathways to employment, healthcare, stable housing, and peer support.
- Applications due August 28, 2026 5:00 PM
- Learn more: [PlanetBids Vendor Portal](#)

NEW BUSINESS

(ACTION ITEM) Approve 2026 Quarter 2 Council on Homelessness Recommendations for Report to County Boards of Supervisors— Jaime Jenett, H3

**ACTION ITEM:
APPROVE 2026
QUARTER 2 COUNCIL
ON HOMELESSNESS
RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR REPORT TO
COUNTY BOARDS OF
SUPERVISORS**

Jaime Jenett, *H3*

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

- **1. Point in Time Count Involvement**

- Encourage community members to join Point in Time Count planning and implementation, starting in September.

- **2. Statewide & Regional Policy Alignment**

- Monitor federal CoC NOFO shifts that could affect permanent housing funding.
- Support state and local funding initiatives to backfill federal funding cuts

ACTION ITEM: RECOMMENDATIONS

Approve recommendations for Quarter 2, 2026 CoH report to County Board of Supervisors



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

PIN IT

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Next COH Meeting:** Thursday, September 3, 1 – 3 PM (1025 Escobar St., Martinez)
- **CoC Training (Fair Housing):** Monday, August 10, 10 AM – 12 PM (Zoom)
- **Homeless Service Providers Meeting:** Thursday, August 13, 8:30-9:30 AM (Zoom)
- **Oversight Committee Meeting WG:** Thursday, August 20, 11:30-1:30 PM (Zoom)
- **Homelessness 101:** Thursday, August 27, 12 – 1:30 PM (Zoom)
- **Homeless Persons' Memorial Event Planning Meeting:** Friday, August 28, 10-12 PM (Zoom)
- **Homelessness Awareness Month Committee:** Tuesday, September 1, 2-4 PM (Zoom)