



# COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

June 4, 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

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

# 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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Representative*

# CONSENT CALENDAR

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Representative*

# 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 May 7, 2026 Council Meeting
- Approve staff report for the June 4, 2026 Council Meeting



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

**CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity Update –**  
Mark Mora, *Homebase* and Jamie Schechter, *H3*

# COC NOFO UPDATE

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

# HUD COC NOFO

- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program, releases an annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) competition
- What we know about the FY 2026 CoC NOFO :
  - The lowest HUD can set Tier 1 at is 60% of Annual Renewal Demand – it was 30% in the rescinded FY 2025 CoC NOFO which was unprecedented
  - HUD is required to publish the FY 2026 CoC NOFO by June 1, 2026 with awards made by December 1, 2026
  - HUD estimates post date (5/29/26) and application due date (8/26/26)
  - Contact [contracosta@homebaseccc.org](mailto:contracosta@homebaseccc.org) with questions

# PLACEHOLDER: FY 2026 COC NOFO

- This slide may be updated if the FY 2026 CoC NOFO is released on 5/29/26, which is the date HUD has estimated

# COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

**Funding Committee Update (ACTION ITEM)** –  
Mark Mora, *Homebase*

**Nominating Committee Update (ACTION ITEM)** –  
Jaime Jenett, *H3*

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

**FUNDING  
COMMITTEE  
UPDATE  
(ACTION ITEMS)**

Mark Mora, *Homebase*

# FUNDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

- The Funding Committee has met monthly for several months to prepare for the FY 2026 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (CoC NOFO) competition
- The general approach has been to plan for similar program changes that were introduced in the rescinded FY 2025 NOFO from November 2025
- The Funding Committee last met on May 29 to finalize recommended revisions to the CoC NOFO Application Process (competition policies) for the Council to consider today

# RECOMMENDED 2026 REVISIONS (1 OF 2)

- 1) Adopt policies if the CoC NOFO includes a funding cap on permanent housing (PH) projects:**
  - a. Remove policy prioritizing renewal projects over new projects
  - b. Aligned with the CoC's overall strategy of prioritizing permanent supportive housing projects, CoC Lead Agency will meet with renewal PSH providers to develop a PH cap shortlist (prioritized for Tier 1)
  - c. Renewal projects cannot appeal: 1) reallocation amounts for projects included in the PH cap shortlist, and 2) renewal projects excluded from the PH cap shortlist
  - d. Prioritization of renewal PH projects applying for a transition grant to convert to a Transitional Housing project over new projects
  - e. Reallocated funding will be prioritized for PH to the fullest extent allowed in the NOFO

# RECOMMENDED 2026 REVISIONS (2 OF 2)

## **2) Revise policy on late applications:**

- a. Late applications will be considered under extenuating circumstances and will be reviewed and determined on a case-by case basis by the Review & Rank Panel
- b. 5-point deduction - applications submitted up to 24 hours after deadline
- c. 5-point deduction - applications submitted between 24-48 hours after deadline
- d. No accepted – application submitted more than 48 hours after deadline

## **3) Adopt policies if CoC NOFO has a competition period of 75 days or less:**

- a. Funding Committee can approve revisions to scoring tools and competition policies (however, if there are more than 75 days for the competition, but the Council is unable to achieve quorum in sufficient time, the Funding Committee may approve documents)
- b. Priority Listing will be approved by the Council – an emergency Council meeting may be convened as needed meet HUD-required timelines.

# ACTION ITEM

Approve revisions to the Application Process for the FY 2026 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity competition as recommended by the Funding Committee.



# LOCAL REVIEW & RANK PROCESS

- As part of the annual CoC competition, a Review and Rank Panel of non-conflicted Council on Homelessness members will review and score submitted projects
- Panelists use Council-approved scoring tools:
  - Renewal Housing Project Scoring Tool
  - New Housing Project Scoring Tool(s)

# RECRUITING FOR 2026 REVIEW AND RANK PANEL

- **Eligibility:** CoH member, non-conflicted
- **Role:** review and score applications, participate in review and rank meetings, produce Priority Listing
- **Important dates and activities:**
  - Panel orientation (1.5 hours, tentatively 7/14)
  - Score applications on your own (8-16 hours, tentatively 7/14-7/23)
  - Panel meetings (2 meetings, each 3-5 hours, tentatively 7/23 and 7/27)
- **Benefits:** learn about projects that provide housing and/or services; build relationships; professional development

# ACTION ITEM

Approve proposed Council on Homelessness members to serve on 2026 CoC NOFO Review and Rank Panel



# FUNDING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

- **\*6/9 – Funding Committee Meeting** (virtual)
- **\*6/11 – Funding Committee Meeting** (virtual)
- **6/16 – Funding Committee Meeting** (in-person for Council members with virtual component)

*\*If the 2026 CoC NOFO is released on the estimated date of 5/29, the Funding Committee will likely need to be quickly convened on 6/9 and 6/11*

**NOMINATING  
COMMITTEE  
UPDATE  
(ACTION ITEM)**

Jaime Jenett, *H3*

# EHSD REPRESENTATIVE SEAT

- Belinda Jackson-Thomas stepping down
- Soliciting for EHSD candidates until June 12<sup>th</sup>
- Propose using 2025 Nominating Panel
  - Juno
  - Leann
  - Sherina
- Will bring candidate for COH vote to July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting

# ACTION ITEM

Approve proposed Council on Homelessness members to serve on an Ad Hoc Nominating Panel



# YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB)



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

Anastasia Lockwood, *CoH Youth Representative and YAB Member*

# YAB MAY MEETINGS

Bimonthly hybrid meetings at H3 in and RYSE

Subcommittees:  
Communications,  
Data & Research,  
Outreach & Retention

CoH: CoH Meeting,  
Oversight Committee,  
Homeless Workforce  
Integration Network

Peer Support Check-In  
Meetings

# YAB MAY ACTIVITIES

- Richmond Tiny House Village Celebration
- Webinar: Ending Youth Homelessness: New Initiatives
- SOS Screening & Panel: The Right to Exist
- Measure B Community Forum
- National YAB Connection Space



# COMING UP!

Reconvene  
Youth & Young  
Adult Strategic  
Planning

Social Media

Updates to  
2024  
Community  
Needs  
Assessment

Apply for HUDs  
YHDP NOFO

Concord  
Library  
Summer  
Unhoused  
Resource Fair

Youth Survey  
planning (fall  
2026)

# YYA Homelessness Community Collaborative

The YAB and H3 invite partners and young people to reconnect and work together to improve outcomes for Youth & Young Adults (YYA) experiencing homelessness. Join us as we launch the newly revamped YYA Homelessness Community Collaborative—a shared space where YYA with lived experience and community partners can:

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

## Meeting Details

 Monday, June 15 (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](mailto: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*

**Funding Updates –** Jamie Schecter and Christy  
Saxon, *H3*

**SECTOR  
REPORT OUTS  
FROM COUNCIL  
MEMBERS**

Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services  
Representative*

# FUNDING UPDATES

Jamie Schechter and Christy Saxton, *H3*

# PROPOSED CHANGE TO EQUAL ACCESS RULE – PUBLIC COMMENT OPEN

- HUD's Equal Access Rule requires that individuals be treated based on their gender identity and ensures that eligibility for services is not restricted because of someone's sexual orientation.
- HUD's proposed changes include:
  - Removing references to "gender," "gender identity," and "actual or perceived sexual orientation" across all HUD programs.
  - Requires placement and accommodation in emergency shelters and other facilities with shared sleeping quarters or bathing facilities be made in accordance with an individual's biological sex
  - Removes prohibitions on inquiries into gender identity so providers may "require reasonable assurances or evidence to establish a person's sex.
  - Could tie compliance with the new standards to federal funding eligibility.

**Public comment open through June 29, 2026**

<https://www.regulations.gov/document/HUD-2026-0529-0001>

# FORECASTED FEDERAL GRANTS - HUD

## Estimated Posting Dates on Grants.gov as of 5/26/2026

May 15, 2026 (past due)

- [Youth Homelessness NOFO for FY2024 and FY2025](#) - HUD will provide funding to communities to implement housing and services projects to reduce youth homelessness

May 29, 2026

- [FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition](#)

June 17, 2026

- [Continuum of Care Builds \(CoC Builds\)](#) - CoC Builds provides funding for construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of new units of PSH

August 12, 2026

- [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 FEDERAL GRANTS - HHS

## Estimated Posting Dates on Grants.gov as of 5/26/2026

### June 22, 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

### July 7, 2026

- [Street Outreach Program \(SOP\)](#) - provides street-based services to runaway, homeless, and street youth

# HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

- Still awaiting final HHAP-7 budget. Governor's May Revise budget included program at \$500 million, a 50% reduction from prior rounds
- 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

- On May 11, 2026 funding recommendations approved by the Family and Human Services Committee for consideration by the Board of Supervisors
  - [Meeting materials available online](#)
- Board of Supervisors approval of recommendations scheduled for June 9, 2026 meeting

# NEW BUSINESS

**Community Healthy Assessment Survey** – Dr.  
Sefanit Mekuria, *Director of Public Health, STI  
Controller, Deputy Health Officer*

**COMMUNITY  
HEALTH  
ASSESSMENT  
SURVEY**

Dr. Sefanit Mekuria, *Director of Public Health, STI  
Controller, Deputy Health Officer*

# Community Health Assessment

6/4/2026

CoH Meeting



CONTRA COSTA  
HEALTH



# Why A Public Health CHA

- Identify community health needs and strengths
- Use data to set priorities and guide decision-making
- Support development of a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and strategic plan
- Strengthen collaboration with community partners and residents
- Improve transparency and build community trust
- Target resources where they're most needed
- Track progress and measure impact over time
- Meet regulatory requirements

# Background

- First step: partnered with the Contra Costa Together team for guidance and support & help form the steering committee
- Steering committee - Provides overall direction and coordination, to ensure the CHA is community-driven and aligned with shared priorities
- Steering committee spent time sharing experiences, reviewing frameworks, and reflecting on past assessments
- Group development took time, allowing the committee to align and establish a shared “north star”
- Partnerships: Contra Costa Together, Contra Costa Regional Foundation, Contra Costa Health Equity Team, Contra Costa Business Intelligence Team, IP3, Community Initiatives

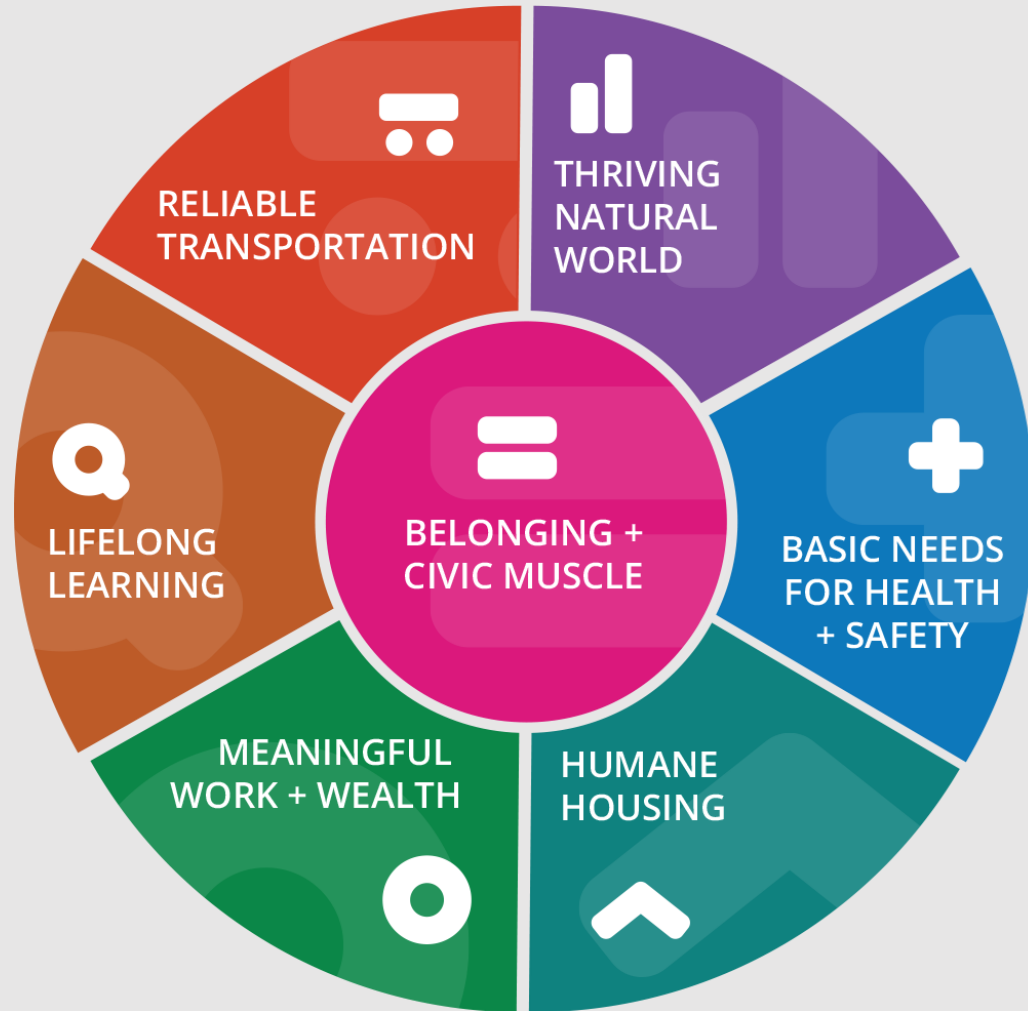
Steering Committee	
Organization	Representative
First Five	Liliana Gonzalez
Ryse	Kanwarpal Dhaliwal
Rainbow Community Center	JC Chamorro
Healthy Contra Costa	Roxanne Garza
Hijas Del Campo	Marivel Mendoza Matheu
Contra Costa Health Plan (Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan)	Jersey Nielson/Dr. Sara Levin
Kaiser (Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan)	Camille Cooley
CCH	Sofe Mekuria, Ashley Kokotaylo, Shannon Ladner-Beasley, Lisa Diemoz
IP3	Erin Barbaro



# Vital Conditions

- What are the Vital Conditions?
  - Seven interdependent community conditions essential for well-being—like housing, meaningful work, civic belonging, education, transportation, environmental health, and basic needs.
- Why it matters for CHAs
  - Offers a holistic lens beyond traditional health data, emphasizing root causes of health and wellness.
  - Promotes multi-solving solutions that achieve measurable changes in health, equity, and civic benefits simultaneously
  - Aligns closely with community-driven approaches, empowering cross-sector partnerships.
- Our Steering Committee's Decision
  - Selected the Vital Conditions framework—it resonates with Contra Costa Together's mission and helps unify diverse priorities under a shared vision.
- Proven in Practice
  - Loma Linda University Health adopted this model in their 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment—embedding the seven conditions into their strategic plan. Other regions (e.g., Augusta County, Virginia, Frederick County, Maryland) have likewise integrated Vital Conditions into assessment tools and planning efforts

# VITAL CONDITIONS FOR WELL-BEING



## THRIVING NATURAL WORLD

### Sustainable resources, contact with nature, freedom from hazards

Clean air, water, soil; healthy ecosystems able to sustainably provide necessary resources; accessible natural spaces; freedom from the extreme heat, flooding, wind, radiation, earthquakes, pathogens



## BASIC NEEDS FOR HEALTH + SAFETY

### Basic requirements for health and safety

Nutritious food, safe drinking water; fresh air; sufficient sleep; routine physical activity; safe, satisfying sexuality and reproduction; freedom from trauma, violence, addiction and crime; routine care for physical and behavioral health



## HUMANE HOUSING

### Humane, consistent housing

Adequate space per person; safe structures; affordable costs; diverse neighborhoods (without gentrification, segregation, concentrated poverty); close to work, school, food, recreation, and nature



## MEANINGFUL WORK + WEALTH

### Rewarding work, careers, and standards of living

Job training/retraining; good-paying and fulfilling jobs; family and community wealth; savings and limited debt



## LIFELONG LEARNING

### Continuous learning, education, and literacy

Continuous development of cognitive, social, emotional abilities; early childhood experiences; elementary, high school, and higher education; career and adult education



## RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION

### Reliable, safe, and accessible transportation

Close to work, school, food, leisure; safe transport; active transport; efficient energy use; few environmental hazards



## BELONGING + CIVIC MUSCLE

### Sense of belonging and power to shape a common world

Social support; civic association; freedom from stigma, discrimination, oppression; support for civil rights, human rights; civic agency; collective efficacy; vibrant arts, culture, and spiritual life; equitable access to information; many opportunities for civic engagement (voting, volunteering, public work)

All human beings rely on seven vital conditions in order to Thrive (reach their full potential)



*Benefits of the VC's framework go beyond classifying social drivers...*

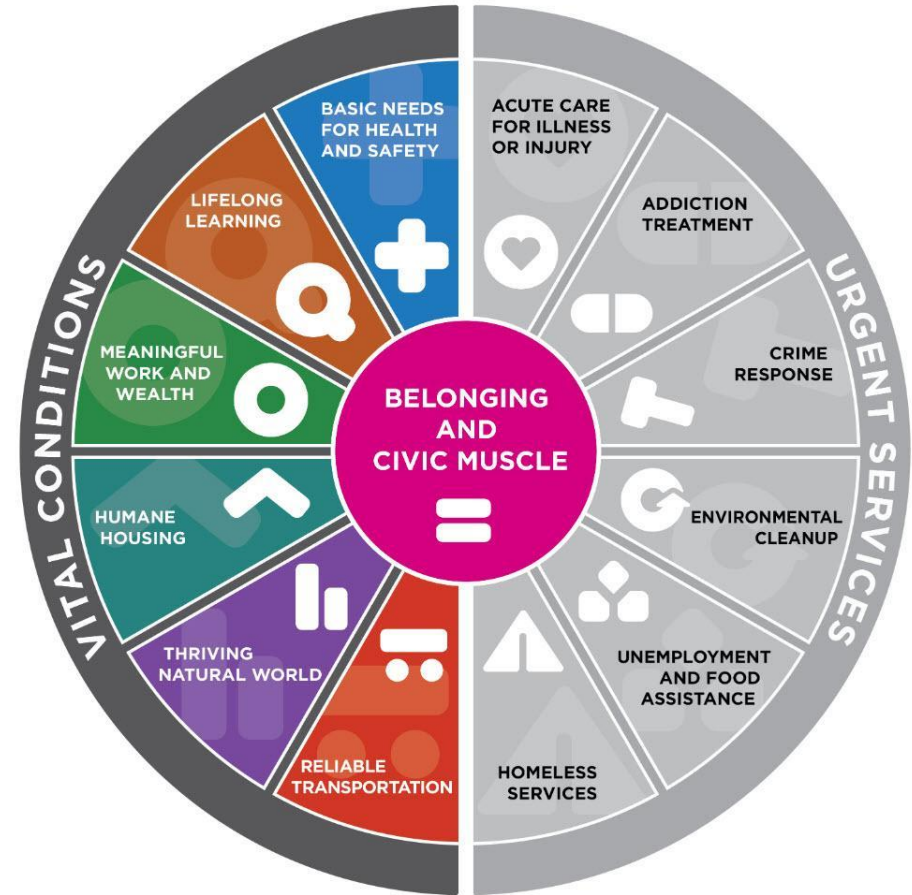
- Bridging framework
- Helps non-health stakeholders see their role and potential for contribution
- Centers the role of belonging and civic muscle for success in every other area

**Belonging and Civic Muscle**

When vital conditions are denied or disrupted, people struggle and suffer, driving demand for urgent services.

*“In times of crisis, urgent services are lifesaving and life-altering. Anyone experiencing adversity may need urgent services to regain their health and well-being.”*

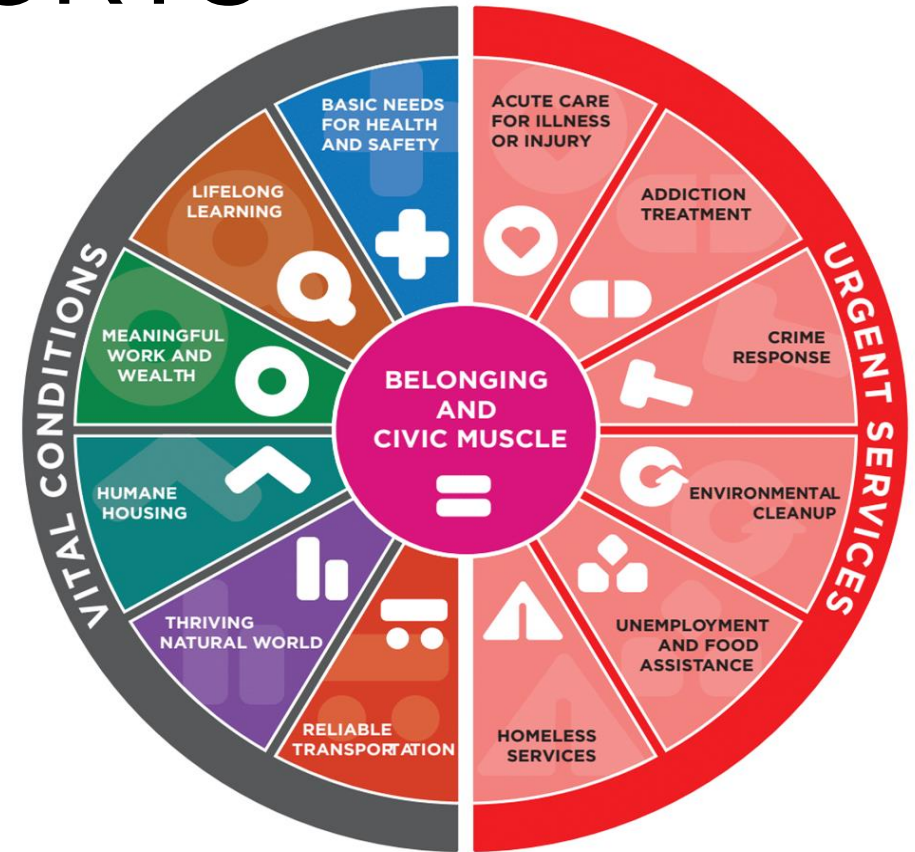
— [Health Affairs](#)



# (RE) BALANCING OUR EFFORTS

“We must reject the implicit idea that the best we can do is to deliver urgent services to people who are perpetually struggling and suffering, often over generations.”

– [Health Affairs](#)



**We can't urgent service our way to Thriving**

# Current State

- Secondary Data Work
  - First iteration of key health indicators is complete & data analysis is currently underway
- Primary Data Collection
  - Steering Committee prioritized a community survey focused on belonging and civic muscle
    - Available in 16 languages
    - Anonymous & raffle gift card
  - Community-facilitated listening sessions are being planned and launched
  - Strong emphasis on reaching voices “not in the room” to ensure equitable representation

# Upcoming Milestones



# Ready, Set, Action!

## 1. Stay Informed & Be Ready

- Follow updates on the CHA webpage: [Community Health Assessment 2026 | Contra Costa Health](#)
- If you live in Contra Costa, please complete the survey on the website ([CHA](#)) or scan the QR code

**Take the  
Survey**



# Ready, Set, Action!

## 3. Partner to Reach the Community

- The community survey closes June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please help us reach a wide range of Contra Costa residents by sharing it with your partners, coalitions, networks, events and clients in the field over the next month.
- Need help coordinating outreach material for a large event, including printed surveys: Email [CHAWorkgroup@cchealth.org](mailto:CHAWorkgroup@cchealth.org)
- Toolkit with sample email, flyer with QR code available on the website: [Community Health Assessment 2026 | Contra Costa Health](#)



Thanks!!!

# 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

Nicole Green, *Chair & Reentry Representative*

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Next COH Meeting:** Thursday, July 9, 1 – 3 PM (1025 Escobar St., Martinez)
- **Homelessness Awareness Month Committee:** Tuesday, June 2, 2 PM – 4 PM (Zoom)
- **CoC Training (CoC NOFO New Project Types and Transition Grants):** Monday, June 8, 10 AM – 12 PM (Zoom)
- **HMIS Policy Committee:** Tuesday, June 9, 12-1:30 PM (Zoom)
- **Funding Committee (Tentative):** Tuesday, June 9, 2:30-4:30 PM (Zoom)
- **Homeless Service Provider Meeting:** Thursday, June 11, 8:30 – 9:30 AM (Zoom)
- **Funding Committee (Tentative):** Thursday, June 11, 2:30-4:30 PM (Zoom)
- **Funding Committee:** Tuesday, June 16, 2:30-4:30 PM (IN PERSON)
- **Homelessness 101:** Thursday, June 16, 6 – 7:30 PM (IN PERSON- Danville)
- **Oversight Committee:** Thursday, June 18, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM (Zoom)