



COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

July 9, 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) |
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| <p>If not attending in person</p> | <p>Basis for Remote Attendance</p> | <p>When unable to attend in person</p> | <p>May appear remotely for Just Cause:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2x/year • Notify COH by state of meeting with specific just cause reason |
| | <p>Agenda and Public Access</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | <p>N/A</p> |
| | <p>Quorum</p> | <p>Counts towards quorum</p> | <p>Quorum must be met by in person members & traditional teleconferencing</p> |
| | <p>Voting</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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Representative*

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

Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services
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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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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 June 4, 2026 Council Meeting
- Approve staff report for the July 9, 2026 Council Meeting
- APPROVE Courtney Pal to join CoC NOFO Review and Rank Panel



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

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

2026 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)
- FY 2026 CoC NOFO was released on 6/1/26
 - Specific funding amounts for our community have yet to be released
 - 6/17/26 – Technical Assistance Workshop for applicants
 - 6/25/26 – Letter of Intent to Apply
 - 7/7/26 (1pm) – Renewal project local applications due
 - 7/13/26 (1pm) – New project local applications due
 - 7/14, 7/23, 7/27 – Review and Rank Panel meetings
 - 8/6/26 – Council on Homelessness approves Final Priority Listing
 - 8/26/26 - Consolidated application due to HUD
 - Contact contracosta@homebaseccc.org with questions

**YOUTH
HOMELESSNESS
NOFO UPDATE**

Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair & Lived Experience
Advisor*

Caroline Miller, *H3*

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS NOFO

Released on 6/10/2026; applications due on 8/10/2026

For Youth & Young Adults (YYA) ages 24 and younger

Includes FY 2024 and FY 2025 Youth Homelessness Demonstration (YHDP) and Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement Grants (YHSI)

Communities may apply for both YHDP and YHSI

Community Applications (non-CoCs) are eligible to apply

Core YHDP values and notable changes compared to previous NOFOs

YHDP and YHSI

YHDP

- No new YHDP PH or RRH applications—only TH, SSO, HMIS, SSO-CE, or planning grants
- Must include a priority listing of project applications, individual project applications, & project budgets
- Awards: \$500,000 - \$15 million
- Contra Costa CoC to submit Collaborative Application with Project Design Questionnaire due on July 10 and reviewed by Youth Action Board (YAB)

YHSI

- Eligible activities:
 - ⑩ Improving YYA capacity & collaboration
 - ⑩ Establishing partnerships to prevent homelessness
 - ⑩ Connections with education, job training, & employment skills
 - ⑩ Improving CE & data collection.
- Awards: 49 awards for approximately \$1 million in grants
- Contra Costa CoC will apply

TIMELINE

| ACTIVITY | DATE |
|--|----------------------------|
| Youth Homelessness NOFO Community Information Session | Friday, June 26 at 10:30am |
| YHDP Project Design Questionnaires Released | Friday, June 29 |
| YHDP Project Design Questionnaires due to Homebase | Friday, July 10 at 12:00pm |
| YYA Homelessness Community Collaborative Meeting | Monday, July 20 at 3:00pm |
| YHDP Project scoring by YAB Subcommittee | Week of July 20 |
| YHDP Priority list finalized by YAB Subcommittee | Thursday, July 23 |
| Draft YHDP and YHSI project applications entered into esnaps | Friday, July 24 at 5:00pm |
| YHDP Priority list distributed | Friday, July 24 |
| Submit YHDP and YHSI project applications into esnaps | Wednesday, August 5 |

MATERIALS

Materials for Youth Homelessness NOFO Application Process, including:

- Project Applicant timeline
- YHDP NOFO Summary
- Slides and recording from Juen 26 Information Session
- YHDP Project Prioritization Policy
- Youth Homelessness NOFO
- Youth Needs Assessment

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Homebase and H3 are offering technical assistance to project applicants.

✉ ContraCostaYHDP@homebaseccc.org

✉ ContraCostaCoC@cchealth.org

COMMITTEE REPORT OUTS

Nominating Committee Update (ACTION ITEMS)

– Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair & Lived Experience Advisor*

Homelessness Awareness Month Committee Update (ACTION ITEM) – Juno Hedrick, *Vice Chair & Lived Experience Advisor*

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

**NOMINATING
COMMITTEE
(ACTION ITEMS)**

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair & Lived Experience Advisor

EHSD SEAT APPLICATIONS

- 1 applicant
- Review Panel of LeAnn, Juno, Sherina
- Next steps:
 - 7/9: COH approve
 - 7/13: Family and Human Services Committee approve
 - August: Board of Supervisors approve
 - Christina begin August?

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM

Approve Christina Navarro as Employment and Human Services (EHSD) Representative candidate to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for official approval for Council on Homelessness membership.



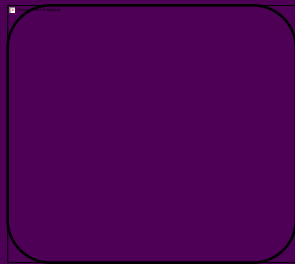
**HOMELESSNESS
AWARENESS
MONTH
COMMITTEE
(ACTION ITEM)**

Juno Hedrick, Vice Chair & Lived Experience Advisor

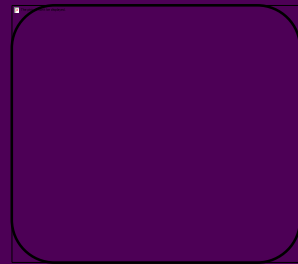
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- Provide information
- Celebrate wins
- Amplify voices
- Highlight gaps
- Encourage action

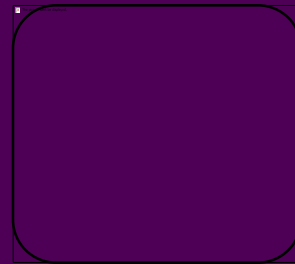
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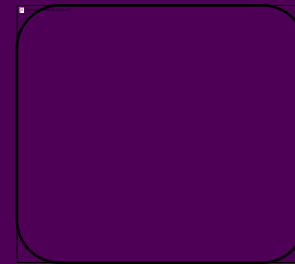
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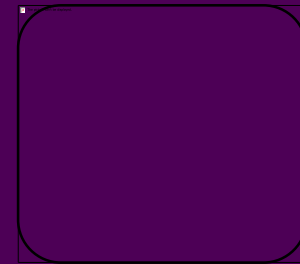
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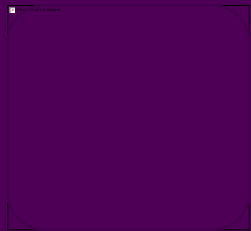


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Support

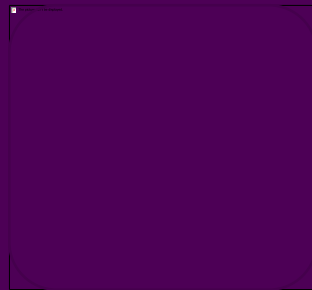


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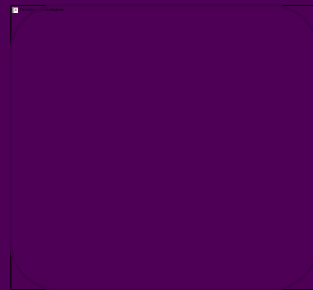
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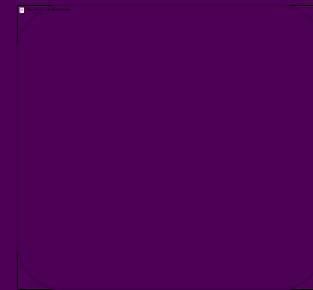
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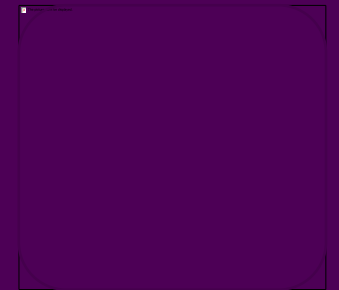
Recognition Reception



Youth Focused training



BOS Presentation



Homeless Person's
Memorial Event
(December)

RESOLUTIONS OF SUPPORT

Purpose

- Affirms public commitment
- Elevates visibility
- Strengthens advocacy:
- Encourages collaboration
- Documents institutional support

To Do Today

- Review and approve versions to go to BOS in November
- Know that data will be updated before submitted to BOS

CHANGES TO RESOLUTIONS

- Update data from 2024 to 2025
- Amplify challenges created by changes to federal funding and policy priorities
- Modify language in response to changes to federal policy priorities

2 RESOLUTIONS TO APPROVE

Homelessness
Awareness
Month

Homeless
Persons'
Memorial Day



RECOGNITIONS



2025 RECOGNITIONS

Outstanding Housing Provider

- 13 nominations

Outstanding Volunteer

- 16 nominations

Outstanding Partnership

- 45 nominations

Phoenix Rising

- 16 nominations

HAM COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Nominations

- Recommendations for today

How to Recognize

- TBD

PROPOSED CHANGES TO RECOGNITIONS

| Name | Descriptions | Criteria | Nomination Form | Reception Event |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No changes | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slight edits to all 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partner: require 12 months• Phoenix Rising: Clarify can be any stage in journey | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More specific questions in all categories | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subgroup to work on this |

RECOGNITION NEXT STEPS

7/9 COH approve Recognition categories

8/4 HAM Committee review solicitation materials

8/5 Open Recognition submission forms

9/11 Close Recognition submission forms

9/22 HAM Committee review Nominations

10/2 COH approve Nominations

11/4 Recognition Ceremony

HAM COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM

Approve Recognition Categories and Resolutions of Support as recommended by the Homelessness Awareness Month 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 JUNE MEETINGS

Bimonthly hybrid meetings at H3 in and RYSE

Subcommittees:
Communications,
Data & Research,
Outreach & Retention

YYA Homelessness
Community
Collaborative

CoH: CoH Meeting,
Oversight Committee

Peer Support Check-In
Meetings

YAB JUNE ACTIVITIES

Concord Library
Summer Unhoused
Resource Fair

East-Bay
Restorative Justice
Initiative
Discussion

2026 Youth
Homelessness
NOFO Info Session

National YAB
Connection Space

YAB IN COMMUNITY



COMING UP!



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, including [HUD's YHDP](#)
- Build community with others committed to supporting YYA in Contra Costa

Meetings co-hosted by H3 and YAB!

 Monday, July 20 (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

📷 Instagram: [yab_ccc](https://www.instagram.com/yab_ccc)

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**

Nicole Green, *Chair and Reentry Services
Representative*

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
 - Project questionnaire due July 10, 2026
- [FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition](#)
 - Released June 1, 2026, Collaborative Application due August 26, 2026
 - Renewal Project applications due July 7 and new project applications due July 13
- [Continuum of Care Builds \(CoC Builds\)](#) - CoC Builds provides funding for construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of new units of PSH
 - Released June 23, 2026, Collaborative Application due July 23, 2026
 - LOI closed July 1 with two responses received
- [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

FUNDING COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM

Approve Chair or Vice Chair to approve priority listing for CoC Builds NOFO



FORECASTED FEDERAL GRANTS - HHS

Estimated Posting Dates on Grants.gov as of 7/1/2026

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

- Final budget included funding for the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program at \$900 million.
- 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

- Board of Supervisors [approved](#) funding recommendations at June 23, 2026 meeting

Approved recommendations included:

- Funding for basic needs services across the county
- New rapid rehousing and prevention for families engaged with Children and Family Services
- New homelessness prevention services for older adults

NEW BUSINESS

Learning Corner: New Project Types – Jamie
Schechter, *H3*

**LEARNING
CORNER: NEW
PROJECT TYPES**

Jamie Schechter, *H3*

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (TH)

Time limited housing to prepare participants for self sufficiency

Services may be on-site or arranged in the community and may include connections to workforce development, employment, education, healthcare, behavioral healthcare, legal services, budgeting, childcare, parenting resources, and/ or other possibilities based on the participants' individualized services plan.

Individualized service plans should be co-created with participants, designed to meet the specific needs of the families and individuals served, and should be part of an addendum to the occupancy agreement

Residents of Transitional Housing under the CoC program may come from homelessness, incarceration, rehabilitation centers, mental health institutional care, foster care, or other settings, as long as they meet the definition of homelessness in Category 1,2, or 4.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING - ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

New Construction,
Acquisition, and/ or
Rehabilitation of a
Building to provide TH

Leasing of a Building

Leasing Scattered Site
Units

Operating Costs (not
eligible with rental
assistance)

Rental Assistance:
must be administered
by a PHA or unit of
government

HMIS

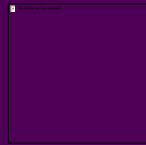
Project
Administration

Supportive Services

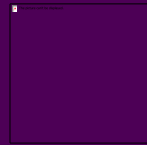
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING - OPERATING COSTS



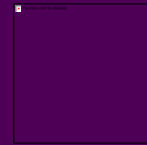
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& Repairs



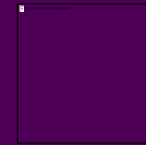
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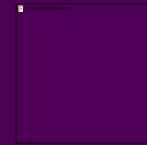
Building
Security



Utilities



Furniture



Equipment

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY (SSO) - STANDALONE

- SSO projects allow recipients to provide supportive services to homeless individuals and families
- Eligible supportive services can include case management, moving costs, childcare, education services, employment assistance and job training, food, mental health services, etc.
- The SSO project cannot be utilized in a specific housing program; however, services may be provided for 6 months after a participant moves into housing

SSO STANDALONE – ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Acquisition,
Rehabilitation, or
Leasing of a space to
provide supportive
services

HMIS

Project Administration

Supportive Services

SSO STANDALONE - ELIGIBLE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Annual Assessment
of Services
(§ 578.53(e)(1))

Moving costs
(§ 578.53(e)(2))

Case management
(§ 578.53(e)(3))

Childcare
(§ 578.53(e)(4))

Education services
(§ 578.53(e)(5))

Employment
assistance and job
training
(§ 578.53(e)(6))

Street Outreach and
Problem Solving

SSO **STANDALONE** - ADDITIONAL ELIGIBLE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

| | | | |
|---|--|--|---|
| Food (§ 578.53(e)(7)) | Housing search and counseling services (§ 578.53(e)(8)) | Legal services (§ 578.53(e)(9)) | Life skills training (§ 578.53(e)(10)) |
| Mental health services (§ 578.53(e)(11)) | Outpatient health services (§ 578.53(e)(12)) | Outreach services (§ 578.53(e)(13)) | Substance abuse treatment services (§ 578.53(e)(14)) |
| | Transportation (§ 578.53(e)(15)) | Utility deposits (§ 578.53(e)(16)) | |

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY (SSO) – STREET OUTREACH (SO)

- Outreach efforts could be implemented as SSO or SSO-CE programs that aren't directly attached to CoC housing programs or as a street outreach component of CoC-funded TH or TH projects
- An SSO project may not have a leasing or rental assistance line item to provide transitional housing or permanent housing as part of the project

SSO – STREET OUTREACH

The goal of an SSO-SO program is to engage with people experiencing unsheltered homelessness and link them to housing or shelter options coupled with supportive services to meet their unique needs



An SSO-SO incorporates rapid resolution and problem solving to move people to solutions as soon as possible

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, August 6, 1 – 3 PM (1025 Escobar St., Martinez)
- **CoC Training: Trauma Informed Care:** Monday, July 13, 10 AM – 12 PM (Zoom)
- **Homelessness 101:** Thursday, July 16, 6 – 7:30 PM (Zoom)
- **Homeless Persons' Memorial Event Planning Meeting:** Friday, July 24, 10-12 PM (Zoom)