



HEAP/CSOC ALIGNMENT WORKGROUP MEETING SUMMARY

Tuesday, October 30th, 2018

COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY | 251 E. Hackett Rd | Modesto CA 95358 | Cafeteria Trng Rm

I. TIME: 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

II. ATTENDEES: Michelle Arender, Kyle DeJesus, Nora Breslin, Francine DiCiano, Cindy Duenas, Jean Field, Angela Freitas, Kathy Harwell, Brad Hawn, Jody Hayes, Ruben Imperial, Maryn Pitt, Bob Lawton, Jessica Narayan, Sean Scully, Toby Wells, Brian Whitemyer

III. INTRODUCTIONS AND MEETING INTENTIONS

A. HomeBase was brought in to help with the HEAP application and homelessness planning process.

B. Meeting intentions are to:

- i. Provide an overview of the various funding opportunities including the HEAP requirements.
- ii. Review the community feedback for funding uses of HEAP and identify how to effectively allocate the funds in our community.
- iii. Establish next steps and recommendations for the HEAP funding priorities and homelessness planning process.

IV. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

A. HUD funding opportunities include:

- i. Continuum of Care (CoC) funding. Eligible projects include permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, joint transitional housing, HMIS, and supportive services only projects.
- ii. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding. ESG funds are available for emergency shelter operations, rapid rehousing, street outreach, essential supportive services, and homelessness prevention.

B. State Funding includes:

- i. Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)
- ii. California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Program
- iii. No Place Like Home (NPLH) Program

V. HEAP OVERVIEW

A. The total eligible amount for the Turlock/Modesto/Stanslaus County CoC is \$7,236,985.95. This is a one-time funding opportunity and funds must be used by June 30th, 2018.

- B. 5% of the funds must be set aside for homeless youth services.
- C. Funding can only be used in cities where a shelter crisis is declared.
- D. To meet the application deadline of December 31st, 2018, cities must declare the shelter crisis by early December. However, concerns were brought forth by City Managers on how the election may cause issues since newly elected officials will not have the appropriate background to make an effective decision for declaring a shelter crisis. City Managers and staff are to begin briefing elected officials prior to December board dates.
- E. The Housing-First practice must be adopted as a requirement of HEAP Funds. Housing First is an approach that prioritizes providing permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness, which will help serve as a platform from which they can improve their quality of life.
- F. HEAP Funds eligible activities include: services, rental assistance or subsidies, capital improvements, and youth programs/services.
- G. HEAP funds do not have to be used for new programs or projects.
- H. You may not use rental subsidies in jurisdictions that did not declare a shelter crisis.

VI. COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- A. According to the community feedback from the last CSOC Leadership Council Meeting, HEAP funds should be spent on the following:
 - i. Services
 - 1. Outreach and engagement
 - 2. Case management
 - 3. Homelessness prevention services
 - 4. Housing navigations
 - 5. Landlord recruitment/housing location
 - 6. Employment programs/opportunities
 - ii. Rental Assistance/Subsidies
 - 1. Assistance with security deposits
 - 2. Assistance with basic household furnishings
 - 3. Flexible prevention/diversion subsidies
 - 4. Subsidies for rapid rehousing program
 - 5. Short-term rentals
 - 6. Low-barrier shelter
 - 7. Landlord incentives
 - iii. Capital Improvements
 - 1. Rehab hotel/motel
 - 2. Master leasing properties for permanent and temporary housing
 - 3. Public toilets and showers
 - 4. Make capital repairs to current shelter; rehabbing derelict properties to convert into affordable housing units
 - 5. Day center for families/individuals to serve as access point

iv. Youth Services

1. Youth shelter/navigation center
2. Diversion and case management for youth
3. Rental vouchers for youth
4. Transitional housing for former foster and other youth
5. Developing alternative housing

VII. FEEDBACK FROM WORKGROUP

- A. It is important to review the gaps/priorities that are not funded.
- B. The County has planning processes underway in developing a navigation or access center that centralizes homelessness support. By December, the County will have recommendation on access center/satellite locations.
- C. Planning processes are being driven by the HEAP timeline. The County/cities should develop one strategy to identify all the areas to support in the community. There are concerns that the HEAP deadline may prevent the team from developing a strategic and effective plan for identifying what the HEAP funds should be used for.
- D. It is important to identify where we can leverage other funding sources.
- E. The City of Turlock and City of Modesto are conducting an analysis of fair pediments and pursuing a consolidated plan for HUD dollars.
- F. Many funding sources are for families with mental illness or disabilities. Funding sources will become available for smaller populations, such as victim services or housing for those out of correctional facilities.

VIII. NEXT STEPS

- A. City Managers and staff are to begin briefing elected officials prior to December board dates.
- B. Cindy Duenas to bring the draft of the Youth Proposal to the next CSOC/HEAP Alignment Meeting.
- C. Begin establishing recommendations for the new governing structure of CSOC at next CSOC/HEAP Alignment Meeting.
- D. Request proposals from CSOC Leadership Council from the four HEAP categories (More specifically, looking at flex funding and landlord engagement).
- E. Review proposals and begin making recommendations on what HEAP funds should be spent on at next HEAP/CSOC Alignment Workgroup Meeting.
- F. Schedule next HEAP/CSOC Alignment Workgroup Meeting for the last week in November.