



# Stanislaus Community System of Care

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Regular Meeting

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# Agenda

- I. Roll Call – Community System of Care (CSOC) Council
- II. Public Comment Period
- III. Action Items
- IV. Informational Items
- V. Policy Issues, Concerns, Actions
- VI. General Membership Announcements

# Agenda Item I – Roll Call

	HOUSING / SERVICE PROVIDERS	
1	Permanent Supportive Housing Provider	VACANT
2	Transitional/Rapid-Rehousing Provider	Esther Rosas
3	Emergency Shelter Provider	Darren Stratton
4	Youth Services Provider	Emily Webster
5	Victims Services Provider	Yesenia Solorzano
6	Housing Authority of Stanislaus County	Varies
7	Veteran’s Services	Jose Ortega
8	Healthcare Provider	VACANT
9	Senior Service Provider – Senior Advocacy Network	Hannah Brady

# Agenda Item I – Roll Call

	BROADER COMMUNITY	
1	BIPOC Advocate	VACANT
2	LGBTQ Advocate	Roman Scanlon
3	Lived Experience 1	VACANT
4	Lived Experience 2	VACANT
5	Lived Experience 3	VACANT
6	Homeless Advocate	VACANT
7	Faith Sector Representative	Jason Conway
8	Neighborhood Representative – North	VACANT
9	Neighborhood Representative – South	Maryn Pitt
10	Neighborhood Representative – East	Darlene Barber-Martinez
11	Neighborhood Representative – West	Margie Johnson
12	Education Community Representative	Fred Berry
13	Business Community Representative	Steve Madison
14	Philanthropy Representative	VACANT
15	Law Enforcement Representative	VACANT

# Agenda Item I – Roll Call

	FUNDERS	
1	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Modesto	Heather Jones
2	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Turlock	Jennifer Figueroa
3	Entitlement Jurisdiction: Riverbank	Marisela Garcia

Total Membership	27	
Housing/Services Providers	9	Vacancies = 2
Broader Community	15	Vacancies = 8
Funders	3	Vacancies = 0

## Agenda Item II – Public Comment Period

*PUBLIC COMMENT: Matters under the jurisdiction of the CSOC and not on this posted agenda may be addressed by the general public at this time. However, California law prohibits the CSOC from taking any action on a matter that is not on the posted agenda unless it is determined to be an emergency by the CSOC. Any member of the public wishing to address the CSOC during the “Public Comment” period is permitted to be heard once for up to 5 minutes.*

Five (5) minute time limit

## Agenda Item III – Action Items

- a. March Minutes

## Agenda Item III(a) – Action Items

March Minutes

*Maryn Pitt, CSOC Chairperson*

## Agenda Item IV – Informational Items

- a. City of Modesto – Annual Action Plan
- b. Stanislaus County – Annual Action Plan
- c. Transitional Rent
- d. Friends Outside
- e. Care Court Updates
- f. H.R. 1 Medi-Cal CalFresh Updates

## Agenda Item IV(a) – Informational Items

City of Modesto – Annual Action Plan

*Blanca Ramirez, City of Modesto*



# FY 2026-2027 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)  
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)  
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

Blanca Ramirez  
Administrative Analyst II



## Annual Action Plan

### Annual Action Plan (2026-2027)

- Provides a concise summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan.

### Consolidated Plan- (2025-2030) Required Every 5 Years

- Assesses affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions.
  - Serves as the framework for a community-wide dialogue to identify housing and community development priorities Identifies barriers to fair housing and sets a strategy to address barriers.
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# 2026-2027 AVAILABLE FUNDING

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## Background

As an Entitlement Community, the City of Modesto is eligible to receive HUD funds by a formula-based method each year:

- The City will be notified prior to the submission of the Annual Action Plan to HUD for the actual allocations of funding

Purpose of entitlement funding:

- Serve low-income persons/households
  - Develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities.
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# HUD Funding Allocations

	<b>Community Development Block Grant CDBG</b>	<b>Emergency Solution Grants ESG</b>	<b>Home Investment Partnership Programs HOME</b>
<b>2026-2027 Funding</b>	<b>\$1,800,000*</b>	<b>\$155,000*</b>	<b>\$800,000*</b>
<b>Uses</b>	Serve Low/Moderate-Income Persons	Homeless Persons/Families	Affordable Housing
<b>Example Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Infrastructure Improvements</li> <li>• Public Facilities</li> <li>• Housing Acquisition and Rehabilitation</li> <li>• Public Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homeless Prevention</li> <li>• Rapid Rehousing</li> <li>• Emergency Shelter Operations</li> <li>• Homeless Management Information System HMIS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of New Housing</li> <li>• Rehabilitation to Existing Housing</li> <li>• First Time Homebuyer Assistance</li> </ul>

\* Amounts listed are a projection based on previous program years allocations



# PUBLIC SERVICES

## Fiscal Year 2026-27 Projected Allocations

### CDBG Allocations

- Approximately \$270,000\* which represents approximately 15% of the City's overall allocation.
- Minimum Grant Award will be \$30,000
- Maximum Grant Award will be \$50,000

#### Fair Housing

- Up to \$30,000 will be available to an eligible fair housing program.
- Only one award will be made.

### ESG Allocations

- Approximately \$155,000\*
- Minimum Grant Award will be \$30,000
- No more than 60% of the award (of City allocation) can be designated to Street Outreach and Shelter Activities (\$81,000)
- The remaining amount can be allocated to Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing services.

- Public Service Award recommendations are subject to entitlement jurisdiction's actual allocations
- No award notifications will be sent until the actual allocations are received from HUD



## CDBG & ESG Public Services

- The following agencies presented to the application review committee for public service funding consideration:
    - Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
    - Center for Human Services - Pathways
    - Center for Human Services - Youth Street Outreach
    - Children's Crisis Center
    - Project Sentinel
    - Community Housing & Shelter Services - Homeless Prevention
    - Community Housing & Shelter Services – Rapid Rehousing
    - The Salvation Army – The Berberian Emergency Shelter
    - Turning Point Community Programs
    - Family Promise
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# ONGOING/ UPCOMING PROJECTS

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## ESG Camp2Home

- Launched in 2020 with community partners
- Camp2Home provides a path to self-sufficiency for people trying to rebuild their lives out of homelessness through:



**Outreach**



**Shelter**



**Robust Job  
Training**



**Permanent  
Employment**



**Permanent  
Housing**

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# CDBG Homeowner Rehabilitation Program

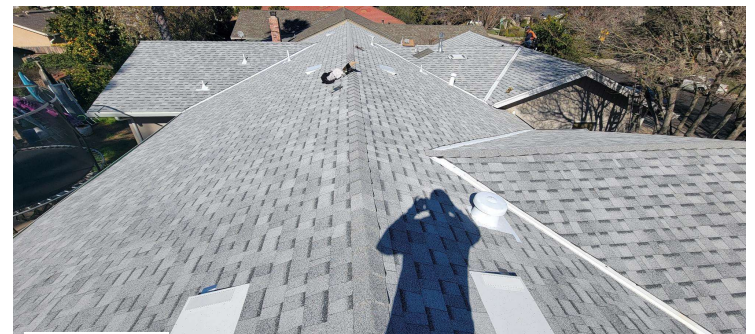
- Eligible homeowners and local contractors
- Program Budget CDBG \$800,000

## Program Guidelines

- Must be within the City of Modesto limits;
- Applicant must have legally recorded title to the property
- Cannot have a second mortgage
- Health & Safety Repairs
- This program improves the access and quality of life for low-income homeowners in the City



Before



After



## HOME & CDBG PROJECT *SEVENTH STREET VILLAGE*

### **7<sup>th</sup> Street Village**

- Partner: Visionary Home Builders
- Mixed-use affordable housing on 7<sup>th</sup> Street

### **Unit Composition: 79 total units**

- One bedroom: 12 units (700 sf)
- Two bedrooms: 35 units (896 sf)
- Three bedrooms: 32 (1260 sf)

### **Project Status**

This project is underway and is scheduled to be complete by end of 2027.





## HOME PROJECT *SURPLUS PROPERTY STRATEGY*

- Community Development staff is preparing a Surplus Property Strategy that will leverage City-owned property and other sources of funds to support the construction of single family homes and support homebuyer programs.
- As a HOME eligible project, funding will be designated to develop partnerships with developers intended to support construction and may also support homeownership activities.





## **CDBG PROJECT** ***EL CAPITAN MOTEL***

### **El Capitan**

- Partners: UP Holdings and RH Community Builders

### **Unit Composition: 48 total units**

- 24 units for individuals with behavioral health conditions
- 24 units for veterans

### **Project Status**

This project has a target construction start in the Summer 2027.





## Public Engagement & Next Steps

- A series of in-person community meetings are being held during the months of April and May 2026.
- Following approval of this item, City staff will be incorporating any comments received and will be submitting the Annual Action Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development by May 15th.

Date	Time	Location
April 8, 2026	10:00 am	West Modesto Collaborative
April 8, 2026	5:30 pm	Stanislaus Homeless Alliance
April 9, 2026	1:00 pm	Citizen Housing & Community Development Committee
April 16, 2026	2:30 pm	Stanislaus Community System of Care
May 12, 2026	5:30 pm	City Council Public Hearing



**QUESTIONS?**

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## Agenda Item IV(b) – Informational Items

Stanislaus County – Annual Action Plan

*Ana San Nicolas, Stanislaus County*

# Annual Action Plan Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027

**STANISLAUS URBAN COUNTY  
STANISLAUS HOME CONSORTIUM**

Stanislaus Continuum of Care (CoC)  
April 2026

**Fiscal Year 2026-2027  
Stanislaus Urban County &  
HOME Consortium  
Annual Action Plan (AAP)  
Process**



# Background

The County receives an annual allocation of funds for Community Development activities from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Funded activities align to the Consolidated Plan's goals.

These funds are used to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and affordable housing.

# Regional Approach

## Stanislaus Urban County:

- CDBG – Community Development Block Grant
- ESG – Emergency Solutions Grant

## Stanislaus HOME Consortium:

- HOME – HOME Investment Partnership Program
  - Includes City of Turlock

# Planning Process



2025-2029 Consolidated Plan – five-year plan to identify the community needs and spending priorities for CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds.



Program Year Annual Action Plan – allocates funding amounts for specified activities.



The 2nd Program Year Annual Action Plan (2026-2027) – due to HUD in May 2026 and allocates funds for the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

# Annual Action Plan

## HUD Entitlement Requirements

Consolidated Plan-Con Plan

• 3-5 Years

Analysis of Impediments to  
Fair Housing-AI

• 3-5 Years

Annual Action Plan-AAP

• Annually

Consolidated Annual  
Performance Evaluation  
Report-CAPER

• Annually

# Annual Action Plan

## Purpose

CDBG/ESG/HOME projects for upcoming fiscal year

- Proposed Projects
- CDBG & ESG Funding Recommendations

Distribution of funds summary

- Geographical, Population and Poverty Rate

Opportunity for Citizen Participation

- April 8, 2026 – May 8, 2026

# Annual Action Plan

## Consolidated Plan Priorities



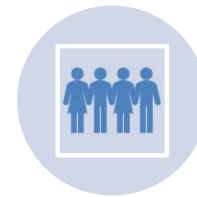
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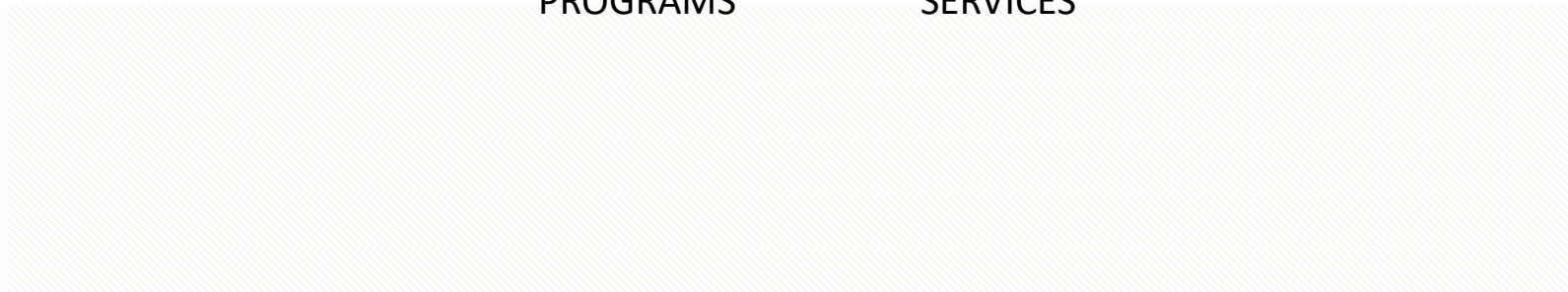
HOUSING  
PROGRAMS



HOMELESS  
SERVICES



PUBLIC SERVICES



# Entitlement Grants



Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – used for a wide range of community development needs.



HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) – used to create affordable housing opportunities for low-income households.



Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) – used to address homelessness.

# HUD Entitlement Allocations

## Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Estimated Allocations

CDBG	\$2,302,998
ESG	\$202,398
HOME	\$1,191,577.79
Total	\$3,696,973.79

# FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 CDBG AND ESG ALLOCATIONS

The table below shows the final CDBG and ESG grant allocation breakdown among Urban County members and special programs.

## FINAL CDBG AND ESG ALLOCATIONS

URBAN COUNTY MEMBER	ACTIVITIES	ADMINISTRATION/ACTIVITY DELIVERY	TOTAL
City of Ceres	\$255,115.18	\$5,000.00	\$260,115.18
City of Hughson	\$108,331.69	\$5,000.00	\$113,331.69
City of Newman	\$124,001.66	\$5,000.00	\$129,001.66
City of Oakdale	\$162,508.89	\$5,000.00	\$167,508.89
City of Patterson	\$171,874.65	\$5,000.00	\$176,874.65
City of Riverbank	\$172,663.12	\$5,000.00	\$177,663.12
City of Waterford	\$112,565.28	\$5,000.00	\$117,565.28
Stanislaus County	\$389,803.53	\$400,600.00	\$790,403.53
Public <u>Services @15%</u>	\$345,534.00		\$345,534.00
Fair Housing		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
<b>CDBG Total</b>	<b>\$1,842,398.00</b>	<b>\$460,600.00</b>	<b>\$2,302,998.00</b>
<b>ESG Total</b>	<b>\$187,219.00</b>	<b>\$15,179.00</b>	<b>\$202,398.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ALLOCATION</b>	<b>\$2,029,787.00</b>	<b>\$475,779.00</b>	<b>\$2,505,396.00</b>

# Community Development Block Grant



Meets national objectives:

- Benefit low to moderate income
- Prevent slums or blight
- Address urgent community needs

# FY 2026-2027 Funded Programs

## Stanislaus Urban County

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- CDBG Projects
- County: West Modesto Sewer Infrastructure Project and Fair Housing Services
- Ceres: Morrow Village ADA Improvements Phase 3 Project
- Hughson: 7<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Improvement Project
- Newman: Steffensen-Sunshine Park Area Project
- Oakdale: North Fifth Street and South Sixth Street Improvements Projects
- Patterson: Apricot Estates Improvements Project and E Street-9<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements Project
- Riverbank: 7<sup>th</sup> Street Waterline Installation Project, Pioneer Park Improvements Project and Texas Avenue Sewer Improvements Project
- Waterford: North Pasadena Avenue Improvements Project

# FY 2026-2027 Funded Programs

## Stanislaus Urban County

### CDBG Public Services

▪ <u>We Care Program – We Care Substance Abuse Counseling/Treatment Program</u> <u>CDBG Prioritization Funding</u>	\$172,000
▪ <u>Center for Human Services – Housing Stability Project</u>	\$33,534
▪ <u>Children’s Crisis Center - Guardian House</u>	\$35,000
▪ <u>Children’s Crisis Center - Marsha’s &amp; Verda’s Shelter</u>	\$35,000
▪ <u>Court Appointed Special Advocates - Direct Services</u>	\$35,000
▪ <u>Healthy Alternatives to Violent Environments – Legal Program</u>	\$35,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$345,534</b>

# FY 2026-2027 Funded Programs

Stanislaus Urban County (*continued*)

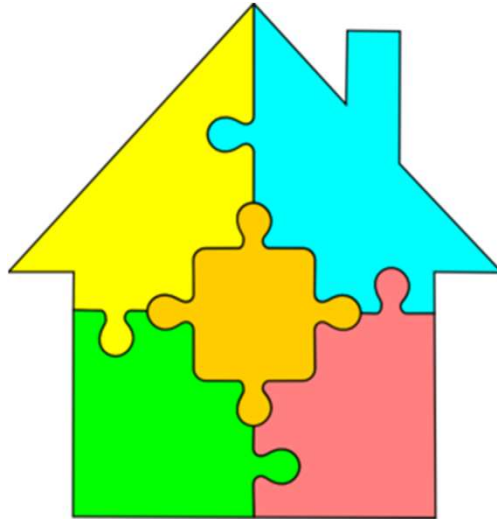
## ESG Funding

▪ <u>Center for Human Services– Low Barrier Shelter</u>	<u>\$60,546</u>
▪ <u>HAVEN – Emergency Shelter</u>	<u>\$45,714</u>
▪ <u>Community Housing &amp; Shelter Services Rapid Re-Housing</u>	<u>\$80,959</u>
▪ <u>County Administration</u>	<u>\$15,179</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$202,398</b>

# Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

- **Shelter Services** – Includes Shelter Operations, Essential Services
- **Homeless Prevention** – Rent and Utilities Assistance for Families and Individuals In Immediate Danger of Homelessness
- **Rapid Rehousing** – Provides Short Term Rent and Utility Assistance to Homeless Persons

# HOME Investment Partnerships



# Stanislaus HOME Consortium

- HOME Eligible Activities:
- Funds may be used for a variety of affordable housing activities that generally fall into four categories:
  - Rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing;
  - Assistance to homebuyers;
  - Acquisition, rehabilitation, or construction of rental housing; and
  - Tenant-based rental assistance.

# FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 HOME ALLOCATION

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*\*Please Note: These funds will be allocated to individual Consortium members and must be committed to an approved project within six (6) months of July 1 of each program year, unless the deadline is extended by the County. An approved project is one that has been included in a HUD-approved Annual Action Plan, authorized by the County, and has completed the required environmental review process. If a Consortium member does not have an approved project within this timeframe, the funds will be made available to all Consortium members through a County-administered Request for Proposals (RFP) process.*

## HOME ALLOCATIONS

HOME CONSORTIUM MEMBER	ALLOCATION
City of Ceres	\$115,194
City of Hughson	\$82,115
City of Newman	\$85,534
City of Oakdale	\$96,720
City of Patterson	\$96,382
City of Riverbank	\$97,166
City of Turlock	\$141,014
City of Waterford	\$82,760
Stanislaus County	\$96,799
Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set-aside @ 15%	\$178,736.79
<b>HOME Total</b>	<b>\$1,072,420.79</b>
<b>County Administration Total</b>	<b>\$119,157</b>
<b>TOTAL ALLOCATION</b>	<b>\$1,191,577.79</b>

2025 Affordable  
Rental Housing  
Request for  
Proposals (RFP)-  
Awarded Funding

**SRHA – Park Street Cottages**  
**Project: \$1,664,392**

- – Develop site with 4 units and develop an additional 8 units.

**SRHA – Valley Manor**  
**Project: \$1,307,900**

- – *Rehabilitation of 48 units*

**SRHA – Abbie Street**  
**Project: \$1,262,970**

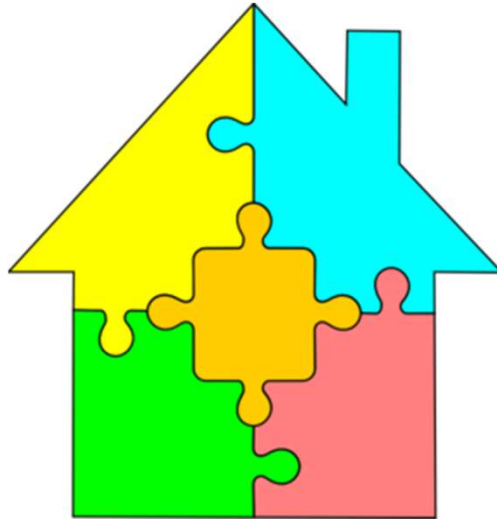
- – Acquire site with 4 units and develop an additional 5 units.

# Questions



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# HOME Investment Partnerships



## Agenda Item IV(c) – Informational Items

### Transitional Rent

*Casey Ogelvie-Armstrong, Director, Turning Point Enhanced Care Management*

# TRANSITIONAL RENT:

TPCP Enhanced Care Management & Community Supports

**Casey Armstrong**, Director of ECM & CS  
**Marta Gomez**, Program Director ECM & CS  
Stanislaus County  
**Isaura Griego**, Office Manager



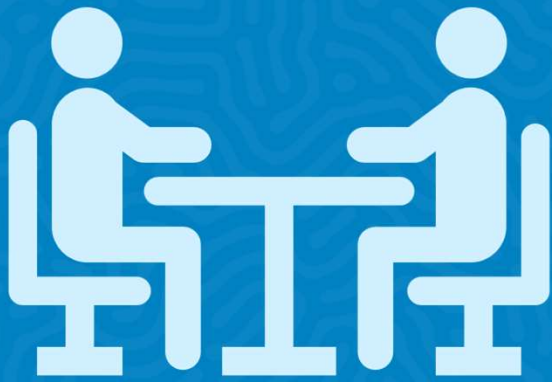
# TRANSITIONAL RENT

- | **TRANSITIONAL RENT** is a housing stabilization benefit under California's CalAIM initiative, designed to support Medi-Cal members who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have significant clinical needs. The benefit provides up to six months of rental assistance for eligible members who meet specific criteria. As a CalAIM Community Support, Transitional Rent goes beyond temporary housing assistance and serves as a critical bridge to long-term housing stability, helping reduce health crises, prevent costly institutional care, and improve overall health outcomes.

- **RENTAL ASSISTANCE:** Covers the full cost of the rent for permanent settings (apartments, shared housing, ADUs) or interim settings (motels, SRO units).
- **ANCILLARY COSTS:** Includes storage fees, amenity fees, and landlord-paid utilities if they are bundled into the total rent payment.
- **LIMITATIONS:** It does not cover "board" (food/meals) for board and care units.



**TRANSITIONAL  
RENT INCLUDES**



# SCOPE OF SERVICES

- TRANSITIONAL RENT SERVICES:** TPCP will support the member, directly and in partnership with other housing and social support providers, to:
- **Identify appropriate unit/setting:** Help member identify and secure housing.
  - **Inspect units to ensure habitability:** Perform inspections to ensure that dwellings meets HUD habitability standards and that it is open and available for move-in.
  - **Support with lease agreements:** Help the Member review and understand.
  - **Issue monthly rent payments:** Structure rent payment agreement with landlord and issue timely payments to the landlord or housing provider.
  - **Coordinate with supportive service providers:** Work with other social supports to help individuals obtain and remain in their housing.

# ALLOWABLE HOUSING SETTINGS

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## PERMANENT SETTINGS:

- Single-family and multi-family homes (e.g., duplexes)
- Apartments
- Housing in mobile home communities
- Accessory dwelling units (ADUs)
- Shared housing—where two or more people live in one rental unit
- Project-based or scattered site permanent supportive housing
- Single room occupancy (SRO) units
- Tiny homes
- Recovery housing
- License-exempt room and board

## INTERIM SETTINGS:

- Single room occupancy (SRO) units
- Tiny homes
- Hotels/motels when serving as the Member's primary residence
- Interim settings with a small number of individuals per room (not large dormitory sleeping halls)
- Transitional and recovery housing with no lease agreement, including:
- Bridge, site-based, population-specific, and community living programs that may or may not offer supportive services and programming
- License-exempt room and board
- Peer respite



# SERVICE ALIGNMENT

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ECM & CS

**ENHANCED CARE MANAGEMENT (ECM):** Most Transitional Rent members have complex health and social service needs. ECM provides the "boots-on-the-ground" support to ensure these members are connected with the services and supports necessary to help them sustain their housing and improve their health outcomes.

**COMMUNITY SUPPORTS HOUSING TRIO:** Transitional Rent complements the Housing Trio of Community Supports.

- **Housing Transition Navigation Services:** Help finding and securing a home.
- **Housing Deposits:** One-time assistance for security deposits.
- **Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services:** Support to help individuals remain in their housing

**Eligible high-need Medi-Cal beneficiaries enrolled in Health Plan of San Joaquin or Kaiser Permanente Managed Care Plans may be eligible for up to 6 months of Transitional Rent (TR) if they meet the following criteria:**

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**MEET CLINICAL RISK FACTORS**

- Meet the access criteria for Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS),
- OR**
- Meet the access criteria for Drug Medi-Cal (DMC),
- OR**
- Meet the access criteria for Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery Systems (DMC-ODS)

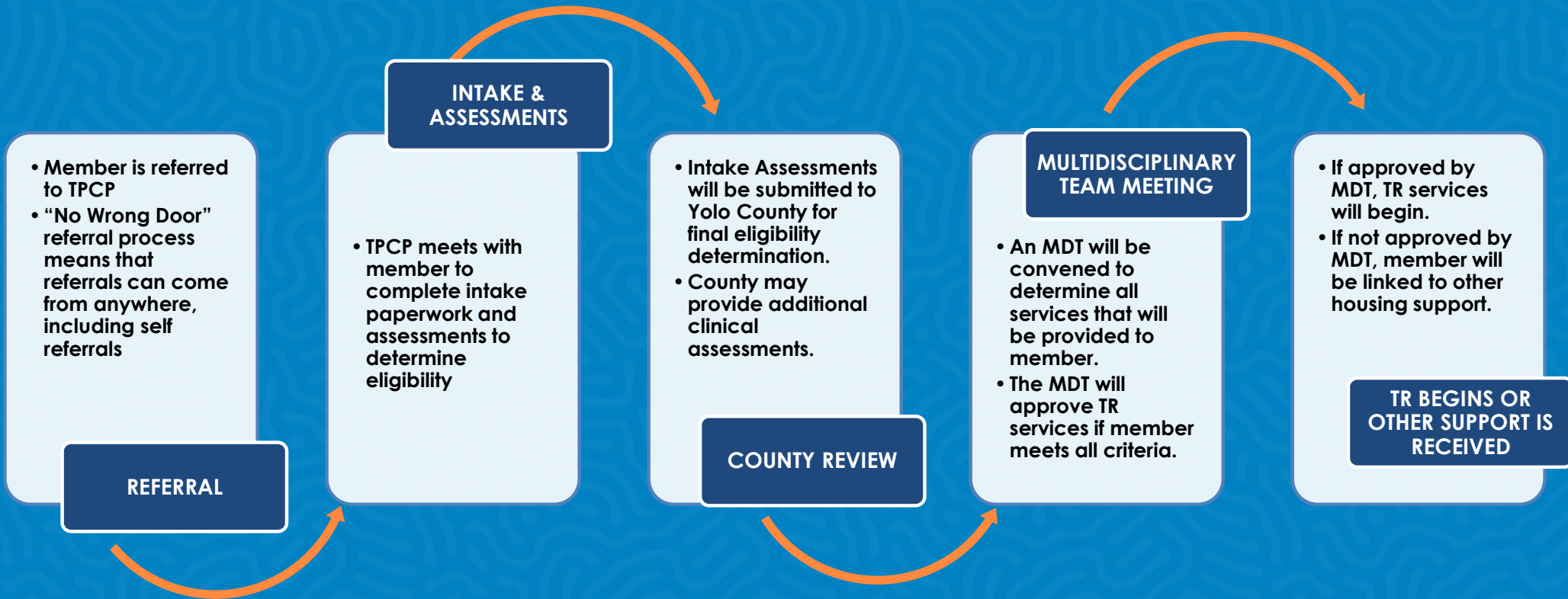
**EXPERIENCING OR AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS**

- As defined by US Dept of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) current definition as codified at 24 CFF part 91.5, with certain modification

**MEET CRITERIA FOR SPECIFIED "TRANSITIONING POPULATIONS"**

- Transitioning out of an institution or congregate residential setting, or
- Transitioning out of a carceral setting, or
- Transitioning out of interim setting, or
- Transitioning out of recuperative care or short-term post-hospitalization housing, or
- Transitioning out of foster care, or
- Unsheltered homeless, or
- Eligible for Full-Service Partnership

# ENROLLMENT PROCESS



# THANK YOU

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**Transitional Rent is a new service in California so the enrollment process may change over time as new guidelines are received from DHCS and as lessons are learned. We welcome your feedback and appreciate your patience and partnership.**

**Casey Armstrong, Director of ECM & CS**

Turning Point Community Programs

ECM & Community Supports

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## Agenda Item IV(d) – Informational Items

Friends Outside

*Michael Sorensen, Executive Director, Friends Outside*

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*Providing advocacy and services to  
those impacted by the criminal justice  
system in California since 1955*

# OUR MISSION

*Our mission is to offer caring, evidence-based services to adults and youth who are incarcerated, reentering the community or at risk, so that they, their families and neighborhoods can be safe and thrive.*



# OUR HISTORY

- Started in 1955 by Rosemary Goodenough and her Quaker community
- Today, we are headquartered in Stockton
- Support services at all 31 California State Prisons
- Reentry programs in San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties
- Friends Outside has served over 10 million in our 70 years



## WHY DOES THIS WORK MATTER?



- It costs over \$130,000 per year to incarcerate someone in California.
- Justice-involvement leads to increased likelihood of homelessness among children and families.
- Children of incarcerated parents are nearly 40% more likely to go to prison.
- 39.1% of returning adults without reentry support go back to prison within 3 years.

# APPROACH TO SUPPORTIVE REENTRY



Housing

Education

Job  
Readiness

# EXPANSION TO STANISLAUS

- Case manager at The Hub funded by Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for 3 years
- Services include:
  - Housing navigation
  - Rental assistance
  - Reentry support
- Active clients: 14
- Outreach through Parole, Probation, walk-ins



## WHAT'S NEXT IN STANISLAUS?

- Launching Fresh Success job readiness program through CalFresh E&T (*October 2026*)
- Goal: offer a full schedule of skill-building courses:
  - Financial Literacy
  - Creative Conflict Resolution
  - The Courage to Change: Substance Use
  - Tenants' Rights and Responsibilities
  - Job Readiness Class
  - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy sessions

# OUR IMPACT

Lorenzo returned home to Modesto after 44 years.

Brenda helped him find permanent housing and showed him how to use a cell phone.

He now works as a flower farmer and successfully completed his parole.



# LOCATIONS

- **Reentry and Administrative offices:**

1148 W Fremont St, Stockton, CA 95203  
209-955-0701

- **The Hub in downtown Modesto**

707 14<sup>th</sup> St, Modesto, CA 95354  
209-486-0473

- **Visitor Centers** are located at all 31 CA State Prison

## Agenda Item IV(e) – Informational Items

Care Court Updates

*Lori Sims,*



# Care Act Updates

4/16/26

## What is the Care Act?



The **CARE Act**, a civil court process, provides community-based behavioral health services and supports to eligible adult Californians living with bipolar I disorder with psychotic features, schizophrenia spectrum disorder, or other psychotic disorders.



The CARE process moves care and support upstream to provide earlier action, support, and accountability for both CARE clients, and the local governments responsible for providing services to these individuals.

# Why Changes To The Care ACT?

Senate Bill (SB) 27 was signed by Governor Newsom on October 10, 2025, and went into effect on January 1, 2026

## Eligibility Criteria Changes



Adds Bipolar I disorder with psychotic features as an eligible diagnosis



Defines “clinically stabilized in ongoing voluntary treatment” as someone who is stable and not deteriorating AND actively participating in treatment.



Allows nurse practitioners and physician assistants to complete an affidavit in support of a CARE petition



# Eligibility Criteria

A respondent must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for the Care Act Program:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have a diagnosis of bipolar I disorder with psychotic features, schizophrenia spectrum disorder or other psychotic disorder
- Not clinically stable in ongoing voluntary treatment
- Be currently experiencing a mental illness that
  - Is severe in degree and persistent in duration
  - May cause behavior that interferes substantially with activities of daily living, and
  - May lead to an inability to maintain stable adjustment and independent functioning without treatment

## Eligibility Criteria cont.

Additionally, at least one of the following must be true:

- The respondent is unlikely to survive safely in the community without supervision **and** the respondent's condition is substantially deteriorating
- The respondent needs services and supports to prevent a relapse or deterioration that would likely result in grave disability or serious harm to the respondent or others

The respondent's participation in a CARE plan or CARE agreement must:

- Be the least restrictive alternative necessary to ensure the respondent's recovery and stability, **and**
- Be likely to benefit the respondent

➤ Homelessness and mental illness alone are not enough to meet eligibility requirements

# Care Act Data

- There has been 135 petitions submitted since the Care Act started in Stan County in October 2023
- Has resulted in 83 participants meeting criteria and signing a Care Agreement
- There is currently 26 participants on a Care Agreement
- There have been 12 successful graduates so far
- 12 participants have needed to move to a conservatorship
- We have placed 12 people at Dignity Village so far
- At the time of petition:
  - 41 were housed
  - 49 were unhoused
  - 50 were incarcerated

## Care Act Data cont.

- Referral or petition source:
  - Family 35
  - BHRS 48
  - Self 3
  - Law Enforcement 3
  - CHAT 2
  - Medical Hospital 0
  - Psych Hospital 18
  - State Hospital 19
  - Court referral 11

# How does Care Act end?

**Graduation:** If a member successfully completes at least one year with Care, they will participate in a graduation plan and graduation ceremony. As a part of the graduation plan, the judge has asked that members be connected to another team for a least a transition period. The member will be referred based on the Locus score. The new team and point person will be expected to track data on the member, per state law.

**Court Termination:** The petition is dismissed, and the member may or may not be connected to a voluntary program.

**Extensions:** After 1 year, if the member is still in need of this level of treatment, the petition can be extended for up to an additional year.



### Additional Information

[Stanislaus County Superior Court Website](#)

[Care Court - Behavioral Health and Recovery Services - Stanislaus County \(stancounty.com\)](#)

[Home - CARE Act Resource Center - CARE Act Resource Center](#)

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## Agenda Item IV(f) – Informational Items

H.R. 1 Medi-Cal CalFresh Updates

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# Stanislaus County HR 1 Impacts to CalFresh & Medi-Cal Programs

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**Presented By:**  
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**Medi-Cal**



**H.R. 1 was signed into law on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

This bill introduces several federal policy changes that will directly affect eligibility rules, benefit levels, and program operations for both CalFresh and Medi-Cal.

These changes began taking effect in late 2025 and continue through 2029, with impacts varying by program area and Customer group.

The following slides provide a detailed look at what these changes mean for our agency and the Customers we serve.





# Medi-Cal

## Stanislaus County Medi-Cal Members:

- Medi-Cal, known federally as Medicaid, provides essential health coverage to families, adults, children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities across Stanislaus County.
  - As of 2025, approximately **217,936** individuals are enrolled in a Medi-Cal program, highlighting its critical role in supporting the health and well-being of the community.





# Medi-Cal

## Impactful changes to Medi-Cal:

- **1/2026**- Expansion Freeze for adults with Unsatisfactory Immigration Status
- **1/2026**- Asset Limit Reinstatement
- **7/2026**- Loss of Dental Coverage, for specified immigration statuses
- **10/2026**- Restricting Federal Funding for Certain Qualified Non- Citizens
- **1/2027**- 6-month recertifications
- **1/2027**- Work & Community Engagement Requirements
- **1/2027**- Reducing State Medicaid Costs- Retroactive Medi-Cal Reduced Timeframes
- **7/2027**- Monthly Premiums for Adult members with Unsatisfactory Immigration Status





# Medi-Cal

## Projected Impact

- Work Requirements & 6-Month Recertifications: Approximately **60,000** individuals
- Expansion Freeze- Approximately **24,000** individuals
- Asset Reinstatement- Approximately **10,000** cases
- Restricting Federal Funding for Certain Qualified Non- Citizens: Impact currently unknown; discussions are ongoing at the state level
- Retroactive Coverage- Eligibility will affect all applicants and members who request Medi-Cal after January 2027
- Monthly Premiums- Will apply to individuals enrolled in Full Scope with No Dental





## Funding Structure

- CalFresh is California's version of the federally funded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly known as Food Stamps.
- The California Food Assistance Program (CFAP), created in 1997, provides state funded food benefits to certain noncitizens who are ineligible for federal SNAP solely due to their immigration status.

## Stanislaus County Data (February 2026)

- \$16.6 million in CalFresh benefits issued  $\approx$  \$200 million annually
- 89,683 people aided (\$185 per person average)
- 49,805 cases (1.6 persons per case and \$334 issued on average)





## H.R. 1 – Top 3 Impacts to CalFresh for Customers

- **10/31/2025** – Limitation to who can qualify for the highest Utility deduction
- **4/1/2026** – New restriction on which noncitizens are eligible to receive CalFresh and/or CFAP
- **6/1/2026** – Time limits for certain adults (Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs))

## Implementation

- Effective dates listed above:
  - New applicants: Changes apply starting on the listed effective dates
  - Currently aided households: Changes will take effect after the household completes their next Renewal
    - Most households complete a renewal annually; however, some households have 24- or 36-month certifications





## Limitation to who can qualify for the highest Utility deduction

- Shelter allowance rates fluctuate yearly; For FFY 2026 the amounts are \$20, \$170, or \$663.
- Prior to HR1, a subsidy (SUAS) allowed most households to automatically receive the highest utility deduction regardless of whether they met the criteria.
- HR 1 changed this rule and only those cases with at least 1 elderly (60+) and/or disabled household member(s) are eligible.

### Stanislaus Impact:

- It's estimated that  $\approx 7,800$  households will see a reduction in their benefits.
- Approximately 15,700 Households qualified for SUAS in FFY 2025. Since this HR1 change has been implemented, there's been  $\approx 50\%$  reduction in households that qualify for SUAS.





## New Restriction to Which Noncitizens are Eligible to CalFresh

- Beginning April 2026, the following noncitizen types will experience changes to their CalFresh eligibility:
  - **Loss of all CalFresh eligibility:** Asylees; Refugees; Parolees (except for Cuban-Haitian Entrants); Deportation withheld; Conditional Entrants; Certain Afghan Nationals; Certain Ukrainian Nationals; some Battered Noncitizens and some Trafficking Victims
  - **Shift from Federal Benefits to State Benefits:** Some Battered Noncitizens and Trafficking Victims

### Stanislaus Impact:

- Approximately **2,600** Individuals will potentially lose eligibility (based on current noncitizen information) after their next Renewal after 4/1/2026





## Work Requirements and Time Limits for Certain Adults

- Adults **18 and 64** who are not caring for a child under 14, and do not meet another exemption, will be subject to Work Requirements.
- Individuals who do not meet the Work Requirements, will be limited to 3 months of CalFresh in a 36-month period (1/2026-12/2028).
  - Exemptions are listed on the [CF 377.11E](#) available on the CDSS website
- Non-exempt Customers may meet the Work Requirement through a combination of paid employment, volunteer work/community service, school hours, and other approved activities.

## Stanislaus Impact:

- Approximately **11,000** Individuals need to be screened (no known exemptions),
- This population may lose eligibility to CalFresh after receiving 3 months of CalFresh (following their Renewal that is after June of 2026)





**Medi-Cal**



## Agency Preparedness

- Our agency continues to work closely with DHCS, CDSS and key partners, including managed care plans, county departments, and community-based organizations.
- Our goal is to remain aligned with state guidance, identify potential challenges early, and ensure a smooth transition through proactive planning and ongoing communication.
- Customers are strongly encouraged to submit all required paperwork timely.
  - [BenefitsCal](#)
  - Phone (1-877-652-0734)
  - Fax/Drop Box/In-Person





**Medi-Cal**



## Operational Approach

- Currently our agency processes applications, recertifications, and all other work in date order received.
- Our goal is to maintain eligibility for all Customer's who are enrolled in programs, ensuring that each individual continues to receive the support and services they depend on.
- We continue to review and refine of our strategic operational plans; by evaluating our processes and making necessary adjustments. We strive to remain responsive to the evolving needs of our community while effectively addressing changes as they arise.





**Medi-Cal**



## Communication & Outreach Efforts

- Customers who opt in to receive text message communications, will be reminded of their CalFresh/Medi-Cal renewals
  - For Medi-Cal: DHCS is sending monthly text messages regarding upcoming changes.
- CSA continues to educate staff so they can confidently assist customers with questions related to these state and federal updates.
- We are currently enhancing the CSA–Stanislaus County website to better communicate with our community.





# Medi-Cal



## Thank you!

### **Medi-Cal Resources:**

- [Medi-Cal DHCS Help Center](#)
- [Medi-Cal Changes- DHCS](#)
- [CSA-Medi-Cal Homepage](#)
- [Immigration Status Categories](#)
- [Asset Limit Flyer](#)
- [General Changes for Adult Immigrants flyer](#)
  - [DHCS- find resources in various languages](#)

### **CalFresh Resources:**

- [CSA-CalFresh Homepage](#)
- [CDSS FAQ](#)
- [Noncitizen Flyer](#)
- [Noncitizen Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [CalFresh Work and Community Engagement Requirements](#)
  - [CDSS- find resources in various languages](#)



## Agenda Item V – Policy Issues, Concerns, Actions

- a. HUD NOFO Litigation/Funding Issues

## Agenda Item V(a) – Policy Issues, Concerns, Actions

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Notice of Funding Opportunity Litigation/Funding Issues

*Maryn Pitt, CSOC Chairperson*



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## NOFO Competition Updates

# National Alliance to End Homelessness v. HUD

## HUD continues its efforts to create "intentional chaos."

- HUD sought to "stay" (lift) the injunction (pause) on the NOFO, in an attempt to go back to the Nov. NOFO. **That motion was denied.**
- Next, HUD appealed the court's denial of HUD's attempt to dissolve the injunction – basically an attempt to cancel it altogether. When HUD did this, the court rejected its attempt, but **now an appeal (a motion to revisit) to that decision is pending.**
- This is a formal way of saying that HUD keeps trying to subvert the pause to the NOFO process and has so far, **lost every time.**
- Because a case can only be reviewed by one court at a time, the District Court (the first court that issued the injunction back in December) has to wait for the appeals court above to rule on the appeal to the dissolution of the injunction **before** it can rule on the lawsuit in its entirety.

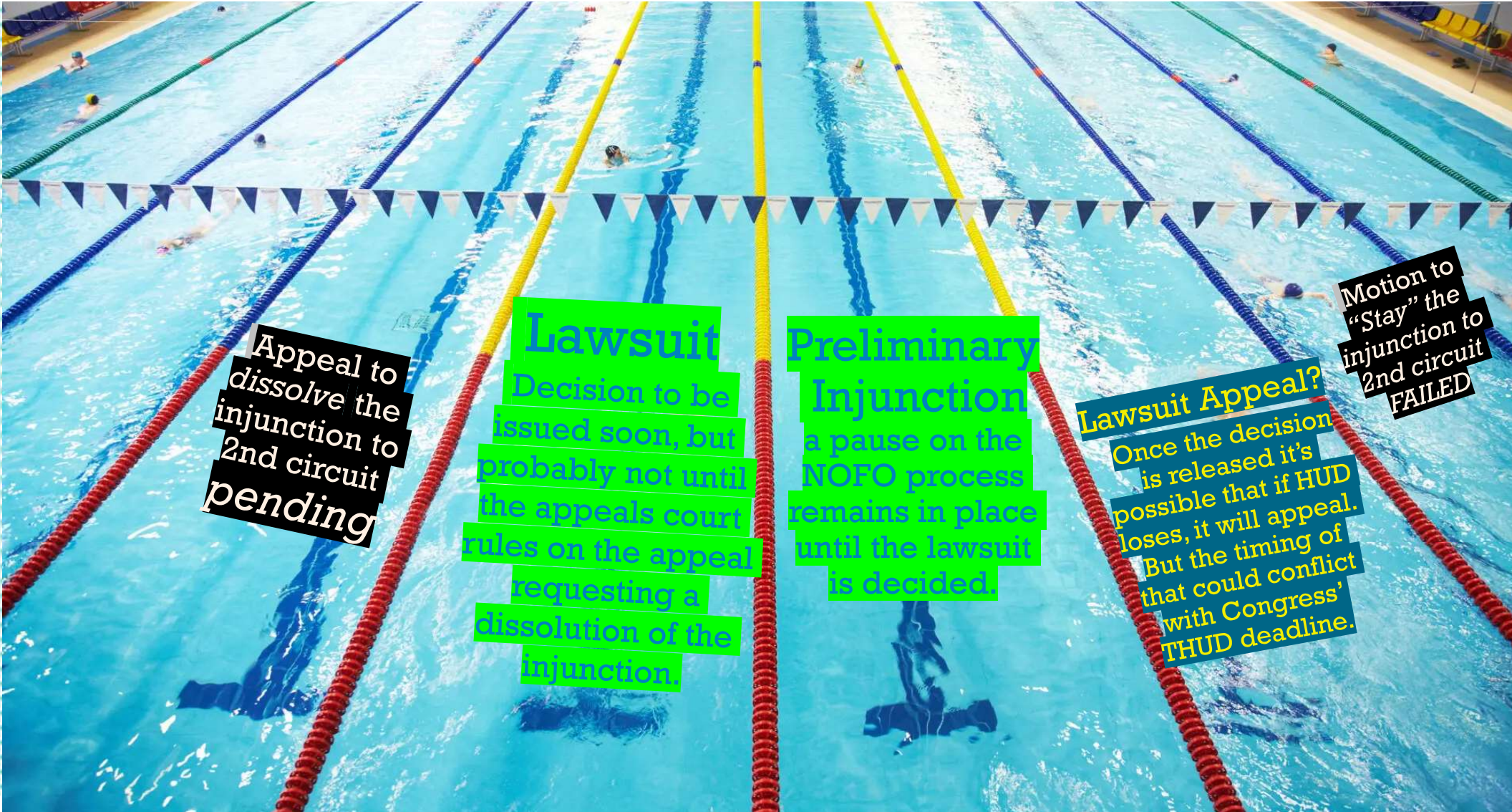
# National Alliance to End Homelessness v. HUD

It's important to note that all of the Court's decisions to date –

- the issuance of the injunction (pause on the NOFO process) in Dec;
- the denial of a stay (lifting) of the injunction (March); and
- the denial to dissolve the injunction (March);

**Have all indicated that the Court is likely to rule the plaintiff's way in the lawsuit decision.**

- Also, remember that Congress directed HUD to issue the 2026 NOFO by **June 1<sup>st</sup>**, so while it's possible that HUD could appeal the final decision by the Court, that decision is about 2025, and HUD will be compelled to move onto 2026 very soon.
- For now, we will continue to wait.



Appeal to dissolve the injunction to 2nd circuit pending

Lawsuit Decision to be issued soon, but probably not until the appeals court rules on the appeal requesting a dissolution of the injunction.

Preliminary Injunction a pause on the NOFO process remains in place until the lawsuit is decided.

Lawsuit Appeal? Once the decision is released it's possible that if HUD loses, it will appeal. But the timing of that could conflict with Congress' THUD deadline.

Motion to "Stay" the injunction to 2nd circuit FAILED



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## Agenda Item VI – General Membership Announcements

Open Discussion & Announcements to all attendees





# Adjournment

Regular Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 2026 from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM

If you have any questions or comments, please contact [CSOC@stancounty.com](mailto:CSOC@stancounty.com)

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